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This preliminary journal is intended to give delegates, representatives and other participants advance indications of the Health Assembly's tentative programme of work. Additional information can be found in the *Guide for delegates to the World Health Assembly* (document A69/DIV./2).

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I. Date, location and working hours

The Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly will open in Geneva on Monday, **23 May 2016 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, except for the first plenary meeting, which will commence at 09:30.

The Health Assembly will close no later than Saturday, 28 May 2016, as decided by the Executive Board at its 138th session.

II. Tentative programme of work of the Health Assembly

Monday, 23 May 2016

First plenary meeting **09:30**

Delegations will sit in the English alphabetical order of names of Member States commencing with the letter “P” as decided by the drawing of lots. Delegations are requested to take their seats a few minutes before 09:30.

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-ninth 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:

- 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 (continued) **Opening of the Health Assembly**

Item 1.4

– Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items to the main committees

Item 2

Report of the Executive Board on its 137th and 138th sessions

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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
Item 3	Address by Dr Margaret Chan, Director-General	
	– General discussion	
First meeting of Committee A		After commencement of general discussion under Item 3
Item 10	Opening of the Committee	
	– Including election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur	
Item 11	WHO reform	
Tuesday, 24 May 2016		
Fourth plenary meeting		09:00
Item 3 (continued)	– General discussion	
Item 4	Invited speaker	
Second meeting of Committee A		09:00
Item 11 (continued)	WHO reform	
Committee on Credentials		14:00
Fifth plenary meeting		14:30
Item 3 (continued)	– General discussion	
Third meeting of Committee A		14:30
Item 11 (continued)	WHO reform	
Item 13	Promoting health through the life course	
Wednesday, 25 May 2016		
Sixth plenary meeting		09:00
–	Report of the Committee on Credentials	
Item 5	Admission of new Members and Associate Members [if any]	
Fourth and fifth meetings of Committee A		Immediately after conclusion of Item 5 in plenary and 14:30
Item 14	Preparedness, surveillance and response	
First and second meetings of Committee B		Immediately after conclusion of Item 5 in plenary and 14:30
Item 18	Opening of the Committee	
	– Including election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur	
Item 19	Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan	
General Committee		17:30

Thursday, 26 May 2016

Sixth and seventh meetings of Committee A 09:00 and 14:30

- Item 14 (continued) **Preparedness, surveillance and response**
- Item 13 (continued) **Promoting health through the life course**
- Item 15 **Communicable diseases**
- Item 12 **Noncommunicable diseases**

Third and fourth meetings of Committee B 09:00 and 14:30

- Item 20 **Programme budget and financial matters**
- Item 21 **Audit and oversight matters**
- Item 22 **Staffing matters**
- Item 23 **Management and legal matters**
- Item 24 **Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations**
- Item 16 **Health systems**

Friday, 27 May 2016

Seventh plenary meeting 09:00

- Item 7 **Awards**
- Item 6 **Executive Board: election**
- Item 8 **Reports of the main committees**

Eighth and ninth meetings of Committee A Immediately after conclusion of Item 8 in plenary and 14:30

- Item 15 (continued) **Communicable diseases**
- Item 12 (continued) **Noncommunicable diseases**

Fifth and sixth meetings of Committee B Immediately after conclusion of Item 8 in plenary and 14:30

- Item 16 (continued) **Health systems**
- Item 17 **Progress reports**
- Finalization of resolutions and reports**

Saturday, 28 May 2016

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

Eighth plenary meeting Immediately following the closure of Committee A

- Item 8 (continued) **Reports of the main committees**
- Item 9 **Closure of the Health Assembly**

III. Technical briefings

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

Tuesday, 24 May 2016

12:30–14:15

Room XII

Health in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: intersectoral action

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

In September 2015, the UN General Assembly adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development which has important implications for health. The sustainable development goals (SDGs) present an agenda for all countries and cover the economic, social and environmental pillars of development. Health is centrally positioned in the SDGs as a single goal, interacting with many other goals and targets. Current discussions on the implications of the 2030 Agenda for health focus on major themes such as universal health coverage, equity, intersectoral action and governance for health. This technical briefing aims to discuss what implications of the SDGs have for health with a focus on intersectoral action.

