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Programme of meetings for Monday, 22 May 2017

Time	Plenary <i>Assembly Hall</i>	Committee A <i>Room XVIII</i>	Others
09:30	First plenary meeting		
Immediately after conclusion of Item 1.3 in plenary			General Committee <i>Room XII</i>
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14:30	Third plenary meeting		
After commencement of general discussion under Item 3		First meeting	

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Interpretation

Interpretation is provided in the official languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish) to help delegates follow the discussions. To ensure statements are interpreted as clearly as possible, delegates are requested to send a copy of statements they plan to make to interpret@who.int at least 30 minutes in advance. For further information on length and delivery of statements please see section 4 of the Journal.

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* This number supersedes the preliminary number of the Journal issued on 1 May 2017. The programme of work is subject to decisions taken by the Health Assembly and the General Committee.

1. Programme of work of the Health Assembly

Monday, 22 May 2017

First plenary meeting **Assembly Hall – 09:30**

Delegations will sit in the English alphabetical order of names of Member States commencing with the letter “L” 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 Seventieth 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 **Room XII – 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 **Assembly Hall – Immediately after conclusion of the General Committee**

– **Presidential address**

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- Item 1.4 – Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items to the main committees
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Item 4 **Post of Director-General**

- Item 4.1 – Procedures for the conduct of the election
Documents A70/4 and EB140/2017/REC/1, decision EB140(2)

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

Assembly Hall – 14:30

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- General discussion

Item 5 Admission of new Members and Associate Members [if any]

– Report of the Committee on Credentials (17:30)

First meeting of Committee A

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- Including election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur

Item 12 Preparedness, surveillance and response

Item 12.1 – Health emergencies

- The Independent Oversight and Advisory Committee for the WHO Health Emergencies Programme

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- Health workforce coordination in emergencies with health consequences

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Item 12.4 – Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)

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Fourth plenary meeting

Assembly Hall – 09:00

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Second meeting of Committee A

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Item 12.1 (continued) – Health emergencies

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- B. Addressing the challenges of the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety (2011–2020): outcome of the second Global High-level Conference on Road Safety – Time for Results (resolution WHA69.7 (2016))
- C. Towards universal eye health: a global action plan 2014–2019 (resolution WHA66.4 (2013))

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- E. Global strategy and targets for tuberculosis prevention, care and control after 2015 (resolution WHA67.1 (2014))
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Promoting health through the life course

- G. Public health impacts of exposure to mercury and mercury compounds: the role of WHO and ministries of public health in the implementation of the Minamata Convention (resolution WHA67.11 (2014))
- H. Strategy for integrating gender analysis and actions into the work of WHO (resolution WHA60.25 (2007))

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- I. Progress in the rational use of medicines (resolution WHA60.16 (2007))
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Finalization of resolutions and reports

Ninth plenary meeting

Assembly Hall – Immediately following the closure of Committee A

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Closure of the Health Assembly

2. Technical briefings

The following technical briefings will take place from 12:30 to 14:15 during the Seventieth World Health Assembly. There will be interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

Wednesday, 24 May 2017

Room XII

Reaching everyone, everywhere with life-saving vaccines

Immunization remains one of the most cost-effective public health interventions available. Not only do vaccinations prevent suffering and death associated with infectious diseases, they also help enable national priorities like education and economic development to take place. The recognition of the enormous potential of vaccines and immunization was the driving force behind the Decade of Vaccines and the Global Vaccine Action Plan (GVAP) that was endorsed by all Member States at the Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly. The 2016 mid-term progress report of the GVAP indicates that while there are some bright spots, the overall progress against the goals and objectives of the plan has been slow and we are not on track to achieving the 2020 targets.

The impressive progress in some countries indicates that there is room for optimism that we can get back on track with strong leadership from national governments and good governance of national immunization programmes, coupled with the collective and cohesive actions of all stakeholders. However, there are a number of challenges that impede efforts to further accelerate progress, including fragile health systems in many countries, humanitarian emergencies and outbreaks and increasing vaccine hesitancy as a result of spread of false messages about the safety of vaccines and immunization.

The technical briefing will provide an opportunity to share experiences to better understand some of the challenges and bottlenecks to achieving national and global goals, learn lessons from the successes seen in some regions and countries and see how we can build on the successes to date to get back on track to achieving the ambitious goals set forth in the GVAP.

Thursday, 25 May 2017

Room VII

Universal Health Coverage: sustained commitment and concrete achievements

Universal Health Coverage (UHC) is about all people and communities receiving needed quality health services without financial hardship. UHC aims to achieve better health and development outcomes in line with SDGs, which will guide the post-2015 agenda.

