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2. Report of meetings

First plenary meeting

In the chair: Dr Ahmed Mohammed Al-Saidi (Oman)
President of the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly

Item 1 Opening of the Health Assembly

Dr Ahmed Mohammed Al-Saidi opened the Seventieth World Health Assembly and welcomed, on behalf of the Health Assembly and the World Health Organization, the special guest, H.E. Federal Councillor Alain Berset, Vice-President and Head of the Department of Home Affairs of the Swiss Confederation, and officials of the Republic, Canton, City and University of Geneva, and of agencies of the UN system, as well as representatives of the Executive Board.

The President gave the floor to H.E. Federal Councillor Alain Berset, Vice-President and Head of the Department of Home Affairs of the Swiss Confederation.

Item 1.1 Appointment of the Committee on Credentials

On proposal of the President, and in accordance with Rule 23 of the Rules of Procedure of the Health Assembly, the Assembly appointed the Committee on Credentials constituted by the delegates of the following 12 Member States:

- Angola
- Belarus
- Cambodia
- Italy
- Japan
- Lithuania
- Mali
- Myanmar
- Panama
- Paraguay
- South Sudan
- Yemen

Item 1.2 Election of the President of the Seventieth World Health Assembly

In accordance with Rule 24 of the Rules of Procedure, the President invited the Health Assembly to consider the list of names of delegates proposed for the nominations of President and five Vice-Presidents of the Seventieth World Health Assembly.

In accordance with Rule 78 of the Rules of Procedure, the Health Assembly approved the nomination of Professor Veronica Skvortsova (Russian Federation) and elected her as President of the Seventieth World Health Assembly by acclamation. Professor Veronica Skvortsova took the chair.

Item 1.3 Election of the five Vice-Presidents, the Chairmen of the main committees, and establishment of the General Committee

The President invited the Health Assembly to consider the proposals received for the nomination for the offices of Vice-Presidents.

- Mr Nandi Tuaine Glassie (Cook Islands)
- Dr Fawziya Abikar Nur (Somalia)
- Dr Arlindo Nascimento do Rosario (Cabo Verde)
- Mr Patrick Pengel (Suriname)
- Mr Choe Myong Nam (Democratic People’s Republic of Korea)

were elected Vice-Presidents of the Health Assembly by acclamation.¹

¹ The names of the five Vice-Presidents are shown in the order in which they were drawn by lot.
Committee A: Dr Hanan Mohamed Al-Kuwari (Qatar) was elected chairman by acclamation.

Committee B: Dr Molwyn Joseph (Antigua and Barbuda) was elected chairman by acclamation.

In accordance with Rule 29 of the Rules of Procedure, the delegates of the following 17 countries were elected members of the General Committee, along with the President and the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly, and the Chairmen of the main committees:

- China
- Cuba
- Djibouti
- Dominican Republic
- Dominican Republic
- France
- Guinea
- Kyrgyzstan
- Malawi
- Maldives
- Malta
- Mozambique
- Norway
- Philippines
- Rwanda
- Togo
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- United States of America

Second plenary meeting

In the chair: Professor Veronica Skvortsova (Russian Federation)
President of the Seventieth World Health Assembly

The President of the Seventieth World Health Assembly opened the second plenary and addressed the Health Assembly.

Item 1.4 Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items to the main committees

The President reported that the General Committee recommended the following changes to the provisional agenda (document A70/1 Rev.1):

- To delete the following items from the provisional agenda:
  - Item 5 Admission of new Members and Associate Members
  - Item 20.6 Assessment of new Members and Associate Members
  - Item 20.7 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules
  - Item 23.5 Agreements with intergovernmental organizations

- To move agenda item 20.3: “Special arrangements for settlement of arrears” from Committee B to Committee A for consideration.

- Not to include a supplementary agenda item entitled “Inviting Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer” on the agenda.

The President informed the Assembly that when previous Health Assemblies had considered a similar proposal, the Assembly had agreed to follow a predictable, respectful and orderly process for handling the matter. To facilitate this work, the President proposed that the Assembly follow the same process. The Assembly agreed with this proposal.

Two delegations in support of the recommendation of the General Committee and two delegations in opposition to the recommendation of the General Committee were invited to take the floor. The delegates of China, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Cuba and Palau took the floor.

The Assembly accepted the recommendation of the General Committee not to include a supplementary agenda item entitled “Inviting Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer” on the agenda. The recommendation of the General Committee was approved and the provisional agenda in accordance with the General-Committee’s recommendation adopted was as amended.

These changes will be reflected in document A70/1 Rev.2.
Item 2  
Report of the Executive Board on its 139th and 140th sessions
The Chairman of the Executive Board, Dr Raymond Busuttil (Malta), gave the report.

