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I. Date, location and working hours

The Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly will open in Geneva on Monday, **21 May 2012 at 09:30**. The Health Assembly will be held in the Palais des Nations, located near the Place des Nations and Avenue de la Paix and most easily reached by the entrance gate on the Route de Pregny. The working hours of the Health Assembly are from 09:00 to 12:00 and from 14:30 to 17:30.

The Health Assembly will close no later than Saturday 26 May 2012, as decided by the Executive Board at its 129th session.

II. Tentative programme of work of the Health Assembly

Monday, 21 May 2012

First plenary meeting	09:30
	Delegations will sit in the French alphabetical order of names of Member States commencing with the letter “B” as decided by the drawing of lots. Delegations are requested to take their seats a few minutes before 9:30.
Item 1	Opening of the Health Assembly
Item 1.1	– Appointment of the Committee on Credentials
Item 1.2	– Election of the President of the Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly
Item 1.3	– Election of the five Vice-Presidents, the Chairmen of the main committees, and establishment of the General Committee
General Committee¹	Immediately after conclusion of Item 1.3 in plenary
	Examination and submission to the Health Assembly of recommendations on such questions as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Adoption of the provisional agenda as proposed by the Executive Board– Addition of supplementary items, if any, to the provisional agenda– Initial allocation to the main committees of items of the agenda– Deferment of any item to a future Health Assembly– Programme of work of the Health Assembly
Second plenary meeting	Immediately after conclusion of the General Committee
–	Presidential address
Item 1.4	– Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items to the main committees
Item 2	Report of the Executive Board on its 129th, 130th and special sessions
–	Announcement by the President inviting suggestions regarding election of Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board

¹ Rules 29 and 30 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly define membership of and attendance at the General Committee. Web link: <http://www.who.int/governance>.

Third plenary meeting	14:30
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- Item 3 **Address by Dr Margaret Chan, Director-General**
- General discussion

First meeting of Committee A	After commencement of general discussion under Item 3
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- Item 11 **Opening of the Committee**
- Including election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur

- Item 13 **Technical and health matters**

Tuesday, 22 May 2012

Fourth plenary meeting	09:00
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- Item 3 (continued) – General discussion

Second meeting of Committee A	09:00
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- Item 13 (continued) **Technical and health matters**

Fifth plenary meeting	14:30
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- Item 5 **Invited speaker**

- Item 3 (continued) – General discussion

Committee on Credentials	Immediately after conclusion item 5 in plenary
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Third meeting of Committee A	Immediately after conclusion item 5 in plenary
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- Item 13 (continued) **Technical and health matters**

Wednesday, 23 May 2012

Sixth plenary meeting	09:00
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- Report of the Committee on Credentials

- Item 6 **Admission of new Members and Associate Members [if any]**

- Item 3 (continued) – General discussion

Fourth meeting of Committee A	After conclusion of Item 3 in plenary
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- Item 13 (continued) **Technical and health matters**

First meeting of Committee B	After conclusion of Item 3 in plenary
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Item 14	Opening of the Committee – Including election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur
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Item 15	Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan
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Seventh plenary meeting	14:30
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Item 4	Director-General
Item 4.1	– Appointment
Item 4.2	– Approval of contract

Fifth meeting of Committee A	After conclusion of Item 4 in plenary
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Item 13 (continued)	Technical and health matters
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Second meeting of Committee B	After conclusion of Item 4 in plenary
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Item 16	Programme budget and financial matters
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General Committee	17:30
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Thursday, 24 May 2012

Sixth meeting of Committee A	09:00
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Item 12	WHO reform
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Third meeting of Committee B	09:00
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Item 16 (continued)	Programme budget and financial matters
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Seventh meeting of Committee A	14:30
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Item 12 (continued)	WHO reform
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Fourth meeting of Committee B	14:30
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Item 17	Audit and oversight matters
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Eighth plenary meeting	17:00
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Item 8	Awards
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Friday, 25 May 2012

