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Programme of meetings for Wednesday, 23 May 2018

Time	Plenary <i>Assembly Hall</i>	Committee A <i>Room XVIII</i>	Committee B <i>Room XVII</i>	Other
09:00	Fifth plenary meeting			
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Committee statements

Committee A have agreed to reduce the length of statements to **2 minutes**. Please send Committee statements to: interpret@who.int.

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1. Programme of work of the Health Assembly

Wednesday, 23 May 2018

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- Report of the Committee on Credentials
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– Ebola outbreak

- Report of the Independent Oversight and Advisory Committee for the WHO Health Emergencies Programme

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- WHO's work in health emergencies

Documents A71/6, A71/A/CONF./3 and A71/A/CONF./3 Add. 1

Fifth meeting of Committee A **Room XVIII – 14:30**

Item 11 (continued) **Strategic priority matters**

Item 11.5 (continued) – Addressing the global shortage of, and access to, medicines and vaccines
Documents A71/12 and EB142/2018/REC/1, decision EB142(3)

Item 11.6 – Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property

Documents A71/13 and EB142/2018/REC/1, decision EB142(4)

Item 11.7 – 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 A71/14, A71/14 Add.1, A71/A/CONF./2 and A71/A/CONF./2 Add. 1

- Item 13** **Opening of the Committee**
- Including election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur
- Item 14** **Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan**
- Document A71/27, A71/B/CONF./2 and A71/B/CONF./2 Add. 1
- Item 15** **Programme budget and financial matters**
- Item 15.1 – WHO programmatic and financial reports for 2016–2017, including audited financial statements for 2017
- Documents A71/28, A71/29, A71/45 and A71/INF./2
- Item 15.2 – Financing of the Programme budget 2018–2019
- Documents A71/30 and A71/46
- Item 15.3 – 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 A71/31 Rev.1 and A71/47

- Item 11** (continued) **Strategic priority matters**
- Item 11.2 (continued) – Public health preparedness and response
- Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)
- Documents A71/7, A71/8 and EB142/2018/REC/1, decision EB142(1)
- Item 11.3 – Polio transition and post-certification
- Document A71/9
- Item 11.8 – Preparation for a high-level meeting of the General Assembly on ending tuberculosis
- Documents A71/15, A71/16 and A71/16 Add.1

Thursday, 24 May 2018

Seventh and eighth meetings of Committee A

Room XVIII – 09:00 and 14:30

Item 12 Other technical matters

- Item 12.1 – Global snakebite burden
Documents A71/17 and EB142/2018/REC/1, resolution EB142.R4
- Item 12.2 – Physical activity for health
Documents A71/18 and EB142/2018/REC/1, resolution EB142.R5
- Item 12.3 – Global Strategy for Women’s, Children’s and Adolescents’ Health (2016–2030):
early childhood development
Document A71/19 Rev. 1
- Item 12.4 – mHealth
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- Item 12.5 – Improving access to assistive technology
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Item 16 Audit and oversight matters

- Item 16.1 – Report of the External Auditor
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- Item 17.1 – Human resources: annual report
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- Item 17.2 – Report of the International Civil Service Commission
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Sixth plenary meeting

Assembly Hall – 09:00

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

Ninth and tenth meetings of Committee A

Room XVIII – Immediately after conclusion of Item 8 in plenary and
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- Item 12.6 – Maternal, infant and young child nutrition
 Documents A71/A/CONF./4 and A71/A/CONF./5
- Comprehensive implementation plan on maternal, infant and young child nutrition: biennial report
 Document A71/22
 - Safeguarding against possible conflicts of interest in nutrition programmes
 Document A71/23
- Item 12.7 – Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework for the sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits
 Documents A71/24, A71/24 Add.1 and A71/42
- Item 12.8 – Rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease
 Documents A71/25, A71/25 Add.1 Rev.1 and EB141/2017/REC/1, resolution EB141.R1
- Item 12.9 – Eradication of poliomyelitis
 Document A71/26, A71/26 Add.1 and A71/26 Add.2
- Item 12.10 – Multilingualism: implementation of action plan
 Documents A71/50 and A71/A/CONF./7

Fourth and fifth meetings of Committee B

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Item 20 **Matters for information**

- Item 20.1 – Global vaccine action plan
 Document A71/39
- Item 20.2 – Real estate: update on the Geneva buildings renovation strategy
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- Item 20.3 – Progress reports
 Document A71/41 Rev. 2

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

Eleventh meeting of Committee A

Room XVIII – 09:00

Finalization of resolutions and reports

Sixth 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

Third plenary meeting

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

Later: Dr R. Sánchez Cárdenas (Dominican Republic)
Fifth Vice-President of the Seventy-first World Health Assembly

Item 3 (continued) **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 Norway and the delegate of Brazil. These speakers were followed by the delegates of Greece, Mexico, Slovakia, Ghana (who spoke on behalf of The Commonwealth), Nepal, Turkey, Japan, Belarus, Republic of Korea, Australia, Senegal, Monaco, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iceland, Spain, Costa Rica, Ukraine, Malta, Czechia, the United States of America, Slovenia, Côte d’Ivoire, Italy, Peru, Iraq, Indonesia, the United Republic of Tanzania, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, Tunisia, Namibia, Georgia, and Mali.

