

Provisional agenda (annotated)

- 1. Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur**
- 2. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda**
- 3. Outcome of the Seventy-second World Health Assembly**
- 4. Report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board**

The Board will receive at the opening of its session the report of the thirtieth meeting of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee, which is scheduled to be held from Wednesday 15 May to Friday 17 May, 2019.

5. Technical and health matters

5.1 Standardization of medical devices nomenclature

Countries and other stakeholders need a globally accessible, transparent and harmonized nomenclature system for medical devices. The lack of such a system is impeding progress towards access to medical devices, which has a negative impact on efforts to facilitate emergency interventions and, more broadly, achieve universal health coverage. Pursuant to resolution WHA60.29 (2007), the Director-General will submit a comprehensive technical report presenting information on the need to establish a WHO-standardized international nomenclature in respect of medical devices in order to improve regulation, selection, surveillance, patient safety, supply and asset management. Such a nomenclature would also facilitate the measurement of access, availability and affordability of medical devices.

6. Managerial, administrative and financial matters

6.1 WHO governance reform processes

- Involvement of non-State actors

The Director-General will submit a report on the involvement of non-State actors. The report will provide information on the different aspects of non-State actors' involvement in the area of WHO governance, and will outline different options for involving non-State actors in the most positive manner possible. The Executive Board will be asked to provide guidance on the way forward.

- Written statements for the Executive Board and Health Assembly: guidelines for Member States

In order to support Member States wishing to have written statements posted on the WHO website in the context of sessions of the Health Assembly and Executive Board, the Director-General will submit draft guidelines to the Board for its consideration. The Board will be invited to consider the draft guidelines and provide further guidance on the matter.

6.2 Evaluation: annual report

In line with the current evaluation policy, approved by the Executive Board in decision EB143(9) (2018), an annual report on evaluation will be presented to the Board through its Programme, Budget and Administration Committee. The report will describe progress made in the implementation of the Organization-wide evaluation workplan for 2018–2019, and will document organizational learning. In addition, the Board will be invited to consider terms of reference and the approach for the initial evaluation of the Framework of Engagement with non-State Actors.

6.3 Membership of the Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee

The Board will be invited to consider a report by the Secretariat on the membership of the Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee

6.4 Hosted partnerships

In decision EB132(10) (2013), the Executive Board requested its Programme, Budget and Administration Committee, inter alia, to ensure that the arrangements for hosted health partnerships are regularly reviewed on a case-by-case and timely basis in respect of their contributions to improved health outcomes, WHO's interaction with individual hosted partnerships, and the harmonization of their work with the work of WHO; and to make recommendations for the consideration of the Board, as appropriate, through a standing item on the subject on the Board's agenda.

- Report on hosted partnerships

The Director-General will provide the Board with a general update on hosted partnerships.

- Review of hosted partnerships

The Director-General will provide the Board with a report on the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies in the context of the periodic review of arrangements for hosted health partnerships mentioned above.

6.5 Committees of the Executive Board: filling of vacancies

This is a standing item.

6.6 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules [if any]

7. Staffing matters

7.1 Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations

This is a standing item.

7.2 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules [if any]

8. Matters for information

8.1 Report on meetings of expert committees and study groups

In compliance with Regulation 4.23 of the Regulations for Expert Advisory Panels and Committees, the Director-General will submit to the Board for its consideration his report on meetings of expert committees and study groups, including a summary of the recommendations contained in the reports of expert committees and his observations on their significance for public health policies and implications for the Organization's programmes.

9. Future sessions of the Executive Board and the Health Assembly

This is a standing item.

10. Closure of the session

Note:

In accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Director-General transmitted the draft provisional agenda to Member States for comment on 1 March 2019. No proposals for additional items were received from Member States by the deadline of 20 March 2019.

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