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### Programme of meetings for Tuesday, 23 May 2017

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# 1. Programme of work of the Health Assembly

**Tuesday, 23 May 2017**

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Documents A70/12, A70/13 and EB140/2017/REC/1, resolution EB140.R5

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- Item 11.1 – Overview of financial situation: Programme budget 2016–2017  
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- Item 15.3 – Public health dimension of the world drug problem  
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- Item 15.8 – Prevention of deafness and hearing loss  
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- Item 16.1 – Progress in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development  
Documents A70/35 and A70/A/CONF./2
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Room XVII – 09:00 and 14:30

#### Item 23 Management, legal and governance matters

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Documents A70/50, A70/50 Add.1, A70/50 Add.2, A70/64 and A70/INF./3
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- Item 23.4 – Proposed Infrastructure Fund (consolidating the Real Estate Fund and IT Fund)  
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**Item 24****Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations**

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**Finalization of resolutions and reports****Tuesday, 30 May 2017****Twelfth and thirteenth meetings of Committee A****Room XVIII – 09:00 and 14:30****Item 17****Progress reports**

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**Noncommunicable diseases**

- A. WHO global disability action plan 2014–2021: better health for all people with disability (resolution WHA67.7 (2014))
- 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))

**Communicable diseases**

- D. Eradication of dracunculiasis (resolution WHA64.16 (2011))
- E. Global strategy and targets for tuberculosis prevention, care and control after 2015 (resolution WHA67.1 (2014))
- F. Global technical strategy and targets for malaria 2016–2030 (resolution WHA68.2 (2015))

**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))

**Health systems**

- I. Progress in the rational use of medicines (resolution WHA60.16 (2007))
- J. Regulatory system strengthening for medical products (resolution WHA67.20 (2014))
- K. Strengthening emergency and essential surgical care and anaesthesia as a component of universal health coverage (resolution WHA68.15 (2015))

**Preparedness, surveillance and response**

- L. Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks (resolution WHA60.1 (2007))
- M. Enhancement of laboratory biosafety (resolution WHA58.29 (2005))

**Wednesday, 31 May 2017****Fourteenth meeting of Committee A****Room XVIII – 09:00****Finalization of resolutions and reports****Ninth plenary meeting****Assembly Hall – Immediately following the closure of Committee A****Item 8 (continued)****Reports of the main committees****Item 9****Closure of the Health Assembly**

## 2. Report of meetings

### First plenary meeting

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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	Mali
Belarus	Myanmar
Cambodia	Panama
Italy	Paraguay
Japan	South Sudan
Lithuania	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.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 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	Malta
Cuba	Mozambique
Djibouti	Norway
Dominican Republic	Philippines
France	Rwanda
Guinea	Togo
Kyrgyzstan	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Malawi	United States of America
Maldives	

## Second plenary meeting

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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 Busuttill (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**

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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.

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

Item 12.4                Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)

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.

**Wednesday, 24 May 2017**

**Room XII**

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#### **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**

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#### **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.

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### 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.

## 4. Other meetings

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

### Tuesday, 23 May 2017

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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 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.
08:30–08:50 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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08:30–08:50 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.

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).

## Thursday, 25 May 2017

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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.

## Friday, 26 May 2017

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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 Room XVI	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO African Region.
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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

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- 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

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- 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  
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  
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- 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.
- 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

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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.
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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

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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.

## 5. Arrangements for conduct of discussion in meetings

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### 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](mailto:piazzap@who.int)). Copies of statements should be submitted preferably by email ([interpret@who.int](mailto: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 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](mailto: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  
Maldives  
New Zealand  
Italy  
Côte d'Ivoire  
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  
Indonesia  
Senegal  
Viet Nam  
Islamic Republic of Iran  
Portugal  
Sweden  
Republic of Korea  
Luxembourg  
Colombia  
Turkey  
South Africa  
Norway  
Angola  
Spain  
Saudi Arabia  
Lithuania  
Turkmenistan  
Iceland  
Poland  
Slovenia  
Ukraine  
Zambia  
Peru  
Lebanon  
Gabon  
Belarus  
Honduras  
Monaco  
Democratic People's Republic of Korea  
Israel  
United Republic of Tanzania  
Japan  
Uruguay  
Tunisia  
Greece  
Zimbabwe  
Paraguay  
Uganda

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))

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

Guyana

Niger

Sao Tome and Principe

Djibouti

Equatorial Guinea  
Lesotho  
Chad  
Congo  
Nepal  
Malawi  
Burundi

The Holy See  
African Union  
Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)  
Order of Malta  
The Organization of Islamic Cooperation

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## 7. 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

Delegates who require medical attention can call 022 791 3040.

### 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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