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Programme of meetings for Tuesday, 22 May 2018

Time	Plenary <i>Assembly Hall</i>	Committee A <i>Room XVIII</i>	Others
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14:00			Committee on credentials <i>Room VII</i>
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1. Programme of work of the Health Assembly

Tuesday, 22 May 2018

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- Item 6 Executive Board: election**
- Item 8 (continued) Reports of the main committees**

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- Item 12.7 – Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework for the sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits
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- Item 12.9 – Eradication of poliomyelitis
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Communicable diseases

- A. Global health sector strategies on HIV, viral hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections, for the period 2016–2021 (resolution WHA69.22 (2016))
- B. Eradication of dracunculiasis (resolution WHA64.16 (2011))
- C. Elimination of schistosomiasis (resolution WHA65.21 (2012))

Noncommunicable diseases

- D. Public health dimension of the world drug problem (decision WHA70(18) (2017))
- E. WHO global plan of action to strengthen the role of the health system within a national multisectoral response to address interpersonal violence, in particular against women and girls, and against children (resolution WHA69.5 (2016))
- F. Global burden of epilepsy and the need for coordinated action at the country level to address its health, social and public knowledge implications (resolution WHA68.20 (2015))
- G. Comprehensive mental health action plan 2013–2020 (resolution WHA66.8 (2013))
- H. Comprehensive and coordinated efforts for the management of autism spectrum disorders (resolution WHA67.8 (2014))

Promoting health through the life course

- I. Global strategy and action plan on ageing and health 2016–2020: towards a world in which everyone can live a long and healthy life (resolution WHA69.3 (2016))
- J. Reproductive health: strategy to accelerate progress towards the attainment of international development goals and targets (resolution WHA57.12 (2004))

Health systems

- K. Promoting the health of refugees and migrants (resolution WHA70.15 (2017))
- L. Strengthening integrated, people-centred health services (resolution WHA69.24 (2016))
- M. Promoting innovation and access to quality, safe, efficacious and affordable medicines for children (resolution WHA69.20 (2016))
- N. Sustainable health financing structures and universal coverage (resolution WHA64.9 (2011))
- O. Availability, safety and quality of blood products (resolution WHA63.12 (2010))
- P. Human organ and tissue transplantation (resolution WHA63.22 (2010))
- Q. WHO strategy on research for health (resolution WHA63.21 (2010))
- R. Workers' health: global plan of action (resolution WHA60.26 (2007))

Health emergencies programme

- S. Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks (resolution WHA60.1 (2007))

Saturday, 26 May 2018

Tenth meeting of Committee A

Room XVIII – 09:00

Finalization of resolutions and reports

Seventh meeting of Committee B

Room XVII – 09:00

Finalization of resolutions and reports

Seventh plenary meeting

Assembly Hall – Immediately following the closure of Committees A and B

Item 8 (continued) Reports of the main committees

Item 9 Closure of the Health Assembly

2. Report of meetings

First plenary meeting

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

Item 1 **Opening of the Health Assembly**

Mr Nandi Tuaine Glassie opened the Seventy-first World Health Assembly and welcomed, on behalf of the Health Assembly and the World Health Organization, the special guests, H.E. Mr Alain Berset, President of the Swiss Confederation, H.E. Paul Kagame, President of Rwanda, Mr Michael Møller, Director-General of the United Nations Office in Geneva, 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 Mr Michael Møller, Director-General of the United Nations Office in Geneva, followed by H.E. Mr Alain Berset, President 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:

Bahrain	Nepal
El Salvador	Niger
Iceland	Sao Tome and Principe
Jamaica	Serbia
Lesotho	Solomon Islands
Mongolia	Turkmenistan

Item 1.2 Election of the President of the Seventy-first 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 Seventy-first World Health Assembly.

In accordance with Rule 78 of the Rules of Procedure, the Health Assembly approved the nomination of Dr Pagwesese David Parirenyatwa (Zimbabwe) and elected him as President of the Seventy-first World Health Assembly by acclamation. Dr Parirenyatwa 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.

Dr F. Duque III (the Philippines)
Ms K. Abdul Samad Abdulla (Maldives)
Dr Y. Birtanov (Kazakhstan)
Dr D. Elmi Okieh (Djibouti)
Dr R. Sánchez Cárdenas (Dominican Republic)

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: Mr Arun Singhal (India) was elected chairman by acclamation.
Committee B: Dr Feroz Firozuddin (Afghanistan) 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:

Argentina	Madagascar
Barbados	Mauritania
Botswana	Nigeria
Bulgaria	Russian Federation
China	Somalia
Cuba	Turkey
Fiji	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
France	United States of America
Gabon	

Second plenary meeting

In the chair: Dr Pagwesese David Parirenyatwa (Zimbabwe)
President of the Seventy-first World Health Assembly

The President of the Seventy-first World Health Assembly opened the second plenary and addressed the Health Assembly.