UHC is a moving target, depending on the progress as well as the socioeconomic, political and cultural contexts. Many developing countries face challenges in harmonizing the work among donors and aligning with national health sector strategies; many industrialised countries have not yet achieved UHC either, or are facing challenges to maintain the level of coverage and/or to expand it. The journey towards UHC starts from increasing population coverage, reducing out-of-pocket expenditure, expanding the benefit package of essential services to meet growing expectations from populations and respond to changing epidemiological and demographic trends and technological advances.

Health and the environment: inheriting a sustainable world

Around 12.6 million deaths a year are due to preventable environmental health risks (WHO, 2016), which represents 23% of the global burden of disease. This includes a large and growing burden of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) from air pollution and unsustainable urbanization as well as continuing infectious diseases risks related to water, sanitation, vectors and emerging risks from climate change.

These environmental risks are a critical and pressing concern for the public health community. Global action is key to combating this epidemic of environment-related diseases. These same actions will contribute to attaining the Sustainable Development Agenda, particularly regarding air pollution related mortality (Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3), access to clean energy (SDG 7), resilience and mitigation of climate change (SDG 13), access to water and sanitation (SDG 6), sustainable cities and communities (SDG 11) and sound management of chemicals and waste (SDG12).

The event will showcase success stories and solutions from countries and municipalities that have successfully managed to tackle environmental health risks, resulting from polluted air and water as well as sanitation and chemical hazards. These stories also illustrate how action in different sectors can increase resilience and mitigate climate change. Addressing environmental risks emerging from other sectors is a strategic way to generate investments in health as well as focusing on the primary prevention of disease.

The briefing will also feature major WHO initiatives to bring Member States and international organizations together to advocate and take action to implement evidence-based technical interventions, building of political will, and sharing of experiences. This will include the recent coalition of WHO, UNEP, and WMO on climate change, health and environment, and initiatives to prevent diseases caused by air pollution such as *WHO's Urban Health Initiative* being implemented with the Climate and Clean Air Coalition.

3. Other meetings

The Secretariat has been advised that the following meetings will take place during the Seventieth World Health Assembly. This represents information received up to 22 May 2017:

Monday, 22 May 2017

08:00–09:00 Room IV	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
08:00–09:00 Room XVI	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO African Region.
08:15–08:45 Room IX	Meeting 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.
08:30–09:20 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.
08:30–09:20 Concordia 4	Nordic Group meeting.
08:45–09:15 Room IX	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region.
12:00–14:00 Concordia 4	Meeting of the delegations of the Pacific Island countries.
12:45–14:15 Room IX	Gearing up towards sustainable health development by 2030: are we walking the talk? Organized by the delegations of Bangladesh, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Thailand and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.
12:45–14:15 Room XXIII	Reforming the work of WHO in the African Region - the Transformation Agenda. Organized by the delegation of Botswana.
12:45–14:15 Room XXIV	Attacks on healthcare. Where do we stand one year after the adoption of United Nations Security Council resolution 2286? Organized by the delegations of Canada, Costa Rica, Finland, Italy, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, Uruguay, the International Committee of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Médecins Sans Frontières International (MSF) and the World Medical Association.
13:00–14:30 Room XV	Member States of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Health Ministers' Meeting.
17:45–18:45 Room IX	Responding to the Challenge of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR): perspectives of civil society, intergovernmental organizations and developing countries. Organized by Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative (DNDi), Médecins Sans Frontières International (MSF), Medicus Mundi International (International Organization for Cooperation in Health Care) and Stichting Health Action International.
17:45–19:15 Room VIII	Launch of the report and recommendations of the Working Group for the Health and Human Rights of Women, Children and Adolescents. Organized by the delegations of Australia, Canada, Chile, Fiji, Finland, France, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Sweden and Uruguay.

17:45–19:15 Room XXIII	The International Health Regulations (IHR) and the impact of the Global Health Security Agenda: achieving results and sustaining progress. Organized by the delegations of Canada, Finland, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Kenya, the Netherlands, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia and the United States of America.
17:45–19:15 Room XXIV	Development of new technologies to prevent future health crises: the role of the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI). Organized by the delegations of Germany, India, Japan, Norway, Rwanda and the United States of America.
19:00–20:00 Room IX	Investing in innovative health research and development (R&D) tools to address antimicrobial resistance and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. Organized by the Council on Health Research for Development, Global Health Council, Inc. and Medicines for Malaria Venture.