Wednesday, 25 May 2016

12:30–14:15

Room XII

Survive, Thrive, Transform: implementing the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health

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

The Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health, launched by the UN Secretary-General in September 2015, provides a roadmap for ending preventable deaths of women, children and adolescents by 2030 and helping them achieve their potential for health and well-being in all settings. Its three objectives—Survive (end preventable deaths), Thrive (ensure health and well-being) and Transform (expand enabling environments)—are fully aligned with the sustainable development goals (SDGs), including SDG 3 on health and other SDGs related to the political, social, economic and environmental determinants of health and sustainable development. Like the SDGs, the Global Strategy is universal in scope and multisectoral in action, and has been described as a 'frontrunner platform' for the implementation of the SDGs.

The technical briefing will provide an overview of the Global Strategy and of new evidence and technical resources that can support countries as they update and implement their unique national programmes and policies. A panel of WHO Member States will then discuss their own commitments and considerations on translating the Global Strategy into national plans and policies to reach every woman, child and adolescent everywhere. Particular emphasis will be placed on new areas of focus (adolescents, accountability, and accelerated action, including working across sectors).

Thursday, 26 May 2016

12:30–14:15

Room XII

Health emergencies in practice

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

The world is currently facing unprecedented levels of health-related need; around 80 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance worldwide and 172 million are affected by conflict; there is also an increasing gravity and number of infectious hazards. The overlapping risk drivers are also worsening including urbanization, migration, animal-human interface and state fragility, compounding negative health results for affected and at-risk populations.

In response, through its new Health Emergencies Programmes, WHO is bringing together joint focus and action on these complex issues, through Member State preparedness, rapid and objective risk assessments and standardised response frameworks. To achieve the objectives of the new programme, strong coordinated action is needed by WHO working closely with Member States, civil society, NGOs and other key partners from the health and humanitarian world.

Migration and health

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

Large movements of migrants and refugees have once again brought migration to the forefront of international attention. Globalization, conflict, poverty, urbanization, inequality and poor job prospects are among the reasons that compel people to leave their homes in search of a better future for themselves and their family. Despite many benefits of migration, migrants themselves remain among the most vulnerable members of society. Governments face the challenge of integrating the health needs of migrants into national plans, policies and strategies as recommended by WHA resolution 61.17 on the Health of Migrants adopted in 2008. Urgent action is required to ensure the migrant's right to health and to implement migrant-sensitive health policies that incorporate universal health coverage and equitable access to quality health services regardless of the migrant's legal status.

WHO is working with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), among others, to tackle the health needs and improve the health status of migrant populations while managing the possible health impacts on the affected local populations. WHO and its regional offices have provided support to Member States in developing and implementing policies aimed at enhancing the role of the health sector in responding to the needs of migrant and affected local populations. This technical briefing will review the current situation and priorities related to migration and health, review best practices and look at lessons learnt and implications for the future of WHO's work in relation to migration and health. The human face of all that surrounds migration and health will be emphasized.

IV. Other meetings

The Secretariat has been advised that the following meetings will take place before and during the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly. This represents information received up to 9 May 2016:

Monday, 23 May 2016

08:00–09:00 Room XVI	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO African Region. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
08:00–09:00 Room XV	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
08:20–09:20 Room VII	Meeting of heads of delegations of Member States of the Region of the Americas. <i>There will be interpretation in English and Spanish.</i>
08:30–09:20 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.
08:15–08:45 Room IX	Meeting of the Arab Ministers of Health.
08:45–09:15 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>
12:45–14:15 Room VII	Ministerial panel on dementia (Alzheimer's and other related diseases). Organized by the delegations of Austria, Canada, the Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Germany, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, the Netherlands, Panama, the Republic of Korea, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Zambia. <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.</i>
12:45–14:15 Room IX	Launch of ESPEN - Expanded Special Project for the Elimination of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Africa. Organized by the delegations of Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Sudan, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and the WHO Secretariat. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
12:45–14:15 Room XXIII	High-level event: women and adolescent girls on the fast-track to ending the AIDS epidemic. Organized by the delegations of Australia, Canada, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Panama, Portugal, South Africa, Switzerland, the United States of America, Zambia, UNAIDS and the WHO Secretariat. <i>There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.</i>
12:45–14:15 Room XXIV	Dengue: reframing the dialogue. Organized by the delegations of Brazil, China, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and the WHO Secretariat. <i>There will be interpretation in English, Portuguese and Spanish.</i>
17:45–19:15 Room XII	BRICS side event on access to medicines: regional trade agreements and access to medicines. Organized by Brazil, China, India, the Russian Federation and South Africa. <i>There will be interpretation in English, Chinese, Portuguese and Russian.</i>

