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Programme of meetings for Friday, 24 May 2019

Time	Plenary <i>Assembly Hall</i>	Committee A <i>Room XVIII</i>	Committee B <i>Room XVII</i>
09:00	Sixth plenary meeting		
Immediately after the conclusion of Item 8 in Plenary		Eighth meeting	Fourth meeting
14:30		Ninth meeting	Fifth meeting

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Paperless governing body meetings

As agreed by EB143 in May 2018, governing body meetings will be paperless unless documents have been ordered in advance. To promote the use of digital documents, one tablet will be made available to each delegation. They can be collected during the WHA at the UNOG document distribution counter as from 20 May at 8:00. The tablet must be returned to the document counter by the end of the EB session on 30 May 2019.

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Informal consultation

Item 11.7 Access to medicines and vaccines. Proposed draft resolution on: Improving the transparency of markets for medicines, vaccines, and other health-related products and other technologies. (Document A72/A/CONF./2)	Room XXIV	09:00–12:00
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1. Programme of work of the Health Assembly

Friday, 24 May 2019

Sixth plenary meeting	Assembly Hall – 09:00
Item 7	Awards Document A72/INF./1
Item 6	Executive Board: election Document A72/72
Item 8	Reports of the main committees
–	Draft first report of Committee A Document (Draft) A72/69 containing one resolution entitled: – <i>Proposed programme budget 2020–2021</i>
–	Draft second report of Committee A Document (Draft) A72/70 containing three resolutions entitled: – <i>Primary health care</i> – <i>Community health workers delivering primary health care: opportunities and challenges</i> – <i>Preparation for the high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on universal health coverage</i>
–	Draft first report of Committee B Document (Draft) A72/71 containing one decision entitled: – <i>Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan</i>

Eighth and ninth meetings of Committee A **Room XVIII – Immediately after conclusion of Item 8 in Plenary and 14:30**

- **Draft third report of Committee A**
Document (Draft) A72/74 containing two decisions entitled:
– *WHO global strategy on health, environment and climate change: the transformation needed to improve lives and well-being sustainably through healthy environments*
– *Plan of action on climate change and health in small island developing States*
and one resolution entitled:
– *Antimicrobial resistance*
- Item 11 (continued)** **Strategic priority matters**
- Item 11.8 (continued) – Follow-up to the high-level meetings of the United Nations General Assembly on health-related issues
- Prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases
Documents A72/19 and EB144/2019/REC/1, decision EB144(1)
 - Ending tuberculosis
Document A72/20

Item 12 Other technical matters

- Item 12.2 – Member State mechanism on substandard and falsified medical products
Document A72/22
- Item 12.1 – Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework for the sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits
Documents A72/21, A72/21 Add.1, and EB144/2019/REC/1, decision EB144(6)
- Item 12.3 – Human resources for health
Documents A72/23 and A72/24

If time permits:

- Item 12.5 – Patient safety
- Global action on patient safety
Documents A72/26 and EB144/2019/REC/1, resolution EB144.R12
 - Water, sanitation and hygiene in health care facilities
Documents A72/27 and EB144/2019/REC/1, resolution EB144.R5

Fourth and fifth meetings of Committee B

Room XVII – Immediately after conclusion of Item 8 in Plenary and 14:30

- **Draft second report of Committee B**
- Document (Draft) A72/73 containing two decisions entitled:
- *Report of the External Auditor*
 - *WHO Programmatic and financial reports for 2018–2019, including audited financial statements for 2018*
- and four resolutions entitled:
- *Appointment of the External Auditor*
 - *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*
 - *Special arrangements for settlement of arrears: Central African Republic*
 - *Scale of assessments*

Item 17 Staffing matters

- Item 17.1 – Human resources: annual report
Documents A72/43 and A72/65
- Item 17.2 – Report of the International Civil Service Commission
Document A72/44
- Item 17.3 – Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules
Documents A72/45 and EB144/2019/REC/1, resolutions EB144.R7 and EB144.R8
- Item 17.4 – Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee
Document A72/46
- Item 17.5 – Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board
Document A72/47

