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Programme of meetings for Saturday, 26 May 2018

Time	Plenary <i>Assembly Hall</i>	Committee A <i>Room XVIII</i>	Committee B <i>Room XVII</i>
09:00		Twelfth meeting	Sixth meeting
Immediately after closure of Committees A & B	Seventh plenary meeting		

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Committee statements

Committee A and Committee B have agreed to reduce the length of member state statements to **2 minutes** and non-State actors' statements to **1 minute**. Please send Committee statements to: interpret@who.int.

143rd session of the Executive Board, 28–29 May 2018, WHO headquarters – Executive Board room

Please note the following administrative arrangements:

Online registration

Online registration for the 143rd session of the Executive Board is required and is open until the end of the session (29 May 2018). Information pertaining to the online registration can be found at: <http://www.who.int/governance/registration/en/index.html>.

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Badges for Members of the Board, their alternates and advisers, and representatives of Member States and organizations invited to attend, will be issued at:

- **the Palais**, distribution desk in front of the documentation desk in the Concordia area between Doors 13 and 15
Saturday, 26 May: 08:00 until the closure of plenary
- **WHO headquarters** main lobby
Monday, 28 May: 07:30–17:30

Working hours 09:30–12:30 and 14:30–17:30

Facilities available at the Palais on Saturday, 26 May 2018

Restaurants: Snack bar (Concordia area between doors 13 and 15): 07:30–09:00
Bar du Serpent (E Building, 1st floor): 09:00–end of Committee sessions
Main cafeteria: 11:30–14:30

1. Programme of work of the Health Assembly

Saturday, 26 May 2018

Twelfth meeting of Committee A

Room XVIII – 09:00

- **Draft third report of Committee A**
Document (Draft) A71/57 containing two resolutions entitled
- *Digital health*
 - *Improving access to assistive technology*
- And one decision entitled
- *Implementing the International Health Regulations (2005): five year global strategic plan to improve public health preparedness and response, 2018–2023*
- Item 12** (continued) **Other technical matters**
- Item 12.6 (continued) – Maternal, infant and young child nutrition
- Comprehensive implementation plan on maternal, infant and young child nutrition: biennial report
- Documents A71/A/CONF./4 Rev. 1, A71/A/CONF./4 Add. 1, A71/A/CONF./5 and A71/A/CONF./5 Add.1

Finalization of resolutions and reports

Sixth meeting of Committee B

Room XVII – 09:00

- **Draft third report of Committee B**
Document (Draft) A71/58 containing one decision as amended entitled:
- *Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework for the sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits*
- And two resolutions entitled
- *Rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease*
 - *Multilingualism: respect for equality among the official languages*
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- Item 20.3 (continued) – Progress reports
- Document A71/41 Rev. 2
- 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))

Item 12 (continued) Other technical matters [Item transferred from Committee A]

Item 12.9 (continued) – Eradication of poliomyelitis

Documents A71/26 Add. 1, A71/26 Add.2 and A71/B/CONF./4

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

– **Second report of Committee A**

Document (Draft) A71/56 containing five resolutions entitled:

- *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*
- *Preparation for a high-level meeting of the General Assembly on ending tuberculosis*
- *Cholera prevention and control*
- *Addressing the burden of snakebite envenoming*
- *WHO global action plan on physical activity 2018–2030*

– **Second report of Committee B**

Document (Draft) A71/55 containing three decisions entitled:

- *WHO programmatic and financial reports for 2016–2017, including audited financial statements for 2017*
- *Report of the External Auditor*
- *Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee*

and four resolutions entitled:

- *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*
- *Reform of the global Internship Programme*
- *Deputy Directors-General*
- *Salaries of staff in ungraded positions and of the Director-General*

– **Third report of Committee A**

Document (Draft) A71/57 containing two resolutions entitled

- *Digital health*
- *Improving access to assistive technology*

And one decision entitled

- *Implementing the International Health Regulations (2005): five year global strategic plan to improve public health preparedness and response, 2018–2023*

– **Third report of Committee B**

Document (Draft) A71/58 containing one decision as amended entitled

- *Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework for the sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits*

And two resolutions entitled

- *Rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease*
- *Multilingualism: respect for equality among the official languages*

Item 9 Closure of the Health Assembly

2. Report of meetings

Sixth plenary meeting

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

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

Item 6 **Executive Board: election** (document A71/54)

The Health Assembly accepted the list of 12 Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board as drawn up by the General Committee in accordance with Rule 100 of the Rules of Procedure. The following were therefore declared elected:

Australia	Germany
Chile	Indonesia
China	Israel
Djibouti	Romania
Finland	Sudan
Gabon	United States of America

Item 7 **Awards**

The President welcomed the distinguished recipients of the prizes and the representatives of the foundations. The Director-General was invited to address the Health Assembly.

