

Provisional agenda of the Seventy-second World Health Assembly

Report by 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-second 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-second 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-second World Health Assembly,¹ and recalling its earlier decision that the Seventy-second World Health Assembly should be held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, opening on Monday, 20 May 2019, and closing no later than Tuesday, 28 May 2019,² approved the provisional agenda of the Seventy-second World Health Assembly.

¹ Document EB144/41 Rev.1

² See decision EB143(5) (2018).



Draft provisional agenda

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 143rd and 144th sessions**
- 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**

COMMITTEE A

10. Opening of the Committee¹

11. Strategic priority matters

11.1 Proposed programme budget 2020–2021

11.2 Public health emergency preparedness and response

- Report of the Independent Oversight and Advisory Committee for the WHO Health Emergencies Programme
- WHO's work in health emergencies
- International Health Regulations (2005)

11.3 Polio

- Eradication
- Transition

11.4 Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

11.5 Universal health coverage

- Community health workers delivering primary health care: opportunities and challenges
- Primary health care towards universal health coverage
- Preparation for the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on universal health coverage

11.6 Health, environment and climate change

11.7 Addressing the global shortage of, and access to, medicines and vaccines

11.8 Follow-up to the high-level meetings of the United Nations General Assembly on health-related issues

- Antimicrobial resistance
- Prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases
- Ending tuberculosis

¹ Including election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur.

12. Other technical matters

- 12.1 Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework for the sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits¹
- 12.2 Member State mechanism on substandard and falsified medical products
- 12.3 Human resources for health
- 12.4 Promoting the health of refugees and migrants
- 12.5 Accelerating cervical cancer elimination
- 12.6 Patient safety
 - Global action on patient safety
 - Water, sanitation and hygiene in health care facilities
- 12.7 Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks
- 12.8 Eleventh revision of the International Classification of Diseases

COMMITTEE B

13. Opening of the Committee²

14. Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan

15. Financial matters

- 15.1 Overview of financial situation: Programme budget 2018–2019
- 15.2 WHO programmatic and financial report for 2018–2019, including audited financial statements for 2018
- 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

¹ The PIP Advisory Group, in its report to the Director-General following its participation in, and consideration of, the Consultation on implementation of decision WHA70(10)8(b), held on 15–16 October 2018, encouraged the Director-General to “invite the 144th Executive Board to consider including an item on ‘The public health implications of implementation of the Nagoya Protocol’ on the provisional agenda of the Seventy-Second World Health Assembly.” See paragraph 52 of the report of the advisory group, which may be found at https://www.who.int/influenza/pip/AGMR_Oct2018.pdf?ua=1.

² Including election of Vice-Chairmen and the Rapporteur.

- 15.4 Special arrangements for settlement of arrears [if any]
- 15.5 Scale of assessments
- 15.6 Assessment of new Members and Associate Members [if any]
- 15.7 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
- 16.3 External and internal audit recommendations: progress on implementation
- 16.4 Appointment of the External 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
- 17.5 Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

18. Managerial, administrative and governance matters

- 18.1 WHO reform processes, including the transformation agenda, and implementation of United Nations development system reform
- 18.2 Evaluation of the election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization
- 18.3 Multilingualism
- 18.4 Agreements with intergovernmental organizations [if any]

19. Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations

20. Matters for information

- 20.1 Strengthening synergies between the World Health Assembly and the Conference of the Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control
- 20.2 Outcome of the Second International Conference on Nutrition
- 20.3 Progress reports
 - A. Global technical strategy and targets for malaria 2016–2030 (resolution WHA68.2 (2015))
 - B. Mycetoma (resolution WHA69.21 (2016))
 - C. Eradication of dracunculiasis (resolution WHA64.16 (2011))
 - D. Sustaining the elimination of iodine deficiency disorders (resolution WHA60.21 (2007))
 - E. Prevention of deafness and hearing loss (resolution WHA70.13 (2017))
 - F. Strategy for integrating gender analysis and actions into the work of WHO (resolution WHA60.25 (2007))
 - G. Working towards universal coverage of maternal, newborn and child health interventions (resolution WHA58.31 (2005))
 - H. Newborn health (resolution WHA67.10 (2014))
 - I. The role of the health sector in the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management towards the 2020 goal and beyond (decision WHA70(23) (2017))
 - J. Regulatory system strengthening for medical products (resolution WHA67.20 (2014))
 - K. Progress in the rational use of medicines (resolution WHA60.16 (2007))
 - L. Traditional medicine (resolution WHA67.18 (2014))

ANNEX 2

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

May 2019	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
Monday 20				
9:30	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	High Level Segment	–	–	–
Upon closure of High Level Segment				General Committee

14:30	– Presidential address 1.4 Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items to the main committees 2. Report of the Executive Board on its 143rd and 144th sessions 3. Address by the Director-General – General discussion	–	–	–
		10. Opening of the Committee 11. Strategic priority matters		–

May 2019	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
Tuesday 21				
09:00	3. Address by the Director-General – General discussion (continued) ...	11. Strategic priority matters (continued) ...	– ...	– ...
14:00				Committee on Credentials
14:30	4. Invited speaker 3. Address by the Director-General – General discussion (continued)	11. Strategic priority matters (continued)	– –	– –
Wednesday 22				
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	– General Committee (list for election, Executive Board)
17:30				

May 2019	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
Thursday 23 09:00 and 14:30	–	11. Strategic priority matters	15. Financial matters 16. Audit and oversight matters	–
Friday 24 09:00 and 14:30	7. Awards 6. Executive Board: election 8. Reports of the main committees –	– 12. Other technical matters	– 17. Staffing matters 18. Managerial, administrative and governance	– –
Saturday 25 09:00		12. Other technical matters (continued)	19. Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations 20. Matters for information	–
Monday 27 09:00 and 14:30		12. Other technical matters (continued)	20. Matters for information (continued)	
Tuesday 28 09:00 and 14:30	8. Reports of the main committees (continued) 9. Closure of the Health Assembly	– Finalization of resolutions/decisions and reports	– Finalization of resolutions/decisions and reports	

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