Second meeting of Committee A

Chairman: Mr Arun Singhal (India)

Later: Dr Søren Brostrøm (Denmark), Vice-Chairman

Item 11 (continued) **Strategic priority matters**

Item 11.4 (continued) – Health, environment and climate change

The Chairman reopened the subitem and invited comments from the floor. The Chairman invited the Head of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control Convention Secretariat to address the Committee. The Secretariat responded to issues raised. The Committee noted the reports, thus closing the subitem.

Item 11.5 – Addressing the global shortage of, and access to, medicines and vaccines

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited the Committee to consider the report contained in document A71/12 and the draft decision EB142(3) *Addressing the global shortage of, and access to, medicines and vaccines*, contained in document EB142/2018/REC/1. Comments were then invited from the floor. The Chairman announced that due to time constraints, Non-State Actors who had requested to speak would be given the floor at a subsequent meeting of Committee A when discussion of the subitem would resume.

The meeting was adjourned.

Fourth plenary meeting

In the chair: Dr R. Sánchez Cárdenas (Dominican Republic)
Fifth Vice-President of the Seventy-first World Health Assembly

Later: Dr F. Duque III (the Philippines)
First Vice-President of the Seventy-first World Health Assembly

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

Later: Ms K. Abdul Samad Abdulla (Maldives)
Second Vice-President of the Seventy-first World Health Assembly

Item 3 (continued) General discussion

The President resumed consideration of item 3 and invited the first two speakers to the rostrum: the delegate of Mauritius and the delegate of Gabon. These speakers were followed by the delegates of Jamaica, Uruguay, Luxembourg, Bangladesh, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Morocco, Israel (who spoke on behalf of the South-eastern Europe Health Network (SEEHN)), Lithuania, Zambia, Colombia, Romania, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (who spoke on behalf of the Non-aligned Movement (NAM)), Republic of Moldova, Qatar, Panama, Singapore, Botswana, Tuvalu (who spoke on behalf of the Pacific Island Countries and Territories), Chile, San Marino, Ethiopia, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Malaysia, Cameroon, Syrian Arab Republic, El Salvador, Brunei Darussalam, Mongolia, Viet Nam, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Madagascar, Guinea, Guatemala, Angola, Equatorial Guinea. Burundi, Belize, Timor-Leste, Kiribati, Sierre Leone, Uganda and in accordance with Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure, the Russian Federation exercised the right of reply.

The meeting was adjourned.

Third meeting of Committee A

Chairman: Dr Søren Brostrøm (Denmark), Vice-Chairman

Item 11 (continued) Strategic priority matters

Item 11.1

– Draft thirteenth general programme of work, 2019–2023

The Chairman opened the subitem and drew the Committee's attention to the relevant document A71/4 and asked that they consider the draft resolution EB142.R2 *Draft thirteenth general programme of work, 2019–2023* contained in document EB142/2018/REC/1. The floor was given to the Vice-Chair of the Executive Board, Ms Sarah Lawley (Canada), who made some introductory remarks. Comments were invited from the floor. Discussion of the subitem was suspended to be resumed 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.

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 country-tailored approach, and transformation of the immunization programme.

Thursday, 24 May 2018

Room XII

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.

Wednesday, 23 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.
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	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.

Thursday, 24 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.
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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	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

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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	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.

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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 (piazzap@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.

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Non-State actors statements at the Health Assembly

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

Guyana
Liberia
Sweden
Estonia
Andorra
Thailand
Djibouti
Central African Republic
Togo
Denmark
Paraguay
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Benin
Pakistan
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Seychelles
Nicaragua
Bahrain
Oman
Rwanda
Congo
Mauritania
Fiji
Afghanistan
Swaziland
Cabo Verde
Barbados
Jordan
Lesotho
Malawi
Haiti
Mozambique
Sri Lanka
Comoros
Vanuatu
Grenada (The delegate of Grenada will speak on behalf of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States)

Kyrgyzstan
Marshall Islands
Chad
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Nauru
Saint Lucia
Sao Tome and Principe
Palau
Guinea-Bissau
Albania

Holy See
Order of Malta
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

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

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

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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>

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