- **Ihsan Dođramaci Family Health Foundation Prize**

The President announced that the 2018 Ihsan Dođramaci Family Health Foundation Prize has been awarded to Professor Vinod Kumar Paul of India.

Professor Ali Dođramaci, President of the Bilkent University, addressed the Assembly on behalf of the Ihsan Dođramaci Family Health Foundation.

Professor Vinod Kumar Paul received the award and addressed the Health Assembly.

- **Sasakawa Health Prize**

The President announced that the 2018 Sasakawa Health Prize has been awarded to Pro Palliative Care Unit Foundation of Costa Rica.

Mr Yohei Sasakawa, WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination and Chairman of the Nippon Foundation, addressed the Assembly on behalf of the Sasakawa Memorial Health Foundation.

Doctora Lisbeth Quesada Tristán, President of the Pro Palliative Care Unit Foundation of Costa Rica, received the award and addressed the Health Assembly.

- **United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Prize**

The President announced that the 2018 United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Prize has been awarded to The Korea Institute of Drug Safety and Risk Management (KIDS), of the Republic of Korea.

His Excellency, Ambassador Obaid Salem Saeed Al Zaabi, Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations Office, representing the United Arab Emirates Health Foundation, addressed the Assembly.

Dr Soo youn Chung, Director of The Korea Institute of Drug Safety and Risk Management (KIDS), received the award and addressed the Health Assembly.

- **His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah Prize for Research in Health Care for the Elderly and in Health Promotion**

The President announced that the 2018 His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah prize for Research in Health Care for the Elderly and in Health Promotion has been awarded to the El Badr Association, Cancer Patient Association, of Algeria.

His Excellency, Dr Basel Hamoud Al-Sabah, Minister for Health of Kuwait, addressed the Assembly on behalf of the State of Kuwait Health Promotion Foundation.

Dr Mustapha Moussaoui, President of the El Badr Association, Cancer Patient Association, received the award and addressed the Health Assembly.

- **Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health**

The President announced that the 2018 Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health has been awarded to Dr Nazni Wasi Ahmad of Malaysia.

Dr YoHan Ihn, President of the Korea Foundation for International Health Care (KOFIH), addressed the Assembly on behalf of the Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Fund.

Dr Nazni Wasi Ahmad received the award and addressed the Health Assembly.

Item 8

Reports of the main committees

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First report of Committee A

The President (Zimbabwe) read out the first draft report of Committee A, document (draft) A71/52 containing one resolution entitled:

– *Draft thirteenth general programme of work, 2019–2023*

and two decisions entitled:

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

– *Global strategy and plan on public health, innovation and intellectual property: overall programme review*

The first report of Committee A was approved.

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First report of Committee B

The President (Zimbabwe) read out the first draft report of Committee B, document (draft) A71/53 containing one decision entitled:

– *Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan*

The first report of Committee B was approved.

Tenth meeting of Committee A

Chairman: Mr Arun Singhal (India)

Draft second report of Committee A

The Chairman called upon the Rapporteur (Dr Alain Etoundi Mballa [Cameroon]) to read out the second draft report of Committee A, document (draft) A71/56 containing five resolutions entitled:

- *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*
- *Preparation for a high-level meeting of the General Assembly on ending tuberculosis*
- *Cholera prevention and control*
- *Addressing the burden of snakebite envenoming*
- *Draft WHO global action plan on physical activity 2018–2030*

The resolutions were approved and the draft report was adopted.

The Chairman announced that a number of subitems item 12 *Other technical matters* were transferred to Committee B.

Item 12 (continued) Other technical matters

Item 12.3 (continued) – Global Strategy for Women’s Children’s and Adolescents’ Health (2016-2030): early childhood development

The Chairman reopened the subitem and invited the Committee to consider the report contained in document A71/19 Rev.1. The floor was opened for discussion and the Secretariat responded to issues raised. The Committee noted the report thus closing the subitem.

Item 12.4 (continued) – mHealth

The Chairman opened the subitem and drew the Committee’s attention to document A71/20 and invited them to consider the draft resolution *Digital health* as contained in document A71/A/CONF./1. Comments were invited from the floor and the Secretariat responded to issues raised. The Committee approved the draft resolution and the subitem was closed.