- 17:45–19:15
Room XXII The role of the Global Health Security Agenda (GHSa) in supporting countries' capacity to implement the International Health Regulations (IHR). Organized by the delegations of Canada, Chile, Finland, Indonesia, Italy, Kenya, the Netherlands, the Republic of Korea and the United States of America.
There will be interpretation in English and French.
- 17:45–19:15
Room XXIV Accelerating national progress on tackling child obesity and child under-nutrition in a sustainable way. Organized by the delegations of Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Finland, Kenya, Mexico, the Netherlands, Nigeria, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Zambia, International Diabetes Federation, the Save the Children Fund, WaterAid, World Cancer Research Fund International and World Obesity Federation.
There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.
- 18:00–19:30
Room IX Global and local: public health and primary care in action! Organized by the delegation of Slovenia and International Alliance of Patients' Organizations, International Federation of Medical Students Associations, the Network Towards Unity for Health, World Federation of Public Health Associations and World Organization of Family Doctors.

Tuesday, 24 May 2016

- 07:45–08:45
Room VII Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Americas Region (AMRO/GRUA).
There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.
- 07:45–09:00
Room XII Implementing our shared agenda on the public health dimension of the world drug problem. Organized by the delegations of Colombia, the Netherlands, Switzerland, United States of America and Zambia.
- 08:00–08:20
Room VIII Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.
- 08:00–08:45
Room XVI Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO African Region.
There will be interpretation in English and French.
- 08:00–09:00
Room XV Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
- 08:15–08:45
Room IX Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region.
There will be interpretation in Arabic, English and French.
- 08:15–08:45
Room XXIII Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO European Region.
- 12:15–13:45
Room XXIII Assistive technology for all. Organized by the delegations of China, Ecuador, Germany, Ireland, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, the United States of America and Zimbabwe.
There will be interpretation in Chinese, English, Spanish and sign language.
- 12:15–13:45
Room XXIV Climate and health: taking stock, forging solutions. Organized by the delegations of the Philippines, as Chair of the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF), the United States of America and the following members of the CVF: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Barbados, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, the Comoros, Costa Rica, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Fiji, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Kenya, Kiribati, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, the Marshall Islands, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, the Niger, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Senegal, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, Timor-Leste, Tunisia, Tuvalu, the United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu, Viet Nam and Yemen.
There will be interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

12:15–14:15 Room XVI	Ninth meeting of the Ministers of Health of the Non-aligned Movement (NAM). <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish.</i>
12:30–13:00 Hall 14, Open space of the Assembly Hall, Building A, 3rd floor	Ceremony to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the death of Dr LEE Jong-wook. Moderator: Dr Ian Smith, WHO Executive Director, Office of the Director-General.
17:00–19:00 Room IV	Third meeting of the Ministers of Health of the Economic Cooperation Organization. <i>By invitation only.</i>
17:45–18:45 Room IX	Achieving affordable access to health technologies. Organized by Health Action International, Medicines for Malaria Venture and Oxfam.
18:00–19:30 Room VIII	Addressing health workforce deficits and stimulating employment and inclusive economic growth: the United Nations Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth – towards achieving the sustainable development goals (SDGs). Organized by the delegations of Brazil, France, Norway and South Africa. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
18:00–19:30 Room XII	Inter-ministerial round table: Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) for Universal Health Coverage (UHC). Organized by the delegations of Costa Rica, Senegal, the International Telecommunication Union and the WHO Secretariat. <i>There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.</i>
18:00–19:30 Room XXIII	Implementation of successful, cost effective, evidence-based noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) interventions – how the United Nations Inter-agency Taskforce can help countries accelerate the prevention and control of NCDs by 2030. Organized by the delegations of Barbados, Jamaica, Kenya, Oman, Peru, the Russian Federation, Viet Nam and the WHO Secretariat. <i>There will be interpretation in English and Russian.</i>
19:00–20:00 Room IX	Confronting resistance: innovation and access to end tuberculosis. Organized by the delegations of France, India, the Republic of Korea, the United States of America, Viet Nam, Zimbabwe, the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease, Medicines Patent Pool and the Stop TB Partnership. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>

Wednesday, 25 May 2016

07:45–08:45 Room VII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Americas Region (AMRO/GRUA). <i>There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.</i>
08:00–08:20 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.
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>
08:00–09:00 Room XV	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.