Item 15 (continued) Financial matters

- Item 15.4 (continued) – Special arrangements for settlement of arrears
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Item 18 Managerial, administrative and governance matters

- Item 18.1 – WHO reform processes, including the transformation agenda, and implementation of United Nations development system reform
- to be taken together with Documents A72/48, A72/49, A72/50, A72/51, A72/52, A72/64, A72/INF./4 and EB143/2018/REC/1, decisions EB143(7), and EB144/2019/REC/1, decisions EB144(3) and EB144(4)

Item 20 Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations

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Documents A72/54 Rev.1, A72/54 Rev.1 Add.1 and A72/55 Rev.1

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Document A72/57
- Item 21.2 – Outcome of the Second International Conference on Nutrition
Document A72/58

Item 12 (continued) Other technical matters

- Item 12.4 – Promoting the health of refugees and migrants
Document A72/25 Rev.1
- Item 12.6 – Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks
Document A72/28
- Item 12.7 – Eleventh revision of the International Classification of Diseases
Documents A72/29 and A72/29 Add.1

Item 21 (continued) Matters for information

- Item 21.3 – Progress reports
Document A72/59
- A. Global technical strategy and targets for malaria 2016–2030 (resolution WHA68.2 (2015))
- B. Addressing the burden of mycetoma (resolution WHA69.21 (2016))
- C. Eradication of dracunculiasis (resolution WHA64.16 (2011))
- D. Sustaining the elimination of iodine deficiency disorders (resolution WHA60.21 (2007))
- E. Prevention of deafness and hearing loss (resolution WHA70.13 (2017))
- F. Strategy for integrating gender analysis and actions into the work of WHO (resolution WHA60.25 (2007))
- G. The role of the health sector in the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management towards the 2020 goal and beyond (decision WHA70(23) (2017))
- H. Regulatory system strengthening for medical products (resolution WHA67.20 (2014))
- I. Progress in the rational use of medicines (resolution WHA60.16 (2007))
- J. Traditional medicine (resolution WHA67.18 (2014))

Monday, 27 May 2019

Eleventh and Twelfth meetings of Committee A

Room XVIII – 09:00 and 14:30

Item 11 (continued) Strategic priority matters

- Item 11.7 (continued) – Access to medicines and vaccines
Documents A72/17 and A72/A/CONF./2

Item 12 (continued) Other technical matters

- Item 12.8 – Global Strategy for Women’s, Children’s and Adolescents’ Health (2016–2030)
Document A72/30

- Item 12.9 – Emergency and trauma care
Documents A72/31, A72/A/CONF./1 and A72/A/CONF./1 Add.1

- Item 12.10 – The public health implications of implementation of the Nagoya Protocol
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Seventh and eighth meetings of Committee B

Room XVII – 09:00 and 14:30

Finalization of resolutions and reports

Tuesday, 28 May 2019

Thirteenth meeting of Committee A

Room XVIII – 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

Sixth meeting of Committee A

Chairman: Dr Silvia Paula Valentim Lutucuta (Angola)

Later: Dr Mohammad Assai Ardakani (Islamic Republic of Iran) Vice-Chairman

Draft second report of Committee A

The Chairman called upon the Rapporteur (Ms Laura Bordón [Paraguay]) to read out the second draft report of Committee A, document (draft) A72/70 containing three resolutions entitled:

- *Primary health care*
- *Community health workers delivering primary health care: opportunities and challenges*
- *Preparation for the high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on universal health coverage*

The resolutions were approved and the draft report was adopted.

Item 11 (continued) Strategic priority matters

Item 11.3

Polio

- Eradication

The Chair opened the agenda subitem with consideration of the first bullet point *Eradication* and invited the Committee to consider the report contained in document A72/9. Comments were invited from the floor.

The Secretariat responded to issues raised and then gave the floor to Dr Ahmed Al-Mandhari, WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean, to report on polio eradication efforts in the Region. At the invitation of the Chair, the WHO Director-General Dr Tedros addressed the Committee.