Item 1 (continued) Opening of 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 to not include a supplementary agenda item entitled “Inviting Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer”.

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, Marshall Islands, Pakistan, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 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 President reported that the General Committee also recommended the following changes to the provisional agenda (document A71/1 Rev.1):

- To delete the following items:
 - Item 4 Invited speakers
 - Item 5 Admission of new Members and Associate Members
 - Item 15.4 Special arrangements for settlement of arrears [if any]
 - Item 15.5 Assessment of new Members and Associate Members [if any]
 - Item 15.6 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules [if any]
 - Item 18.1 Agreements with intergovernmental organizations [if any]

- To move Item 20.3 (T) “Multilingualism: implementation of action plan (resolution WHA61.12 (2008))” from Item 20 “Matters for information” to Item 12 “Other technical matters” to be newly numbered Item 12.10.

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 A71/1 Rev.2.

Item 2 Report of the Executive Board on its 141st and 142nd sessions

The Chairman of the Executive Board, Dr Assad Hafeez (Pakistan), gave the report.

Item 3 Address by Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General

The Director-General presented his report on the work of WHO.

General discussion

The President resumed consideration of item 3 with special attention to the theme “Health for All: commit to universal health coverage”. The President invited the first two speakers to the rostrum: the delegate of Bulgaria (who spoke on behalf of the European Union) and the delegate of Canada (who spoke on behalf of the Member States of the Region of the Americas). These speakers were followed by the delegates of Zimbabwe (who spoke on behalf of the Member States of the African Region), India, China, Libya (who spoke on behalf of the Arab Health Ministers’ Council), France, Cuba, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Germany, Argentina, the Russian Federation, Kenya, Honduras, the Netherlands, Algeria, Finland, Niger, South Africa (who spoke on behalf of the BRICS group), Ecuador, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Philippines, Maldives, New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, Trinidad and Tobago.

First meeting of Committee A

Chairman: Mr Arun Singhal (India)

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 Søren Brostrøm (Denmark) and Mrs Mónica Martínez Menduño (Ecuador) Vice-Chairmen, and Dr Alain Etoundi Mballa (Cameroon) 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 Seventy-first World Health Assembly.

Item 11 Strategic priority matters

Item 11.4 Health, environment and climate change

The Chairman opened the agenda subitem and drew the Committee’s attention to the relevant documents A71/10, A71/10 Add.1 and A71/11. Comments were invited from the floor. It was announced that discussion of the subitem 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 Seventy-first World Health Assembly. There will be interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

Tuesday, 22 May 2018

Room XII

**Primary health care is key to achieving universal health coverage and health for all
(lead up to 40th Anniversary of Alma Ata and 2019 General Assembly High-level meeting on UHC)**

The 1978 Declaration of Alma-Ata was the first international declaration to advocate for primary health care as the main strategy to achieve WHO's stated goal of health for all. Since then, strong primary care systems, based in local communities, are recognized to be essential to achieving universal health coverage. The core values and principles of the 1978 Declaration of Alma-Ata still stand, and at the Global Conference on Primary Health Care: Towards Health for All, to be held in October this year in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan the global community is expected to renew the emphasis on primary care as the main driver of people-centred health systems leading to universal health coverage. Making health care truly universal requires a shift from health systems designed around diseases and health institutions towards health systems designed around and for people.

The technical briefing will review lessons learnt on the implementation of primary health care over these past four decades. This will inform the future implementation of primary health care toward universal health coverage in our globalized world.

Wednesday, 23 May 2018

Room XII

Official launch of the WHO immunization business case for the African continent

While the African continent has made tremendous gains toward increasing access to immunization in the last 15 years, progress has stagnated, leaving one in five African children without access to life-saving vaccines. As a result, vaccine-preventable diseases continue to claim too many lives. On 31 January 2017 at the 28th African Union Summit, Heads of State from across Africa endorsed the Addis Declaration on Immunization (ADI), thereby committing to advance universal access to immunization across Africa, which is a core component of attaining universal health coverage and the Sustainable Development Goals.

In this context, WHO/AFRO and WHO/EMRO jointly developed the WHO immunization business case for the African Continent. This business case has been developed to mobilize sufficient resources for WHO to continue supporting all 54 Member States of the African continent to fully achieve the ADI commitments. During this technical briefing, new frameworks and developments on immunization will be presented including:

- the paradigm change and new approach for immunization as a core component of attaining universal health coverage on the African continent;
- the immunization maturity grid;
- country categorization for the African continent;
- 2030 ambition to save 1.9 million lives; and
- WHO's new value proposition and county-tailored approach, and transformation of the immunization programme.

