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## Seventieth World Health Assembly

### Preliminary Journal

1 May 2017

This preliminary journal is intended to give delegates, representatives and other participants advance indications of the Health Assembly's tentative programme of work. Additional information can be found in the *Guide for delegates to the World Health Assembly* (document A70/DIV./2).

The Journal does not constitute an official record of the Health Assembly's proceedings. The Journal is published in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish on every working day during the Health Assembly.

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### Badges

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### Interpretation

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## 1. Date, location and working hours

The Seventieth World Health Assembly will open in Geneva on Monday, **22 May 2017 at 09:30**. The Health Assembly will be held in the Palais des Nations, located near the Place des Nations and Avenue de la Paix and most easily reached by the entrance gate on the Route de Pregny. The working hours of the Health Assembly are from 09:00 to 12:00 and from 14:30 to 17:30, except for the first plenary meeting, which will commence at 09:30.

The Health Assembly will close no later than Wednesday, 31 May 2017, as decided by the Executive Board at its 140th session.

## 2. Tentative programme of work of the Health Assembly

**Monday, 22 May 2017**

**First plenary meeting** **09:30**

Delegations will sit in the English alphabetical order of names of Member States commencing with the letter “L” as decided by the drawing of lots. Delegations are requested to take their seats a few minutes before 09:30.

**Item 1** **Opening of the Health Assembly**

Item 1.1 – Appointment of the Committee on Credentials

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

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

**General Committee<sup>1</sup>** **Immediately after conclusion of Item 1.3 in plenary**

Examination and submission to the Health Assembly of recommendations on such questions as:

- Adoption of the provisional agenda as proposed by the Executive Board
- Addition of supplementary items, if any, to the provisional agenda
- Initial allocation to the main committees of items of the agenda
- Deferment of any item to a future Health Assembly
- Programme of work of the Health Assembly

**Second plenary meeting** **Immediately after conclusion of the General Committee**

– **Presidential address**

**Item 1 (continued)** **Opening of the Health Assembly**

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

**Item 2** Report of the Executive Board on its 139th and 140th sessions

– Announcement by the President inviting suggestions regarding election of Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board

**Item 4** **Post of Director-General**

Item 4.1 – Procedures for the conduct of the election

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<sup>1</sup> Rules 29 and 30 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly define membership of and attendance at the General Committee. Web link: <http://www.who.int/governance>.

**Committee on Credentials** 13:30

**Third plenary meeting** 14:30

**Item 3** **Address by Dr Margaret Chan, Director-General**

– General discussion

– Report of the Committee on Credentials

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

**Item 3 (continued)** **Address by Dr Margaret Chan, Director-General**

– General discussion

**First meeting of Committee A** **After commencement of general discussion under Item 3**

**Item 10** **Opening of the Committee**

– Including election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur

**Item 12** **Preparedness, surveillance and response**

**Tuesday, 23 May 2017**

**Fourth plenary meeting** 09:00

**Item 3 (continued)** – General discussion

**Second meeting of Committee A** 09:00

**Item 12 (continued)** **Preparedness, surveillance and response**

**Fifth plenary meeting** 14:00

**Item 4 (continued)** **Post of Director-General** (private session)

Item 4.2 (continued) – Appointment of the Director-General

- Statements by candidates for the post of Director-General (webcast)
- Election for the post of Director-General (not webcast)

**Item 4 (continued)** **Post of Director-General** (public session)

Item 4.2 (continued) – Appointment of the Director-General

Item 4.3 – Contract of the Director-General

## Wednesday, 24 May 2017

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<b>Sixth and seventh plenary meetings</b>	<b>09:00 and 14:30</b>
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**Item 3** (continued) – General discussion

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<b>Third and fourth meetings of Committee A</b>	<b>09:00 and 14:30</b>
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**Item 11** Programme and budget matters

**Item 12** (continued) Preparedness, surveillance and response

**Item 13** Health systems

## Thursday, 25 May 2017

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<b>Fifth and sixth meetings of Committee A</b>	<b>09:00 and 14:30</b>
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**Item 13** (continued) Health systems

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<b>General Committee</b>	<b>14:00</b>
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<b>First and second meetings of Committee B</b>	<b>09:00 and 14:30</b>
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**Item 18** Opening of the Committee

– 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

**Item 20** Financial matters

**Item 21** Audit and oversight matters

## Friday, 26 May 2017

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<b>Eighth plenary meeting</b>	<b>09:00</b>
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**Item 7** Awards

**Item 6** Executive Board: election

**Item 8** Reports of the main committees

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<b>Seventh and eighth meetings of Committee A</b>	<b>Immediately after conclusion of Item 8 in plenary and 14:30</b>
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**Item 13** (continued) Health systems

**Item 14** Communicable diseases

<b>Third and fourth meetings of Committee B</b>		<b>Immediately after conclusion of Item 8 in plenary and 14:30</b>
<b>Item 22</b>	<b>Staffing matters</b>	
<b>Item 23</b>	<b>Management, legal and governance matters</b>	

### **Saturday, 27 May 2017**

<b>Ninth meeting of Committee A</b>		<b>09:00</b>
<b>Item 14 (continued)</b>	<b>Communicable diseases</b>	
<b>Item 15</b>	<b>Noncommunicable diseases</b>	

### **Monday, 29 May 2017**

<b>Tenth and eleventh meetings of Committee A</b>		<b>09:00 and 14:30</b>
<b>Item 15 (continued)</b>	<b>Noncommunicable diseases</b>	
<b>Item 16</b>	<b>Promoting health through the life course</b>	

<b>Fifth and sixth meetings of Committee B</b>		<b>09:00 and 14:30</b>
<b>Item 24</b>	<b>Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations</b>	
	<b>Finalization of resolutions and reports</b>	