The Committee noted the report contained in document A72/9.

- Transition

The Committee was asked to consider the report as contained in document A72/10 and the floor was opened for discussion. The Chair invited the Secretariat to respond to issues raised and the Committee noted the report, thus closing the agenda subitem.

Item 11.7

Access to medicines and vaccines

In response to a request from the floor, the Chair proposed that the Committee open agenda subitem 11.7 *Access to medicines and vaccines* for the purpose of establishing a drafting group. The Committee approved this proposal and the Chair announced that the drafting group would meet to discuss the resolution contained in document A72/A/CONF./2. Discussion of the subitem was suspended.

Item 11.6

Health, environment and climate change

The Chair opened the agenda subitem and proposed that the Committee consider documents A72/15 and A72/16, and the reports and decisions contained therein, separately.

Comments were invited from the floor on the report and draft decision contained in document A72/15 *Draft WHO global strategy on health, environment and climate change: the transformation needed to improve lives and well-being sustainably through healthy environments*.

The Chair announced that consideration of this subitem will resume at the next meeting of Committee A. The meeting was adjourned.

Second meeting of Committee B

Chairman: Mr Herbert Barnard (Netherlands)

– **Draft first report of Committee B**

The Chairman called upon the Rapporteur (Dr Ahmad Jan Naeem [Afghanistan]) to read out the first draft report of Committee B, document (draft) A72/71 containing one decision entitled:

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

The decision was approved and the draft report was adopted.

Item 16 Audit and oversight matters

Item 16.1 Report of the External Auditor

The Chairman invited the Chair of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board (PBAC) to inform the Committee of its discussion on this subitem. The External Auditor presented his report and the Chair opened the floor for discussion. The Secretariat responded to questions raised. The Committee noted the report contained in document A72/39 and approved the draft decision contained in document A72/67.

Item 16.2 Report of the Internal Auditor

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited Chair of the Independent Expert Oversight and Advisory Committee (IEOAC) to provide related comments. The floor was opened for comments. The Secretariat responded to questions raised. The Committee noted the report contained in document A72/40.

Item 16.3 External and internal audit recommendations: progress on implementation

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 A72/41.

Item 15 Financial matters

Item 15.1 Overview of financial situation: Programme budget 2018–2019

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited comments from the floor. The Secretariat responded to questions raised. The Committee noted the report contained in document A72/35.

Item 15.2 WHO programmatic and financial reports for 2018–2019, including audited financial statements for 2018

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited comments from the floor. The Committee noted the report contained in documents A72/35 and A72/36 and approved the draft decision contained in document A72/62.

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

The Secretariat advised the Committee that Sudan and North Macedonia are no longer concerned by Article 7 and should be deleted from the list. The draft resolution contained in document A72/37 was approved as amended.

Item 15.4 Special arrangements for settlement of arrears

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited comments from the floor. The Committee approved the draft resolution contained in document A72/66.

Regarding the draft resolution contained in document A72/60, the Secretariat provided additional information and the subitem was suspended. It was announced that discussion of the subitem will continue at the fourth meeting of the Committee. The meeting was adjourned.

Seventh meeting of Committee A

Chairman: Dr Mohammad Assai Ardakani (Islamic Republic of Iran) Vice-Chairman

Later: Dr Silvia Paula Valentim Lutucuta (Angola) Chairman

Later: Dr Yasuhiro Suzuki (Japan) Vice-Chairman

Item 11 (continued) Strategic priority matters

Item 11.6 (continued) Health, environment and climate change

Discussion of the agenda subitem resumed and delegations who had previously requested to speak on the report and draft decision contained in document A72/15 were invited to take the floor. The Secretariat responded to issues raised. The Committee noted the report *Health, environment and climate change. Draft WHO global strategy on health, environment and climate change: the transformation needed to improve lives and well-being sustainably through healthy environments* and approved the draft decision as contained in document A72/15.

The Chair invited the Committee to consider the report and draft decision contained in document A72/16 *Draft plan of action on climate change and health in small island developing States*. The Secretariat responded to issues raised. The Committee approved the draft decision without amendment and noted the report thus closing the subitem.