Health, environment and climate change

The Marrakesh Ministerial declaration released in 2016 at the Twenty-second Conference of the Parties (COP22) mandated WHO, the UN Environment and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) to convene a global coalition between relevant Ministries, including Ministries of Health and Ministries of Environment, and key UN agencies and stakeholders, to drive forward actions that will reduce the harmful impacts on the environment and climate that affect human health and well-being. The main goal of the coalition is to jointly promote and achieve better management of environmental and climate risks to health. Notably, in its first phase, the coalition is prioritizing immediate actions to reduce the annual 12.6 million deaths caused by environmental risks and is specifically committed to support Member States and stakeholders in their efforts to tackle air pollution.

This interagency technical briefing will:

- enable the heads of agencies and Member States to reconfirm their commitments to support the Health, Environment and Climate Change Coalition (HECCC) in the effort to address the root environmental causes of ill health;
- present a joint action plan for air pollution and detail the scope and purpose of the upcoming first WHO Global Conference on Air Pollution;
- provide a scientific briefing on the state of knowledge on environmental determinants of health, including in relation to the non-communicable disease agenda; and
- report on the achievements of the BreatheLife Campaign.

The role of parliamentarians in achieving universal health coverage and global health security

At least half of the world's population still do not have full coverage of essential health services and over 800 million people face catastrophic health expenditures. Achieving universal health coverage, including for the most marginalized and vulnerable groups of our societies, such as women, children, adolescents and the elderly, is a crucial objective for each and every country. Universal health coverage enables all people to receive the health services they need throughout their lives without suffering financial hardship.

Universal health coverage also includes health promotion and prevention and requires a broad public health approach to strengthening health systems. As the best defence to prevent disease outbreaks from becoming epidemics, and to respond to health emergencies, strong health systems are the best way to safeguard against health crises. In this way, universal health coverage and global health security are two sides of the same coin.

Universal health coverage and global health security are key pillars to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, but ultimately they are a political choice. It is the responsibility of every country to pursue them, and parliamentarians have a key role to play in moving national health agendas forward.

This technical briefing will provide an opportunity to hear the voice of parliamentarians and share experiences on concrete actions in terms of legislation, accountability, budget allocation and advocacy. The briefing will also serve to share with parliamentarians the draft thirteenth general programme of work, 2019–2023. The technical briefing is organized in collaboration with the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).

4. Other meetings

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

Tuesday, 22 May 2018

07:45–08:45 Room VII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Americas Region (AMRO/GRUA).
08:00–08:50 Concordia 4	Nordic Group meeting.
08:00–08:50 Room IV	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
08:00–08:50 Room XVI	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO African Region.
08:00–09:00 Delegates Restaurant, 8 th Floor, Building A	Ministerial consultation on the World Health Organization Special Initiative on Climate Change and Health in Small Islands Developing States. <i>By invitation only.</i>
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.
12:15–14:15 Room XVI	Meeting of the Ministers of Health of the Non-aligned Movement (NAM).
12:30–14:00 Room XXIII	Tackling noncommunicable diseases as a major contribution to universal health coverage: are regulatory interventions a cost-effective alternative? Organized by the delegations of Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Finland, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Norway, Panama, Switzerland and Uruguay.
12:30–14:00 Room XXIV	Towards universal coverage with HIV prevention services and commodities – the Global Prevention Coalition and Roadmap. Organized by the delegations of Benin (on behalf of the African Group), Botswana, Canada, China, Ecuador, Germany, Ghana, Haiti, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kenya, Lesotho, Luxembourg, Maldives, Mexico, Mozambique, Myanmar, Panama, Rwanda, Swaziland, Uganda, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Zimbabwe.
13:00–14:00 Room IV	Western Europe and Others Group (WEOG) meeting.
18:00–19:30 Room VIII	Country-led and country-owned efforts on malaria elimination to achieving universal health coverage. Organized by the delegations of Australia, China, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Maldives, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Spain, Sri Lanka, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia.
18:00–19:30 Room IX	Taking civil society engagement to new heights to advance WHO's thirteenth general programme of work and achieve the Triple Billion targets. Organized by Caritas Internationalis, International Federation of Medical Students' Associations, International Pediatric Association, International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation and PATH.
18:00–19:30 Room XXIII	Global action on patient safety for achieving effective universal health coverage. Organized by the delegations China, Czechia, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Luxembourg, Malta, Norway, Oman, Poland, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the WHO Secretariat.

