

Provisional agenda of the Seventy-first World Health Assembly

Report of the Director-General

1. According to Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the Executive Board shall prepare the provisional agenda of each regular session of the Health Assembly after consideration of proposals submitted by the Director-General. Proposals from the Director-General for the provisional agenda of the Seventy-first World Health Assembly are attached at Annex 1.
2. The Health Assembly, in resolution WHA32.36 (1979), decided that the Executive Board “shall fix a preliminary daily timetable for the Health Assembly’s consideration of its agenda and the General Committee shall review and approve this timetable, subsequently revising it if and when required”.
3. A draft preliminary daily timetable for the Seventy-first World Health Assembly is attached at Annex 2.

ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

4. The Executive Board may wish to adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board, having considered the report of the Director-General on the provisional agenda for the Seventy-first World Health Assembly,¹ and recalling its earlier decision that the Seventy-first World Health Assembly should be held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, opening on Monday, 21 May 2018, and closing no later than Saturday, 26 May 2018,² approved the provisional agenda of the Seventy-first World Health Assembly.

¹ Document EB142/31.

² See decision EB141(7) (2017).



Draft provisional agenda¹

PLENARY

- 1. Opening of the Health Assembly**
 - 1.1 Appointment of the Committee on Credentials
 - 1.2 Election of the President
 - 1.3 Election of the five Vice-Presidents, the Chairmen of the main committees, and establishment of the General Committee
 - 1.4 Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items to the main committees
- 2. Report of the Executive Board on its 141st and 142nd sessions, and on its special session on the draft thirteenth general programme of work 2019–2023**
- 3. Address by Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General**
- 4. Invited speakers**
- 5. Admission of new Members and Associate Members [if any]**
- 6. Executive Board: election**
- 7. Awards**
- 8. Reports of the main committees**
- 9. Closure of the Health Assembly**

¹ In accordance with Rules 3 and 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the provisional agenda (providing document numbers) will be dispatched, together with the notice of convocation, not less than 60 days before 21 May 2018.

COMMITTEE A

10. Opening of the Committee¹

11. Strategic priority matters

- 11.1 Draft thirteenth general programme of work 2019–2023
- 11.2 WHO reform
- 11.3 Public health preparedness and response
- 11.4 Polio transition planning
- 11.5 Health, environment and climate change
- 11.6 Addressing the global shortage of, and access to, medicines and vaccines
- 11.7 Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property
- 11.8 Preparation for the third High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases, to be held in 2018
- 11.9 Preparation for a high-level meeting of the General Assembly on ending tuberculosis

12. Other technical matters

- 12.1 Global snakebite burden
- 12.2 Physical activity for health
- 12.3 Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health (2016–2030): early childhood development
- 12.4 mHealth
- 12.5 Improving access to assistive technology
- 12.6 Maternal, infant and young child nutrition
 - Comprehensive implementation plan on maternal, infant and young child nutrition: biennial report
 - Safeguarding against possible conflicts of interest in nutrition programmes
- 12.7 Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework for the sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits
- 12.8 Rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease

¹ Including election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur.

COMMITTEE B

13. **Opening of the Committee¹**
14. **Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan**
15. **Programme budget and financial matters**
 - 15.1 WHO programmatic and financial report for 2016–2017, including audited financial statements for 2017
 - 15.2 Financing of the Programme budget 2018–2019
 - 15.3 Status of collection of assessed contributions, including Member States in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution
 - 15.4 Special arrangements for settlement of arrears [if any]
 - 15.5 Arrears in payment of contributions: Somalia
 - 15.6 Scale of assessments
 - 15.7 Assessment of new Members and Associate Members [if any]
 - 15.8 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules [if any]
16. **Audit and oversight matters**
 - 16.1 Report of the External Auditor
 - 16.2 Report of the Internal Auditor
17. **Staffing matters**
 - 17.1 Human resources: annual report
 - 17.2 Report of the International Civil Service Commission
 - 17.3 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules
 - 17.4 Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee

¹ Including election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur.