### **Tuesday, 30 May 2017**

<b>Twelfth and thirteenth meetings of Committee A</b>		<b>09:00 and 14:30</b>
<b>Item 17</b>	<b>Progress reports</b>	

### **Wednesday, 31 May 2017**

<b>Fourteenth meeting of Committee A</b>		<b>09:00</b>
	<b>Finalization of resolutions and reports</b>	

<b>Ninth plenary meeting</b>		<b>Immediately following the closure of Committee A</b>
<b>Item 8 (continued)</b>	<b>Reports of the main committees</b>	
<b>Item 9</b>	<b>Closure of the Health Assembly</b>	

### 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. This represents information received up to 1 May 2017:

### Monday, 22 May 2017

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08:00–09:00 Room IV	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
08:00–09:00 Room XVI	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO African Region.
08:15–08:45 Room IX	Meeting of the Arab Ministers of Health.
08:20–09:20 Room VII	Meeting of heads of delegations of Member States of the Region of the Americas.
08:30–09:20 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.
08:30–09:20 Concordia 4	Nordic Group meeting.
08:45–09:15 Room IX	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region.
12:00–14:00 Concordia 4	Meeting of the delegations of the Pacific Island countries.
12:45–14:15 Room IX	Gearing up towards sustainable health development by 2030: are we walking the talk? Organized by the delegations of Bangladesh, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Thailand and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.
12:45–14:15 Room XXIII	Reforming the work of WHO in the African Region - the Transformation Agenda. Organized by the delegation of Botswana.
12:45–14:15 Room XXIV	Attacks on healthcare. Where do we stand one year after the adoption of United Nations Security Council resolution 2286? Organized by the delegations of Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Finland, Italy, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, Uruguay, the International Committee of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Médecins Sans Frontières International (MSF) and the World Medical Association.
17:45–19:15 Room VIII	Launch of the report and recommendations of the Working Group for the Health and Human Rights of Women, Children and Adolescents. Organized by the delegations of Australia, Canada, Chile, Fiji, Finland, France, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Sweden and Uruguay.
17:45–19:15 Room XXIII	The International Health Regulations (IHR) and the impact of the Global Health Security Agenda: achieving results and sustaining progress. Organized by the delegations of Canada, Finland, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Kenya, the Netherlands, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia and the United States of America.

17:45–19:15  
Room XXIV                      Development of new technologies to prevent future health crises: the role of the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI). Organized by the delegations of Germany, Japan, Norway, Rwanda and the United States of America.

## **Tuesday, 23 May 2017**

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07:45–08:45                      Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Americas Region  
Room VII                              (AMRO/GRUA).

08:00–08:45                      Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.  
Room IV

08:00–08:45                      Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO African Region.  
Room XVI

08:00–08:50                      Nordic Group Meeting.  
Concordia 4

08:15–08:45                      Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean  
Room IX                              Region.

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

12:00–13:45                      Ninth meeting of the Ministers of Health of the Non-aligned Movement (NAM).  
Room XII

12:15–13:45                      The role of regulators in global health emergencies. Organized by the delegations of  
Room XXIII                              Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, Singapore  
and the United States of America.

12:15–13:45                      Stronger national health systems underpinning stronger health security. Organized by  
Room XXIV                              the delegations of Australia, Indonesia, Mexico, Republic of Korea, the Philippines,  
Turkey and the United Republic of Tanzania.

## **Wednesday, 24 May 2017**

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07:45–08:45                      Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Americas Region  
Room VII                              (AMRO/GRUA).

08:00–08:45                      Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.  
Room IV

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Room XXIII

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

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 XV	G5 meeting — Afghanistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Pakistan and the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean. <i>By invitation only.</i>
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 and South Africa.
12:30–14:00 Room XXIV	Citizen-led accountability in Agenda 2030 implementation. 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 and Uganda.
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 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>

## Thursday, 25 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).
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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, 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 XXIV	Addressing the health of vulnerable populations 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).
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08:30–08:50 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.
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.
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 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 and Norway.

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08:30–08:50 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.
12:30–14:00 Room VII	Annual Ministerial progress review meeting on Start Free Stay Free AIDS Free. Organized by the delegations of Lesotho, Malawi, Paraguay and Swaziland.
18:00–19:30 Room VII	Building 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 and Cameroon.

## 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.
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.
08:30–08:40 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.
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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## 5. Arrangements for conduct of discussion in plenary 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 ([piazza@who.int](mailto:piazza@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) 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

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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. Provisional list of speakers for the general discussion in plenary

This represents information received up to 1 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 the Malta will speak on behalf of the European Union)
Qatar	(The representative of the Qatar will give the statement of the Arab Health Ministers Council)
India	
China	
Ethiopia	(The delegate of Ethiopia will speak on behalf of the Member States of the African Region)
United States of America	
Germany	(The delegate of the Germany will speak on behalf of the G-20)
Burkina Faso	
Australia	
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	
Mexico	
Singapore	
France	
Pakistan	
Sri Lanka	(The delegate of Sri Lanka will speak on behalf of the Group of Fifteen)
Canada	
Nigeria	
Italy	
Indonesia	
Ecuador	
Côte d'Ivoire	
Cuba	
Malaysia	
New Zealand	
Maldives	
Kenya	
Thailand	
Cyprus	(The delegate of Cyprus will speak on behalf of the Commonwealth Health Ministers)
Philippines	
Chile	
Russian Federation	
Viet Nam	
Islamic Republic of Iran	
Portugal	
Israel	
Republic of Korea	
Luxembourg	
Senegal	



Colombia  
Turkey  
South Africa  
Turkmenistan  
Saudi Arabia  
Lithuania  
Norway  
Monaco  
Uruguay  
Slovenia  
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