18:00–19:30 Room XXIV	100 years after the pandemic: preparedness to protect Health for All. Organized by the delegations of Australia, Brazil, China, Finland, Ghana, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.
18:00–20:00 Room IV	Regional coordination meeting of the Member States of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

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12:30–14:00 Room VIII	Why women, children, adolescents and youth are central to advancing universal health coverage, quality, equity, dignity, and sexual and reproductive health rights. Organized by the delegations of Canada, Denmark, France, Georgia, Malawi, Mozambique, Norway, Portugal, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland and Thailand.
12:30–14:00 Room XXIV	Institutionalizing social participation and hearing people's voice to secure sustainable gains for universal health coverage. Organized by the delegations of Chile, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Thailand.
12:30–14:15 Room XXIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO European Region. A lunch-break briefing on WHO country work: Romania.
13:00–14:00 Concordia 4	Western Europe and Others Group (WEOG) meeting.
18:00–18:50 Room IX	Gynecological oncology, early detection and prevention. Organized by the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics.
18:00–19:30 Room VII	Member States commitment to the global movement towards universal health coverage: focused actions on primary health care and financing for effective delivery. Organized by the delegations of Australia, Ghana, Indonesia, Maldives, Mexico, Republic of Korea and Turkey.
18:00–19:30 Room VIII	Towards ending tuberculosis—BRICS efforts to achieve universal health coverage in the context of preparations for the UN High-Level Meeting on Tuberculosis. Organized by the delegations of Brazil, China, India, the Russian Federation and South Africa.
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>
19:00–19:50 Room IX	Mobilizing society: inspiration for developing national responses to dementia. Organized by Alzheimer's Disease International.

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12:30–14:00 Room VII	Inclusive formulation of evidence-based policies and programmes for universal health coverage. Organized by the delegations of Ethiopia, Norway, Uganda and the European Union.
12:30–14:00 Room VIII	Towards universal access to solid organ transplantation. Organized by the delegations of Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Bulgaria, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Dominican Republic, Italy, Portugal, Qatar, the Russian Federation, Spain and Uruguay.
12:30–14:30 Room IX	Small Island Developing States (SIDS) ministerial meeting.
13:00–14:00 Room IV	Western Europe and Others Group (WEOG) meeting.
18:00–18:50 Room IX	From burden to solution—ending tuberculosis, beating noncommunicable diseases and achieving Health for All through alcohol policy best buys implementation. Organized by the delegations of Botswana, Lithuania, Slovenia, Thailand and IOGT International.
18:00–19:30 Room VII	Addressing antimicrobial resistance: a threat to global health and the achievement of universal health coverage. Organized by the delegations of Australia, Canada, Chile, Fiji, Italy, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Norway, the Philippines, Republic of Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand and Viet Nam.
18:00–19:30 Room VIII	Combating the challenges of substandard and falsified medical products: the critical role of regulators. Organized by the delegations of Canada, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.
19:00–19:50 Room IX	The World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative as a vehicle to galvanise action to achieve World Health Assembly and Global Breastfeeding Collective targets to increase exclusive and continued breastfeeding. Organized by the International Baby Food Action Network.

Friday, 25 May 2018

07:45–08:45 Room VII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Americas Region (AMRO/GRUA).
08:00–08:50 Concordia 4	Nordic Group meeting.
08:00–08:50 Room IV	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
08:00–08:50 Room XVI	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO African Region.
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 VII	Investing millions to improve the nutrition of billions: how universal health coverage is strengthened through community programmes including breastfeeding. Organized by the delegations of Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Canada, France, Ireland, Madagascar, Nigeria, the Philippines and Thailand.
12:30–14:00 Room VIII	Access to medicines: overcoming obstacles created by monopolies—essential to universal health coverage and the 2030 Agenda. Organized by the delegations of Brazil, India, Malaysia, Morocco, Senegal and Thailand.
13:00–14:00 Concordia 1	Western Europe and Others Group (WEOG) meeting.
18:00–18:50 Room IX	Digital health and artificial intelligence for delivery of quality services towards universal access to health care. Organized by the International Society for Telemedicine and eHealth.
19:00–19:50 Room IX	Better access for all with sustainable financing systems: the role of the private sector and new innovations to achieve universal health coverage. Organized by the Global Diagnostic Imaging, Healthcare IT and Radiation Therapy Trade Association and the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations.