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08:30–08:50 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.
12:00–13:45 Room XII	Tenth meeting of the Ministers of Health of the Non-aligned Movement (NAM).
12:15–13:45 Room XXIII	The role of regulators in global health emergencies. Organized by the delegations of Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, Singapore and the United States of America.
12:15–13:45 Room XXIV	Stronger national health systems underpinning stronger health security. Organized by the delegations of Australia, Indonesia, Mexico, Republic of Korea, the Philippines, Turkey and the United Republic of Tanzania.

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12:15–14:00 Room XV	G5 meeting — Afghanistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Pakistan and the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean. By invitation only.
12:30–14:00 Room VIII	Promoting intersectoral and coordinated actions to further invest in health and social workforce: towards achieving the 2030 Agenda. Organized by the delegations of Argentina, France, Nepal, Nigeria, the Philippines and South Africa.
12:30–14:00 Room IX	BRICS effort towards health-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) — improve the integrated health service delivery system. Organized by the delegations of Brazil, China, India, the Russian Federation and South Africa.
12:30–14:00 Room XXIV	Citizen-led accountability to achieve health for all: adolescents as agents of change. Organized by the delegations of Afghanistan, Canada, Haiti, Kenya, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Portugal, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Uruguay, The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH), UNAIDS and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).
18:00–19:30 Room VII	The impact of the recommendations of UN Secretary-General's High-level Panel report on Access to Medicines on vulnerable populations. Organized by the delegations of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, India, Morocco, Uganda and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.
18:00–19:30 Room VIII	Partnership matters — achieving stronger systems for health in practice. Organized by the delegations of Estonia, France, Germany, Ghana, Japan, Myanmar, Slovenia, South Africa, Sweden, Zambia, Zimbabwe, the European Union and the World Bank.
18:00–19:30 Room IX	Addressing access barriers and affordability challenges for cancer drugs. Organized by OXFAM, Knowledge Ecology International and Stichting Health Action International.
18:00–19:30 Room XXIV	Polio's final stand: an update on the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Organized by the delegations of Angola, Canada, Japan, Monaco, Nigeria, Pakistan and the United States of America.
18:00–20:00 Room XXII	Informal meeting with the Ministers of Health of guinea-worm affected countries. Organized by the WHO Secretariat. <i>By invitation only.</i>
18:00–20:00 Concordia 4	Regional coordination meeting of Member States of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

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12:30–14:00 Room VIII	Partnerships for health system transformation: valuing the experiences. Organized by the delegations of Bahrain, Ethiopia, Republic of Moldova, Saudi Arabia and Turkey.
12:30–14:00 Room IX	Building capacity for innovation and access: combatting neglected tropical diseases. Organized by the delegations of Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Namibia, the Philippines, Switzerland and the United States of America.
12:30–14:00 Room XXIV	Towards universal eye health: taking stock of progress against the Global Action Plan — what’s working and where to from here? Organized by the delegations of Australia, Austria, Burkina Faso, China, Cook Islands, Czechia, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Indonesia, Kenya, Malta, Pakistan, Tonga, Fred Hollows Foundation, International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness and Orbis International.
18:00–19:30 Room VIII	Country-led effort to end Malaria. Organized by the delegations of Angola, Botswana, Ethiopia, Monaco, New Zealand and the United States of America.
18:00–19:30 Room IX	The role of next generation in addressing noncommunicable diseases (NCDs). Organized by The Commonwealth Pharmacists Association and International Federation of Medical Students’ Associations.
18:00–19:30 Room XXIV	Addressing the health of the most vulnerable for an inclusive society. Organized by the delegations of Brazil, Cambodia, France, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Norway, the Philippines, Senegal, South Africa, Thailand and Viet Nam.

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12:30–14:00 Room XXIV	Scaling-up access to emergency and essential surgical, obstetric and anesthesia care for better health systems and sustainable development. Organized by the delegations of Australia, China, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mongolia, Namibia, Nicaragua, Tonga, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States of America, Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe, the International College of Surgeons and the World Council of Churches.

12:30–14:00 Room VII	Ending tuberculosis in the sustainable development agenda. Organized by the delegations of the Russian Federation and South Africa.
18:00–19:30 Room VII	Panel discussion on the role of regional cooperation in building regulatory and legal frameworks for noncommunicable disease (NCD) prevention and control. Organized by the delegations of Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Italy, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam.
18:00–19:30 Room IX	Safeguarding blood safety for the multi-transfused patients. Organized by International Alliance of Patients' Organizations, International Society of Blood Transfusion, Thalassaemia International Federation, World Federation of Hemophilia and Worldwide Network for Blood and Marrow Transplantation.
18:00–19:30 Room XXIV	Leaving no one behind in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): equity, gender and human rights policy to practice. Organized by the delegations of Canada, Chile, Indonesia, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nepal, Norway and Spain.