Ninth plenary meeting		09:00
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Item 7 **Executive Board: election**

Item 9 **Reports of the main committees**

Eighth meeting of Committee A		After conclusion of Item 9 in plenary
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Item 13 (continued) **Technical and health matters**

Fifth meeting of Committee B		After conclusion of Item 9 in plenary
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Item 18 **Staffing matters**

Item 19 **Management and legal matters**

Ninth meeting of Committee A		14:30
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Item 13 (continued) **Technical and health matters**

Sixth meeting of Committee B		14:30
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Item 20 **Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other
intergovernmental organizations**

Saturday, 26 May 2012

Tenth meeting of Committee A		09:00
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Finalization of resolutions and reports

Seventh meeting of Committee B		09:00
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Finalization of resolutions and reports

Tenth plenary meeting		Immediately following the closure of Committees A and B
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Item 9 (continued) **Reports of the main committees**

Item 10 **Closure of the Health Assembly**

III. Technical briefings

The following technical briefings will take place during the Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly.

Monday, 21 May 2012

12:45–14:15

Room VII

Sustaining the drive to overcome the global impact of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs)

There will be interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish

This technical briefing will provide Member States with an overview of progress being made in the fight against Neglected Tropical Diseases worldwide. The event will also provide an opportunity for participants to be fully briefed on the proposed plans for the implementation of the WHO NTD Roadmap *Accelerating Work to Overcome the Global Impact of Neglected Tropical Diseases – A Roadmap for Implementation*, launched by the Director-General in January 2012.

Tuesday, 22 May 2012

12:30–14:15

Room XII

**Report of the Consultative Expert Working Group on Research and Development (R&D):
Financing and Coordination (CEWG)**

There will be interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish

The CEWG was established under resolution WHA63.28 to deepen the analysis and take forward the work of its predecessor expert working group (EWG) and examine current financing and coordination of research and development as well as proposals for financing to stimulate R&D related to diseases that principally affect developing countries. This technical briefing will provide Member States with an overview of the main findings and recommendations of the CEWG report which is on the agenda of the Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly (provisional agenda item: 13.14). The report will be presented by the Chair and the Vice-Chair of the CEWG followed by discussion.

Wednesday, 23 May 2012

12:30–14:15

Room XII

Ageing and health

There will be interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish

Populations around the world are ageing rapidly, particularly in low- and middle-income countries. This technical briefing will explore the implications of an ageing population for individuals, health systems and society as a whole. Topics will include the patterns of demographic change in Member States; changing attitudes to ageing; ageing issues in Africa; new evidence on the health needs of older people in low-, middle- and high-income countries; and how health systems might be developed to meet these needs. This will be followed by a broader discussion on priorities for future action.

IV. Other meetings

The Secretariat has been advised that the following meetings will take place before and during the Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly:

Saturday, 19 May 2012

- 09:00–12:00
WHO HQ, Salle C Nineteenth Standing Committee of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe – fourth session.
There will be interpretation in English, French, German and Russian.
- 13:30–17:30
WHO HQ, Salle C Nineteenth Standing Committee of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe – fourth session.
There will be interpretation in English, French, German and Russian.

Sunday, 20 May 2012

- 09:00–12:00
WHO HQ, EB room Nineteenth Standing Committee of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe – fourth session.
There will be interpretation in English, French, German and Russian.
- 13:00–15:00
WHO HQ, EB room Nineteenth Standing Committee of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe – fourth session.
There will be interpretation in English, French, German and Russian.
- 14:30–16:30
WHO HQ, Salle A Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
- 14:30–18:00
WHO HQ, Salle C Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region.
There will be interpretation in Arabic, English and French.
- 15:00–18:00
WHO HQ, EB room Information sharing meeting for Executive Board Members and Member States of the European Region.
There will be interpretation in English, French, German and Russian.