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>
08:15–08:45 Room XXIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO European Region.
09:00–11:00 Room VII	G5 meeting – Afghanistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Pakistan and the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean. <i>By invitation only.</i>
12:15–13:45 Room XXIII	Addressing the global challenge of medication safety for improving patient safety and quality of care. Organized by the delegations of Malaysia, Oman, Poland and Sri Lanka. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
12:30–14:00 Room VII	Towards achieving the physical activity target 2025 (10x25). Are we walking the talk? Organized by the delegations of Finland, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, South Africa, Thailand and the United States of America.
12:30–14:00 Room XXIV	The critical role of infection prevention and control in strengthening health systems and achieving quality universal health coverage (UHC). Organized by the delegations of Australia, Egypt, Ghana, Jamaica, the Netherlands, Sierra Leone and Thailand. <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, English, French and Spanish.</i>
18:00–19:30 Room VII	Science, state and society: an integrated global initiative to reduce snakebite death and disability. Organized by the delegations of Afghanistan, Angola, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Costa Rica, Gabon, Guinea, Kenya, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Senegal, Uganda and Stichting Health Action International (HAI). <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.</i>
18:00–19:30 Room VIII	Working together to advance the global adolescent health agenda. Organized by the delegations of Canada, Mozambique, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United Nations Population Fund. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
18:00–19:30 Room IX	Towards the right to health: possibilities of a Framework Convention on Global Health and Harmonized Civil Society Platforms for Universal Health Coverage (UHC). Organized by Alliance for Health Promotion, Global Health Council, International Planned Parenthood Federation, the Save the Children Fund, World Heart Federation and World Vision International.
18:00–20:00 Room XXII	Informal meeting with the Ministers of Health of guinea-worm affected countries. Organized by the WHO Secretariat. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>

Thursday, 26 May 2016

07:45–08:45 Room VII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Americas Region (AMRO/GRUA). <i>There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.</i>
08:00–08:20 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.
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>
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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>
08:15–08:45 Room XXIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO European Region.
12:15–13:45 Room VII	Parliaments as key partners in ensuring health for all, including women, children and adolescents. Organized by the delegations of Bangladesh, Italy, Lesotho and the Inter-Parliamentary Union. <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.</i>
12:15–13:45 Room IX	WIPO re: Search-sharing innovation in the fight against Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs). An example of a multi-stakeholder platform for NTDs, its achievements and lessons learned. Organized by the delegations of Australia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Germany, Kenya, Namibia, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Singapore, the United States of America, Zambia and Zimbabwe. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
12:15–13:45 Room XXIII	Global action in antibiotic research and innovation. Organized by the delegations of Australia, Canada, Colombia, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, South Africa, Thailand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Zambia.
17:45–19:15 Room VIII	Are we making the right investments for optimal cancer control? A global dialogue. Organized by the delegations of Honduras, India, Jordan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Peru, the Republic of Korea, Zambia, European Society for Medical Oncology, International Organization of Medical Physics, International Society of Radiology, Union for International Cancer Control, Worldwide Hospice Palliative Care Alliance and the WHO Secretariat. <i>There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.</i>
17:45–19:15 Room XII	Ending childhood obesity: securing the future for our children. Organized by the delegations of Ghana, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand and Zambia. <i>There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.</i>
18:00–19:30 Room IX	Informed decision making for universal health coverage (UHC). Organized by the Cochrane Collaboration and Health Technology Assessment International.
18:00–19:30 Room XXII	Alcohol marketing in the digital world. Organized by the delegations of Botswana, Ecuador, Estonia, Sri Lanka and Viet Nam. <i>There will be interpretation in English and Spanish.</i>

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08:00–08:20 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.
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>
08:00–09:00 Room XV	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
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>

