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Facilities available on Thursday, 25 May 2017

Please note that today, Thursday 25 May, is an official holiday in Geneva. The following services at the Palais des Nations will be affected:

Restaurants: Restaurant (building A, 8th floor) closed
 Delegates' Lounge (adjacent to Room VII, 3rd floor) closed
 Main cafeteria (building A): 11:30–14:30
 Snack bar (Concordia area between doors 13 and 15): 07:30–18:00
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Post office: The post office, located near door 6, will be closed.

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1. Programme of work of the Health Assembly

Thursday, 25 May 2017

Fifth and sixth meetings of Committee A **Room XVIII – 09:00 and 14:30**

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- Including election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur
- Item 19** **Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan**
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- Item 20.2 – Status of collection of assessed contributions, including Member States in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution
- Documents A70/41 and A70/60
- Item 20.4 – Scale of assessments for 2018–2019
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- Item 21** **Audit and oversight matters**
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- Item 22.4 – Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board
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- Item 23** **Management, legal and governance matters**
- Item 23.1 – Overview of WHO reform implementation
- Documents A70/50, A70/50 Add.1, A70/50 Add.2, A70/64 and A70/INF./3
- Item 23.2 – Governance reform: follow-up to decision WHA69(8) (2016)
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Friday, 26 May 2017

Eighth plenary meeting

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- Item 13.7 – Promoting the health of refugees and migrants
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- Item 14** **Communicable diseases**
- Item 14.1 – Global vaccine action plan
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- Item 14.2 – Global vector control response
 Documents A70/26 Rev.1 and A70/26 Rev.1 Add.1
- Item 15** **Noncommunicable diseases**
- Item 15.1 – Preparation for the third High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases, to be held in 2018
 Documents A70/27 and EB140/2017/REC/1, resolution EB140.R7
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Third and fourth meetings of Committee B

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Saturday, 27 May 2017

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Room XVIII – 09:00 and 14:30

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Item 16 Promoting health through the life course

- Item 16.1 – Progress in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
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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

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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

Sixth plenary meeting

In the chair: Mr Nandi Tuaine Glassie (Cook Islands)
First Vice-President of the Seventieth World Health Assembly
Later: Mr Patrick Pengel (Suriname)
Fourth Vice-President of the Seventieth World Health Assembly

Item 3 (continued)

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 Iraq and the delegate of Peru. These speakers were followed by the delegates of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Monaco, Angola, Israel, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Japan, Uruguay, Belarus, Greece, Zimbabwe, Paraguay, Uganda, Brunei Darussalam, Algeria, Mauritania, Namibia, Swaziland, Cook Islands (who spoke on behalf of the Pacific Island Countries and Territories), El Salvador, Jamaica, Argentina, Panama, Benin, Mozambique, Nepal, Costa Rica, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Togo, Bangladesh, Seychelles, Barbados, Denmark, Madagascar, Andorra and Timor-Leste. The meeting was adjourned.

Third meeting of Committee A

Chairman: Dr Hanan Mohamed Al-Kuwari (Qatar)

Later: Mr Philip Davies (Fiji)

The Chairman opened the meeting and informed the Committee that Dr Husnoo Mohammed (Mauritius) was no longer able to serve as Vice-Chairman to Committee A. The Committee elected Mr Anandrao Hurree (Mauritius) to serve as Vice-Chairman in his place.

Item 11

Programme and budget matters

Item 11.1

Overview of financial situation: Programme budget 2016–2017

The Chairman opened agenda item 11, subitem 11.1 and drew the Committee's attention to the relevant documents A70/6 and A70/58. Comments were invited from the floor. The Committee noted the report, thus closing the subitem.

Item 11.2

Proposed programme budget 2018–2019

The Chairman opened the subitem and drew the Committee's attention to the relevant documents A70/7, A70/INF./2, A70/INF./5 and A70/INF./6 and asked that they consider the draft resolution *Proposed programme budget 2018–2019* contained in document A70/59. The floor was given to the Chair of the Programme Budget and Administration Committee (PBAC), Dr Viroj Tangcharoensathien, (Thailand), who made some introductory remarks. The floor was opened for discussion and the Secretariat responded to issues raised.

The Committee approved the draft resolution and the subitem was closed.

Item 12 (continued)

Preparedness, surveillance and response

Item 12.1 (continued) and

Health emergencies

Item 12.4 (continued)

Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)

The Chairman reopened the subitems and invited comments from the floor. It was announced that discussion of the subitems would resume at a subsequent meeting of Committee A pending the outcome of informal consultations on document A70/16. Discussion of the subitem was suspended.

Seventh plenary meeting

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

Later: Mr Patrick Pengel (Suriname)
Fourth Vice-President of the Seventieth World Health Assembly

The President informed the Health Assembly that formal credentials have been received from Saint Kitts and Nevis. In accordance with previous practice, the President examined these credentials and found them to be in conformity with the Rules of Procedure of the Health Assembly. The President recommended that Saint Kitts and Nevis be accepted as having formal credentials. The Health Assembly approved the President's recommendation.

Item 3 (continued)

General discussion

The President resumed consideration of item 3 and invited the first two speakers to the rostrum: the delegate of Georgia and the delegate of Uzbekistan. These speakers were followed by the delegates of Guyana, Republic of Moldova (who spoke on behalf the South-eastern Europe Health Network (SEEHN)), Afghanistan, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Solomon Islands, Bhutan, Guatemala, Mauritius, Nicaragua, Syrian Arab Republic, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Guinea, Nauru, Palau, Haiti, Marshall Islands, Niger, Sao Tome and Principe, Lesotho, Chad, Malawi, Congo, Burundi, Tuvalu, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Holy See, African Union, Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), Order of Malta and The Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

Fourth meeting of Committee A

Chairman: Dr Hanan Mohamed Al-Kuwari (Qatar)

Later: Mr Philip Davies (Fiji)

Item 12 (continued)

Preparedness, surveillance and response

Item 12.1 (continued) Health emergencies

and

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

The Chairman reopened the subitems and invited the Chair of the Independent Oversight and Advisory Committee for the WHO Health Emergencies Programme, Dr Precious Matsoso (South Africa), to respond issues raised during the previous meeting of Committee A. The Chairman then invited the Secretariat to respond. Comments were invited from the floor. The Committee noted the reports contained in documents A70/8, A70/9, A70/10, A70/11, thus closing agenda subitem 12.1. The Committee also noted document A70/15 and decided that discussion of subitem 12.4 be suspended pending the outcome of the informal consultations and be resumed at a subsequent meeting of the Committee.

Item 12.2

Antimicrobial resistance

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited the Chair of the Executive Board to make introductory remarks. The Committee was invited to consider the reports contained in documents A70/12 and A70/13 and the draft resolution EB140.R5 *Improving the prevention, diagnosis and management of sepsis* contained in document EB140/2017/REC/1. The Committee noted the reports and the Chairman proposed that the agenda subitem remain open pending processing of the proposed amendments.

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.

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.

Friday, 26 May 2017

Room XII

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 (SDG 12).

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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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.
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, Singapore, 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.

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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, Italy, the UNDP/UNFPA/UNICEF/WHO/World Bank Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction (HRP), Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH) 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.

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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.

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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).

Other meetings

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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. Announcements

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

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- 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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