Item 11.8 Follow-up to the high-level meetings of the United Nations General Assembly on health-related issues

The Chairman opened the agenda subitem 11.8 and proposed that the three bullet points under this subitem be considered separately. The Committee agreed with the proposal.

- Antimicrobial resistance

The Committee was invited to consider the draft resolution EB144.R11 *Antimicrobial resistance* contained in document EB144/2019/REC/1. The floor was opened for discussion and the Secretariat responded to issues raised. The draft resolution EB144.R11 was approved without amendment and the meeting was adjourned.

Third meeting of Committee B

Chairman: Mr Herbert Barnard (Netherlands)

Item 16 (continued) **Audit and oversight matters**

Item 16.4 Appointment of the External Auditor

The Chair invited the six candidates for the position of External Auditor (Congo, France, Ghana, India, Tunisia and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) to make their presentations. In accordance with Rule 78 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, a vote by secret ballot was held. The result of the vote was:

Number of Members entitled to vote:	184
Absent	20
Abstentions	2
Ballots null and void	0
Members present and voting	162
Majority required	82

Results:

Congo	5
France	28
Ghana	14
India	90
Tunisia	15
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	10

The draft resolution contained in document A72/42 was approved, thereby appointing Comptroller and Audit General of India as External Auditor of the accounts of the World Health Organization. The delegate of India was invited to address the Committee followed by the newly-appointed External Auditor.

Item 15.5 Scale of assessments

The Chair opened the subitem and invited comments from the floor. The Committee approved the draft resolution EB144.R6 contained in document EB144/2019/REC/1 on Scale of assessment.

The meeting was adjourned

3. Technical briefings

The following technical briefings will take place during the Seventy-second World Health Assembly.

Friday, 24 May 2019

12:30–14:15 Green, sustainable climate-resilient health care facilities.
Room XII

12:30–14:15 Promoting local production of medicines and other health technologies: official
Room XXIII launch of the interagency statement.

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12:30–14:15 Towards healthier populations: a new vision.
Room XII

4. Side events

The following side events are scheduled to take place during the Seventy-second World Health Assembly.

Friday, 24 May 2019

12:30–14:00 Room VII	Towards the sixth replenishment: scaling up the fight against HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis. Organized by the delegations of Eswatini, France and Zimbabwe.
12:30–14:00 Room VIII	Let's get real: adolescents' sexual and reproductive health and rights and well-being. Organized by the delegations of Mozambique, Portugal, Slovenia and Uruguay.
18:00–18:50 Room IX	WHO-civil society collaboration to drive progress on climate change and health. Organized by Alliance for Health Promotion.
18:00–19:30 Room VII	Disease prevention: the role of primary healthcare in achieving sustainable, universal health coverage. Organized by the delegations of Bahrain, Estonia, Oman, Pakistan and Turkey.
19:00–19:50 Room IX	Cross-sectoral collaboration and leadership in the energy-health nexus. Organized by United Nations Foundation

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18:00–18:50 Room IX	Building resilience and strengthening global health security in crisis-affected settings through investing in community health workers. Organized by Amref Health Africa and International Rescue Committee.
19:00–19:50 Room IX	Nuclear weapons today: an update of the humanitarian consequences of nuclear war and the medical role in preventing it. Organized by International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, World Federation of Public Health Associations and World Medical Association.

5. Other meetings

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

Friday, 24 May 2019

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.
08:15–08:45 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.
13:00–14:00 Concordia 4	Western Europe and Others Group (WEOG) Meeting.

Saturday, 25 May 2019

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.
08:15–08:45 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.
13:00–14:00 Room XV	Western Europe and Others Group (WEOG) Meeting.

Monday, 27 May 2019

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.
08:15–08:45 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.
13:00–14:00 Concordia 4	Western Europe and Others Group (WEOG) Meeting.

Tuesday, 28 May 2019

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.
08:15–08:45 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.
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6. Arrangements for conduct of discussion in meetings

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7. Announcements

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