Saturday, 27 May 2017

08:00–08:45 Room IV	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
08:00–08:45 Room XVI	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO African Region.
08:00–08:50 Concordia 4	Nordic Group Meeting.
08:15–08:45 Room IX	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region.
08:15–08:45 Room XXIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO European Region.
08:30–08:50 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.

Monday, 29 May 2017

07:45–08:45 Room VII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Americas Region (AMRO/GRUA).
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- 18:00–19:30
Room VII Bridging the gap between evidence and policy: the role of Parliamentarians in advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Organized by the delegations of Austria, Bangladesh, Cameroon, the UNDP/UNFPA/UNICEF/WHO/World Bank Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction (HRP), Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the WHO Secretariat.
- 18:00–19:30
Room IX Community health workers as catalysts in the implementation of the recommendations by the High-Level Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth. Organized by Amref Health Africa and IntraHealth International Inc.

Tuesday, 30 May 2017

- 07:45–08:45
Room VII Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Americas Region (AMRO/GRUA).
- 08:00–08:45
Room IV Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
- 08:00–08:45
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- 08:00–08:50
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Room XXIII Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO European Region.
- 08:30–08:40
Room VIII Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.
- 18:00–19:30
Room IX Embodying the future: How to improve the nutrition status of adolescents”. Organized by the delegations of the Netherlands and Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition.
- 18:00–19:30
Room XXIV Commemoration of World No Tobacco Day 2017 — a threat to development. Organized by the delegations of Australia, Bhutan, Estonia, Georgia, India, Morocco, Panama, Senegal and Uganda.

Wednesday, 31 May 2017

- 08:00–08:45
Room IV Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
- 08:00–08:45
Room XVI Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO African Region.
- 08:00–08:50
Concordia 4 Nordic Group Meeting.
- 08:15–08:45
Room IX Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region.
- 08:15–08:45
Room XXIII Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO European Region.
- 08:30–08:50
Room VIII Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.

4. Arrangements for conduct of discussion in meetings

Plenary

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 individual statements in this debate to five minutes (550 words). Group or regional statements may last up to ten minutes (1100 words).

Delegates wishing to have their name placed on the list of speakers for the general discussion should notify the Office of Governing Bodies by email (piazzap@who.int). Copies of statements should be submitted preferably by email (interpret@who.int) or to the Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of the Assembly (Room A656) by the morning of Monday, 22 May 2017.

Theme of general discussion: “Building Better Systems for Health in the Age of Sustainable Development”

The Goals have been set, the Targets defined, and ways of working debated. There is now wide agreement good health and well-being depend on, and contribute to, social inclusion, shared prosperity, and environmental protection. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is a stimulus and an opportunity to build better systems for health and well-being — by strengthening health systems per se to achieve universal health coverage, and by recognizing that health is linked to productivity in other systems: agriculture, education, employment, energy, environment, and the economy.

Better systems for health contribute to prevention, promotion, treatment, rehabilitation and palliation. They are founded on fairness (leaving no one behind), driven by investment, run on renewable resources, sustained by science and innovation, and made accountable by measurement. The Seventieth World Health Assembly will be a forum for showing and sharing the health gains that can be made by following all of these pathways towards sustainable development.

Other meetings

Interpretation is provided in the official languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish) to help delegates follow the discussions. Delegates are requested to send a copy of statements they plan to make to interpret@who.int or to give a paper copy to the conference officers in the room at least 30 minutes before delivery. This does not prevent delegates from making changes on delivery but will facilitate clarity and accuracy in all languages. Under ‘Subject’ and at the top of the statement please state the name of the country/group, the meeting (e.g. Plenary, Committee A, Committee B, Executive Board) and the relevant agenda item number.

Individual statements in Committees A and B are limited to 3 minutes (330 words) and group statements to five minutes (550 words). Delegates are requested to deliver statements at a normal speaking pace. Rapid delivery risks impeding clarity and accuracy in interpretation. Statements provided in advance are treated as confidential and checked against delivery for the purpose of the official record.