Saturday, 26 May 2018

08:00–08:50 Concordia 4	Nordic Group meeting.
08:00–08:50 Room IV	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
08:00–08:50 Room XVI	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO African Region.
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5. Arrangements for conduct of discussion in meetings

Plenary. Theme of general discussion: “Health for All: commit to universal health coverage”

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 statements to **five minutes** (550 words) in this debate. Group or regional statements may last up to 10 minutes.

Delegates wishing to have their name placed on the list of speakers for the general discussion should notify the Department for Governing Bodies and External Relations by e-mail (piazza@who.int) or fax +41 22 791 4173.

Copies of statements to be made in the general discussion should be submitted by email (interpret@who.int) or to the Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of the Health Assembly (Room A.656) by the morning of Monday, 21 May 2018. When submitting by email, please specify in the “Subject” and at the top of the statement, the name of the country and the meeting: “General Discussion”.

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.

Delegate’s statements for the Health Assembly website

Delegates wishing to have their statements posted on the Health Assembly website http://apps.who.int/gb/e/e_wha71.html may send it to statements@who.int and include in the subject line of the email the agenda item to which the statement relates. Additional information provided in this manner will not be included in the official record of the meeting.

Non-State actors statements at the Health Assembly

Non-State actors in official relations with WHO may request to speak in Committee A or B of the Health Assembly under a technical item in which they have a particular expertise. Non-State actors wishing to have their name placed on the list of speakers should notify the Secretariat of Partnerships and non-State actors Department (PNA) by email (nsastatements@who.int) latest by 08:00 am of the day of the meeting in question. Non-State actors may submit their statements in advance for the Secretariat to post on a dedicated website and are invited to register at <https://extranet.who.int/nonstateactorsstatements/>. Statements should be limited to 2 minutes (300 words).

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

Ghana	(The delegate of Ghana will speak on behalf of The Commonwealth)
Norway	
Greece	
Brazil	(The delegate of Brazil will speak on behalf of the Community of Portuguese Language Countries/Lusophone Commonwealth (CPLP))
Mexico	
Slovakia	
Nepal	
Turkey	
Japan	
Belarus	
Republic of Korea	
Australia	
Senegal	
Monaco	
Iceland	
Islamic Republic of Iran	
Czechia	
Costa Rica	
Ukraine	
Malta	
Italy	
United States of America	
Slovenia	
Côte d'Ivoire	
Spain	
Peru	
Iraq	
Indonesia	
United Republic of Tanzania	
Kazakhstan	
Nigeria	
Jamaica	
Tunisia	
Guyana	
Namibia	
Georgia	
Mauritius	
Uruguay	
Luxembourg	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	
Liberia	
Gabon	
Morocco	
Israel	(The representative of Israel will speak on behalf of the South-eastern Europe Health Network (SEEHN))
Bangladesh	
Sweden	
Zambia	
Colombia	
Romania	

Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (The delegate of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela will speak on behalf of the Non-aligned Movement (NAM))

Republic of Moldova

Qatar

Panama

Singapore

Plurinational State of Bolivia

Tuvalu (The delegate of Tuvalu will speak on behalf of the Pacific Island Countries and Territories)

Lithuania

Chile

San Marino

Ethiopia

Turkmenistan

Botswana

Malaysia

Andorra

Cameroon

Thailand

Brunei Darussalam

Syrian Arab Republic

El Salvador

Mongolia

Central African Republic

Pakistan

Viet Nam

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Togo

Denmark

Madagascar

Paraguay

Guinea

Guatemala

Angola

Equatorial Guinea

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Benin

Saint Kitts and Nevis

Seychelles

Republic of Moldova

Nicaragua

Bahrain

Oman

Rwanda

Congo

Estonia

Mauritania

Fiji

Afghanistan

Swaziland

Cabo Verde

Kiribati

Barbados

Jordan

Solomon Islands

Lesotho
Malawi
Haiti
Mozambique
Sri Lanka
Mali
Comoros
Vanuatu
Grenada

(The delegate of Grenada will speak on behalf of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States)

Uzbekistan
Uganda
Kyrgyzstan
Marshall Islands
Chad
Belize
Djibouti
San Vincent and the Grenadines
Nauru
Timor-Leste
Palau
Albania

Palestine
Holy See
Order of Malta
African Union
Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)
International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)
International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

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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 WHA71 programme of work and access documentation directly on your mobile device. Search “Governing Bodies” 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.



Video streaming

The Plenary, Committee A and Committee B sessions 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/2018/wha71/webstreaming/ar/index.html>
Chinese: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/events/2018/wha71/webstreaming/zh/index.html>
English: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/events/2018/wha71/webstreaming/en/index.html>
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Russian: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/events/2018/wha71/webstreaming/ru/index.html>
Spanish: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/events/2018/wha71/webstreaming/es/index.html>

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