18. Management and legal matters

18.1 Evaluation of the election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization

18.2 Evaluation: update and proposed workplan for 2018–2019

18.3 Agreements with intergovernmental organizations [if any]

19. Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations**20. Matters for information**

20.1 Global vaccine action plan

20.2 Eradication of poliomyelitis

20.3 Strengthening synergies between the World Health Assembly and the Conference of the Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control

20.4 Progress reports

Communicable diseases

A. Global health sector strategies on HIV, viral hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections, for the period 2016–2021 (resolution WHA69.22 (2016))

B. Eradication of dracunculiasis (resolution WHA64.16 (2011))

C. Elimination of schistosomiasis (resolution WHA65.21 (2012))

Noncommunicable diseases

D. Public health dimension of the world drug problem (decision WHA70(18) (2017))

E. Prevention of deafness and hearing loss (resolution WHA70.13 (2017))

F. WHO global plan of action to strengthen the role of the health system within a national multisectoral response to address interpersonal violence, in particular against women and girls, and against children (resolution WHA69.5 (2016))

G. Global burden of epilepsy and the need for coordinated action at the country level to address its health, social and public knowledge implications (resolution WHA68.20 (2015))

H. Comprehensive mental health action plan 2013–2020 (resolution WHA66.8 (2013))

I. Comprehensive and coordinated efforts for the management of autism spectrum disorders (resolution WHA67.8 (2014))

Promoting health through the life course

- J. Progress towards the health-related sustainable development goals (resolution WHA69.11 (2016))
- K. Health and the environment: road map for an enhanced global response to the adverse health effects of air pollution (decision WHA69(11) (2016))
- L. The Global strategy and action plan on ageing and health 2016–2020: towards a world in which everyone can live a long and healthy life (resolution WHA69.3 (2016))
- M. Committing to implementation of the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health (resolution WHA69.2 (2016))
- N. Reproductive health: strategy to accelerate progress towards the attainment of international development goals and targets (resolution WHA57.12 (2004))

Health systems

- O. Promoting the health of refugees and migrants (resolution WHA70.15 (2017))
- P. Strengthening integrated, people-centred health services (resolution WHA69.24 (2016))
- Q. Promoting innovation and access to quality, safe, efficacious and affordable medicines for children (resolution WHA69.20 (2016))
- R. Sustainable health financing structures and universal coverage (resolution WHA64.9 (2011))
- S. Availability, safety and quality of blood products (resolution WHA63.12 (2010))
- T. Human organ and tissue transplantation (resolution WHA63.22 (2010))
- U. WHO strategy on research for health (resolution WHA63.21 (2010))
- V. Workers' health: global plan of action (resolution WHA60.26 (2007))

Health emergencies programme

- W. Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks (resolution WHA60.1 (2007))

Corporate services/enabling functions

- X. Multilingualism: implementation of action plan (resolution WHA61.12 (2008))
- Y. Real estate: update of the Geneva buildings renovation strategy (decision WHA69(18))

ANNEX 2

**PRELIMINARY DAILY TIMETABLE FOR THE
SEVENTY-FIRST WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY**

May 2018	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
Monday 21				
9:00	1. Opening of the Health Assembly 1.1 Appointment of the Committee on Credentials 1.2 Election of the President 1.3 Election of the five Vice-Presidents, the Chairmen of the main committees, and establishment of the General Committee	–	–	–
10:30	–	–	–	General Committee
11:30	– Presidential address 1.4 Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items to the main committees 2. Report of the Executive Board on its Special session on the draft thirteenth general programme of work, and 141st and 142nd sessions 4. Invited speakers ...	–	–	–
14:30	3. Address by the Director-General – General discussion	10. Opening of the Committee 11. Strategic priority matters	– –	–

May 2018	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
Tuesday 22				
09:00	3. Address by the Director-General – General discussion (continued) ...	11. Strategic priority matters (continued) ...	– ...	– ...
14:30	3. Address by the Director-General – General discussion (continued)	11. Strategic priority matters (continued)	–	Committee on Credentials
Wednesday 23				
09:00 and 14:30	– Report of Committee on Credentials 5. Admission of new Members and Associate Members [if any]	– 11. Strategic priority matters (continued)	– 13. Opening of the Committee 14. Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan 15. Programme budget and financial matters	–
17:30	–	–	–	General Committee (list for election, Executive Board)

May 2018	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
Thursday 24 09:00 and 14:30	–	12. Other technical matters	16. Audit and oversight matters 17. Staffing matters 18. Management and legal matters 19. Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations	–
Friday 25 09:00 and 14:30	7. Awards 6. Executive Board: election 8. Reports of the main committees –	– 12. Other technical matters (continued)	20. Matters for information –	– –
Saturday 26 09:00	8. Reports of the main committees (continued) 9. Closure of the Health Assembly	– Finalization of resolutions and reports	– Finalization of resolutions and reports	–

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