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

This represents information received up to 22 May 2017:

Brazil	(The delegate of Brazil will speak on behalf of the Member States of the Region of the Americas)
Malta	(The delegate of Malta will speak on behalf of the European Union)
Qatar	(The representative of Qatar will give the statement of the Arab Health Ministers Council)
India	
China	
Cabo Verde	(The delegate of Cabo Verde will speak on behalf of the Member States of the African Region)
United States of America	
Germany	(The delegate of Germany will speak on behalf of the G-20)
Burkina Faso	
Canada	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	
Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela	(The delegate of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela will speak on behalf of the Non-aligned Movement (NAM))
Ghana	
Finland	
Ethiopia	
Mexico	
Singapore	
France	
Pakistan	
Australia	
Thailand	
Nigeria	
Indonesia	
Ecuador	
Kenya	
Cuba	
New Zealand	
Malaysia	
Maldives	
Côte d'Ivoire	
Italy	
Cyprus	(The delegate of Cyprus will speak on behalf of the Commonwealth Health Ministers)
Sri Lanka	(The delegate of Sri Lanka will speak on behalf of the Group of Fifteen)
Philippines	
Chile	
Russian Federation	
Senegal	
Viet Nam	
Islamic Republic of Iran	
Portugal	
Sweden	
Republic of Korea	
Luxembourg	

Colombia
Turkey
South Africa
Norway
Angola
Spain
Saudi Arabia
Lithuania
Turkmenistan
Monaco
Uruguay
Slovenia
Zambia
Peru
Latvia
Ukraine
Lebanon
Gabon
Belarus
Honduras
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Israel
United Republic of Tanzania
Japan
Poland
Dominican Republic
Greece
Zimbabwe
Paraguay
Tunisia
Uganda
Brunei Darussalam
Algeria
Mauritania
Iceland
Namibia
Swaziland
Cook Islands

(The delegate of the Cook Islands will speak on behalf of the Pacific Island Countries and Territories)

El Salvador
Jamaica
Argentina
Panama
Benin
Mongolia
Mozambique
Costa Rica
Kazakhstan
Togo
Seychelles
Barbados
Armenia
Afghanistan
Denmark
Timor-Leste

Cameroon
Republic of Moldova (The delegate of the Republic of Moldova will speak on behalf of the South-eastern Europe Health Network (SEEHN))
Georgia
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Solomon Islands
Bangladesh
Bhutan
Guatemala
Mauritius
Romania
Nicaragua
Syrian Arab Republic
Cambodia
Plurinational State of Bolivia
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Uzbekistan
Comoros
Guinea
Madagascar
Albania
Andorra
Nauru
Palau
Haiti
Azerbaijan
Marshall Islands
Iraq

Holy See
African Union
Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)
Order of Malta

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6. Announcements

Facilities

A business centre for delegates to the Health Assembly is available in Room A.821 for word processing and photocopying needs.

Open access to wireless connection is available in all important common areas in the Palais des Nations.

- World Health Organization web site: <http://www.who.int>
- World Health Assembly and Executive Board documentation: <http://apps.who.int/gb/>

WHO information products and souvenirs on sale

The WHO bookshop is located at the Palais des Nations in the new hall “Concordia” between doors 13 and 15. The latest publications and information products issued by WHO and its regional offices are available at a 50% discount. WHO souvenirs are also on display. The bookshop is open Monday to Friday from 09:00 to 16:30 at the Palais des Nations and from 09:00 to 16:30 at WHO Headquarters.

Personal mail

Delegates and representatives of nongovernmental organizations in official relations with WHO are kindly requested to collect **every day** their personal mail, messages, invitations at the enquiry desk.

Medical service

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WHA App

The World Health Assembly application allows you to receive updates on the WHA70 programme of work and access documentation directly on your mobile device. Search “World Health Assembly” in the store or scan the QR code below and download the application in your device. The ID and password to use the application can be obtained next to the WHA registration booth, starting on 18 May.



Video streaming

The Plenary, Committee A and Committee B sessions, as well as the technical briefing on the Ebola outbreak Ebola will be webcast in the six UN languages. The webcasts can be viewed on Mac and PCs, as well as all mobile devices including iPhone, iPad, Android and Windows-enabled phones.

- Arabic: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/events/2017/wha70/webstreaming/ar/index.html>
- Chinese: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/events/2017/wha70/webstreaming/zh/index.html>
- English: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/events/2017/wha70/webstreaming/en/index.html>
- French: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/events/2017/wha70/webstreaming/fr/index.html>
- Russian: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/events/2017/wha70/webstreaming/ru/index.html>
- Spanish: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/events/2017/wha70/webstreaming/es/index.html>

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