Seventieth World Health Assembly

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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.
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Ninth plenary meeting

Assembly Hall – Immediately following the closure of Committee A

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Item 9  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:

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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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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.
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 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. By invitation only.
18:00–20:00  Concordia 4  Regional coordination meeting of Member States of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

Thursday, 25 May 2017

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12:30–14:00 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 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.
18:00–19:30 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 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 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 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.
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<td>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.</td>
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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
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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
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Cameroon
Republic of Moldova
(The delegate of the Republic of Moldova will speak on behalf of the South-eastern Europe Health Network (SEEHN))

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Solomon Islands
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Mauritius
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6. Announcements

Facilities

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

- World Health Organization website: http://www.who.int
- World Health Assembly and Executive Board documentation: http://apps.who.int/gb/

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Personal mail

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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
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