Monday, 21 May 2012

- 08:00–08:50
Room XVI Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO African Region.
There will be interpretation in English and French.
- 08:15–08:45
Room IX Meeting of the Council of the Arab Ministers of Health.
- 08:20–09:20
Room VII Meeting of heads of delegations of Member States of the Region of the Americas.
There will be interpretation in English and Spanish.
- 08:30–09:20
Room VIII Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.
- 08:45–09:30
Room IX Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region.
There will be interpretation in Arabic, English and French.
- 12:30–13:15
Room XXIII Breaking down barriers: addressing stigma and discrimination in health care for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) persons. Organized by the delegation of the United States of America.

12:45–14:15 Room IV	Maternal, infant and young child nutrition: global targets and national success stories. Organized by the delegation of Mexico.
13:00–14:15 Room IX	Technical briefing on equitable access to health: snapshots from health reform country experiences. Organized by the Ministry of Health of Turkey. <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish.</i>
13:15–14:15 Room XXIV	Gender Equity and Human Rights at the core of the health response. Organized by the WHO Secretariat, Cluster of Family, Women's and Children's Health. <i>(by invitation only)</i> .
13:20–14:20 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
17:30–18:30 Room IV	Clean cookstoves: panel discussion and demonstration. Organized by the delegation of the United States of America.
18:00–20:00 Room VIII	Market-based approaches: a means of improving public health. Organized by UNITAID. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>

Tuesday, 22 May 2012

08:00–08:45 Room XVI	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO African Region. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
08:15–08:45 Room IX	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region. <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, English and French.</i>
08:30–08:50 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.
08:30–08:50 Room XXIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO European Region. <i>There will be interpretation in English, French, German and Russian.</i>
12:15–14:15 Room XVI	Global plan towards the elimination of new infections among children by 2015 and keeping their mothers alive. Organized by UNAIDS. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
12:15–14:15 Room IX	Meeting on antibiotic resistance. Organized by the delegation of Sweden.
12:30–13:00* Hall XIV	Launch of the biography of Dr LEE Jong-Wook, Republic of Korea, former Director-General of WHO
12:30–13:30 Room XXIV	eHealth facilitating active and healthy ageing. Organized by the European Commission.
12:30–14:00 Room IV	Introduction to ministerial meeting on responsible use of medicines. Organized by the delegation of the Netherlands.
12:30–14:00 Room XXIII	ePORTUGUESe Programme and the Strategic Health Cooperation Plan for the Community of Portuguese-speaking countries. Organized by the delegation of Angola. <i>There will be interpretation in English and Portuguese.</i>
13:00–14:00 Room XV	Opioid overdose prevention: best practices and lessons learned. Organized by the delegation of the United States of America.

* At conclusion of plenary. Hall XIV, located on the 3rd floor, behind the Assembly Hall, near door 14 (Jura side)

13:20–14:20 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
18:00–19:30 Room XII	Can evidence-based incentives improve drug development and delivery? Organized by the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research.
18:00–19:30 Room XVI	Building global solidarity to counter the tobacco industry's attacks. Organized by the WHO Secretariat, Tobacco Free Initiative. <i>There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.</i>
18:00–19:30 Room XXIV	Overcoming obstacles in reforming health financing for universal coverage. Organized by France, Germany and Switzerland (Providing for Health).
18:00–20:00 Room XXII	In memory of Yves Chartier and his work. Water, sanitation, hygiene and injection safety during this era of multiple drug-resistant bacteria and HIV/AIDS. Organized by the delegation of France.