Item 4  
Post of Director-General
Item 4.1  
Procedures for the conduct of the election
The President invited the Assembly to consider subitem 4.1 Procedures for the conduct of the election and invited the Office of the Legal Counsel to provide explanatory remarks concerning the draft decision recommended to WHA70 in decision EB140(2) and as contained in document A70/4 Note by the Legal Counsel.

The decision was adopted.

In accordance with resolution WHA69.18, the order in which candidates for the post of Director-General will address the Assembly during the fifth Plenary meeting was decided by drawing of lots. The order will accordingly be as follows:

1. Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
2. Dr David Nabarro
3. Dr Sania Nishtar

The President announced that Members who wished to make suggestions regarding the annual election of Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board should do so not later than 16:00 on Wednesday, 24 May 2017 in room A656. These should be submitted to the Assistant to the Secretary of the Health Assembly.

Third plenary meeting
In the chair: Professor Veronica Skvortsova (Russian Federation)  
President of the Seventieth World Health Assembly

Item 3  
Address by Dr Margaret Chan, Director-General
The Director-General presented her report on the work of WHO.

General discussion
The President resumed consideration of item 3 with special attention to the theme “Building Better Systems for Health in the Age of Sustainable Development”. The President invited the first two speakers to the rostrum: the delegate of Brazil (who spoke on behalf of the Member States of the Region of the Americas) and the delegate of Malta (who spoke on behalf of the European Union). These speakers were followed by the delegates of Kuwait (who spoke on behalf of the Arab Health Ministers’ Council), India, China, Cabo Verde (who spoke on behalf of the Member States of the African Region), United States of America, Germany, Burkina Faso, Canada, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (who spoke on behalf of the Non-aligned Movement (NAM)), Ghana, Finland, Ethiopia, Mexico, Singapore, France, Pakistan, Australia, Thailand, Nigeria, Ecuador, Kenya and Cuba.

– Report of the Committee on Credentials
The President presented the report of the Committee on Credentials as contained in document A70/66. The floor was then given to the Office of the Legal Counsel who notified the Assembly of corrections to the English and Russian versions of the report. The report was approved by the Health Assembly.
First meeting of Committee A

Chairman: Dr Hanan Mohamed Al-Kuwari (Qatar)

Item 10  Opening of the Committee

In accordance with Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the Committee elected Dr Husnoo Mohammed (Mauritius) and Mr Philip Davies (Fiji) Vice-Chairmen, and Mr Ioannis Baskozos (Greece) Rapporteur.

One delegation took the floor to request that the European Union be invited to attend and participate without vote in the deliberations of the meetings, sub-committees, drafting groups or other subdivisions thereof, and addressing matters falling within the European Union competence in the Seventieth World Health Assembly.

The Chairman invited the Secretariat and his Excellency, M.O. Illunga Kalenga, Minister of Public Health of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to brief the Committee on the Ebola situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Item 12  Preparedness, surveillance and response

Item 12.1  Health Emergencies

and


The Chairman informed the Committee that subitems 12.1 and 12.4 would be taken together.

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited the Chair of the Independent Oversight and Advisory Committee for the WHO Health Emergencies Programme, Dr Precious Matsoso (South Africa), to introduce the report contained in document A70/8. Comments were then invited from the floor. It was announced that discussion of the subitems would resume at the next meeting of Committee A.

The meeting was adjourned.
3. 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.

**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.

**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.
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.
4. Other meetings

The Secretariat has been advised that the following meetings will take place during the Seventieth World Health Assembly.

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12:30–14:00  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  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  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  Addressing access barriers and affordability challenges for cancer drugs. Organized by OXFAM, Knowledge Ecology International and Stichting Health Action International.
18:00–19:30  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  Informal meeting with the Ministers of Health of guinea-worm affected countries. Organized by the WHO Secretariat. By invitation only.
18:00–20:00  Regional coordination meeting of Member States of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

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the delegations of the Netherlands and Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition.
Room IX

18:00–19:30  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.
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5. 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).

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 that 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.
6. Provisional list of speakers for the general discussion in plenary

Latvia
Malaysia
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Côte d'Ivoire
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Philippines
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Islamic Republic of Iran
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Republic of Korea
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Monaco
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
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Japan
Uruguay
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Zimbabwe
Paraguay
Uganda

(The delegate of Cyprus will speak on behalf of the Commonwealth Health Ministers)
(The delegate of Sri Lanka will speak on behalf of the Group of Fifteen)
Brunei Darussalam
Algeria
Mauritania
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
Mali
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))
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7. Announcements

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– World Health Assembly and Executive Board documentation: http://apps.who.int/gb/

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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.

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