The programme of work was amended so that subitem 11.2, *Public health preparedness and response*, could be considered immediately following subitem 12.5, *Improving access to assistive technologies*. This was accepted by the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned.

Fourth meeting of Committee B

Chairman: Dr Feroz Firozuddin (Afghanistan)

– **Draft second report of Committee B**

The Chairman called upon the Rapporteur Dr José Eliseo Orellana [El Salvador]) to read out the second draft report of Committee B, document (draft) A71/55 containing three decisions entitled:

- *WHO programmatic and financial reports for 2016–2017, including audited financial statements for 2017*
- *Report of the External Auditor*
- *Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee*

and four resolutions entitled:

- *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*
- *WHO Global Internship Programme Reform*
- *Deputy Directors-General*
- *Salaries of staff in ungraded positions and of the Director-General*

The second draft report of Committee B was adopted.

Item 20 Matters for information

Item 20.1 – Global vaccine action plan

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited comments from the floor. The Secretariat responded to issues raised and the Committee noted the report contained in document A71/39.

Item 20.2 – Real estate: update on the Geneva buildings renovation strategy

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited comments from the floor. The Secretariat responded to questions raised and the Committee noted the report contained in document A71/40.

Item 12 (continued) Other technical matters [Item transferred from Committee A]

Item 12.7 – Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework for the sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited comments from the floor. The Secretariat responded to questions raised and the Committee approved the decision contained in document A71/24 as amended.

Item 12.9 – Eradication of poliomyelitis

At the request of one delegation, the Chairman opened the subitem. The Secretariat took the floor to explain that informal discussion would take place on this subitem and amendments proposed would be reflected in a conference paper. The discussion will be resumed at a subsequent meeting of the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned.

Eleventh meeting of Committee A

Chairman: Mrs Mónica Martínez Menduño (Ecuador), Vice-Chairman

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

Item 12 (continued) Other technical matters

Item 12.5 – Improving access to assistive technology

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited the Committee to consider the report contained in document A71/21, and the draft resolution EB142.R6 *Improving access to assistive technology* as contained in document EB142/2018/REC/1. The floor was opened for discussion. At the invitation of the Chairman, the Secretariat responded to issues raised and the Committee approved the draft resolution. The subitem was closed.

Item 11 (continued) Strategic priority matters

Item 11.2 – Public health preparedness and response

- Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)

The Chairman reopened the bullet point *Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)* under subitem 11.2 and the Committee noted the report contained in document A71/7. The Chair of the informal consultation (Australia) was invited to introduce the revised draft decision, contained in document A71/A/CONF./7. The Committee approved the draft decision as amended. The subitem was closed.

Item 12 (continued) Other technical matters

Item 12.6 (continued) – Maternal, infant and young child nutrition

The Chairman reopened the subitem. It was announced that a revised version of the draft resolution contained in document A71/A/CONF./4 would be circulated to committee members for consideration at the twelfth meeting of Committee A.

The Committee was then invited to consider the reports contained in documents A71/22 and A71/23. The floor was opened for discussion. The Secretariat responded to issues raised and the Committee noted the reports.

The Chairman announced that, due to time constraints, discussion of the subitem would resume at the next meeting of Committee A.

The meeting was adjourned.

Fifth meeting of Committee B

Chairman: Dr Feroz Firozuddin (Afghanistan)

Later: Dr Stewart Jessamine (New Zealand), Vice-Chairman

Item 12 (continued) **Other technical matters** [*Item transferred from Committee A*]

Item 12.8 – Rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited comments from the floor. The Secretariat responded to questions raised and the Committee noted the report and approved the draft resolution contained in EB141.R1.

Item 12.9 (continued) – Eradication of poliomyelitis

The Chairman reopened the subitem and invited comments from the floor. The Secretariat responded to questions raised. The subitem remained open for consideration at the next meeting of Committee B.

Item 12.10 – Multilingualism: implementation of action plan

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited comments from the floor. The Secretariat responded to questions raised. One delegation requested an amendment to the draft resolution contained in document A71/B/CONF./3 which was approved as amended.

Item 20 (continued) **Matters for information**

Item 20.3 – Progress reports

The Chairmen opened the item and invited the Committee to consider the progress reports in blocks, grouping them into clusters as shown in document A71/41 Rev.2. Due to time constraints, the item remained open for consideration at the next meeting of Committee B.

The meeting was adjourned.

3. Other meeting

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

Saturday, 26 May 2018

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

4. Arrangements for conduct of discussion in 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.

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5. Announcements

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