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08:30–08:50 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.
08:30–08:50 Room XXIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO European Region. <i>There will be interpretation in English, French, German and Russian.</i>
10:00–12:00 Room IV	Meeting of the Health Ministers' Council for the Gulf Cooperation Council States (Conference 73).
12:30–14:00 Room IX	Patient safety progress and review. Organized by the delegation of Qatar. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
12:30–14:00 Room XXIII	Palliative care: successes in improving quality of life for people with communicable and noncommunicable diseases. Organized by the delegation of Kenya. <i>There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.</i>
12:45–14:15 Room VII	Sharing results of primary care reform from Brazil, China and India. Organized by the delegation of China.
13:00–15:00 Room XVI	Fifth meeting of the Ministers of Health of the Non-aligned Movement (NAM). <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.</i>
13:20–14:20 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
17:45–19:15 Room VII	International Health Partnership (IHP+) technical meeting on recent progress in strengthening accountability for results in countries. <i>There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.</i>
17:45–19:15 Room VIII	Launch of the Report of the Private Sector Task Force of the Global Health Workforce Alliance. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>

17:45–19:45 Room IV	New programme support and policy changes. Update from the GAVI Alliance. Organized by the delegation of Kenya.
18:00–20:00 Room XXII	Informal ministerial meeting on guinea-worm eradication. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>

Thursday, 24 May 2012

08:00–08:45 Room XVI	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO African Region. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
08:15–08:45 Room IX	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region. <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, English and French.</i>
08:30–08:50 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.
08:30–08:50 Room XXIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO European Region. <i>There will be interpretation in English, French, German and Russian.</i>
12:15–13:45 Room XXIII	The role of health professionals in reducing health inequities through social determinants of health. Organized by the delegation of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
12:30–14:00 Room IX	Health systems development – strengthening capacity through partnerships. Organized by the delegation of Australia in collaboration with the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB).
12:30–14:00 Room XII	Rio + 20: health and sustainable development. Organized by the delegation of Brazil.
12:30–14:00 Room IV	Empowering patients in pharmacovigilance: first results from intern-regional consortium. Organized by the WHO Secretariat, Department of Essential medicines and Health Products (EMP) in collaboration with a consortium of countries.
12:45–14:15 Room XXIV	Family planning, reproductive health and child survival: addressing unmet needs. Organized by the WHO Secretariat, Cluster of Family, Women's and Children's Health. <i>There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.</i>
13:20–14:20 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
17:45–19:45 Room VIII	Health worker migration innovations awards. Organized by the WHO Secretariat in collaboration with the Health Worker Migration Council.

Friday, 25 May 2012

08:00–08:45 Room XVI	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO African Region. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
08:15–08:45 Room IX	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region. <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, English and French.</i>
08:30–08:50 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.

08:30–08:50 Room XXIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO European Region. <i>There will be interpretation in English, French, German and Russian.</i>
12:30–14:00 Room IX	How to improve the voice of the implementers of the Global Fund. Organized by the delegation of the Republic of the Sudan. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
12:45–14:15 Room IV	Healthier hospitals for healthier people (chemicals – with a focus on mercury). Organized by the delegation of Uruguay.
13:20–14:20 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.

Saturday, 26 May 2012

08:00–08:45 Room XVI	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO African Region. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
08:15–08:45 Room IX	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region. <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, English and French.</i>
08:30–08:50 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.
08:30–08:50 Room XXIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO European Region. <i>There will be interpretation in English, French, German and Russian.</i>
13:20–14:20 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.

V. Provisional list of speakers for the general discussion in plenary

Tunisia	(The delegate of Tunisia will speak on behalf of the Arab Ministers Council)
Congo	(The delegate of Congo will speak on behalf of Member States of the African Region)
Canada	
Denmark	(As Presidency of the European Union)
Thailand	
China	
Islamic Republic of Iran	
Nigeria	
Brazil	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	
India	
United States of America	
Brunei Darussalam	
South Africa	
Morocco	
Italy	
Kenya	
Bhutan	
Singapore	
Norway	
Malaysia	
Mexico	
Ukraine	
Zimbabwe	
Ecuador	
Finland	
Philippines	
Ghana	
Monaco	
Cuba	
United Republic of Tanzania	
Djibouti	
France	
Colombia	
Republic of Korea	
Portugal	
Mozambique	
Sweden	
Madagascar	
Australia	
Panama	
Russian Federation	
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