- 08:15–08:45
Room XXIII Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO European Region.
- 12:15–13:45
Room IX Service, measurement, accountability and response for attainment of health sustainable development goals (SDGs): leveraging benefits of space science, geospatial data and eHealth. Organized by the delegations of Bangladesh, Liberia and the United States of America.
- 12:15–13:45
Room XXIII Healthy ageing: innovative approaches to promote health across the life course. Organized by the delegations of Australia, Japan, India, the Netherlands, Norway, Thailand and the United States of America.
There will be interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.
- 12:30–14:00
Room VII Progress towards universal health coverage (UHC) and sustainable development. Organized by the delegations of Nepal, Nigeria, Zambia and Zimbabwe.
There will be interpretation in English and French.
- 18:00–19:30
Room VIII Reducing 7 million deaths from air pollution: implementing WHA 68.8 (2015) through actions at country, city and household level. Organized by the delegations of Norway and Zambia.
There will be interpretation in English and French.
- 18:00–19:30
Room IX SSFFC medical products – strategies towards safe universal access to quality medicines. Organized by the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations and International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation.
- 18:00–19:30
Room XII G7 activities for health systems strengthening (HSS) and universal health coverage (UHC). Organized by the delegations of Germany and Japan.
There will be interpretation in English and French.

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- 08:00–08:20
Room VIII Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.
- 08:00–08:45
Room XVI Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO African Region.
There will be interpretation in English and French.
- 08:00–09:00
Room XV Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
- 08:15–08:45
Room IX Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region.
There will be interpretation in Arabic, English and French.
- 08:15–08:45
Room XXIII Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO European Region.
- 13:20–14:20
Room VIII Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.

V. Arrangements for conduct of discussion in plenary meetings

Resolution WHA52.21 on reform of the Health Assembly requested the Director-General to make appropriate arrangements for a shortened plenary meeting and, to this end, encouraged group or regional statements in plenary debate. Delegates are requested to limit their statements to **five minutes** (550 words) in this debate.

Delegates wishing to have their name placed on the list of speakers for the general discussion should notify the Department for Governing Bodies and External Relations by e-mail (piazzap@who.int) or fax +41 22 791 4173.

Copies of statements to be made in the general discussion should be submitted to the Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of the Health Assembly or by e-mail (interpret@who.int) or in Room A.656 by the morning of Monday, 23 May 2016.

Theme of general discussion: “Transforming our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”

On 25 September 2015, the UN General Assembly adopted the new development agenda “Transforming our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”. The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) integrate all three dimensions of sustainable development (economic, social and environmental) around the themes of people, planet, prosperity, peace and partnership. The SDGs recognize that eradicating poverty and inequality, creating inclusive economic growth and preserving the planet are inextricably linked, not only to each other, but also to population health.

Health is centrally positioned in the SDGs, with one comprehensive goal – *Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages* – including 13 targets that cover all health priorities, and linkages with many other goals. Major themes include universal health coverage, equity and integrated approaches; intersectoral action and governance for health; follow-up and review; and health architecture. The new sustainable development agenda has major implications for the health sector at global, regional and country levels.

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

Netherlands	(The delegate of the Netherlands will speak on behalf of the European Union)
Argentina	(The delegate of Argentina will speak on behalf of the Member States of the Region of the Americas)
Chad	(The delegate of Chad will speak on behalf of the Member States of the African Region)
China	
Thailand	
Islamic Republic of Iran	(The delegate of the Islamic Republic of Iran will speak on behalf of the Non-aligned Movement (NAM))
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	
United States of America	
Nigeria	
Germany	
Canada	
Russian Federation	
South Africa	
France	
Brazil	
Finland	
Palestine	(The representative of the Observer delegation of Palestine will give the statement of the Arab Ministers Council)
Maldives	
Angola	
Cuba	
Israel	
Singapore	
Mexico	
Côte d'Ivoire	
Colombia	
Belarus	
Philippines	
Turkey	
Burkina Faso	
Malta	
Portugal	
Greece	
Montenegro	
Kazakhstan	
Brunei Darussalam	
Indonesia	
Iceland	
Seychelles	
Monaco	
Chile	
Samoa	(The delegate of Samoa will speak on behalf of the Pacific Island Countries)
Sweden	
Bangladesh	
Italy	
Republic of Korea	
Islamic Republic of Iran	

Sri Lanka (The delegate of Sri Lanka will speak on behalf of the Group of Fifteen)
Peru
Latvia
India
Norway
Poland
Uruguay
Luxembourg
Australia
Slovenia
Sierra Leone
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