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Programme of meetings for Saturday, 25 May 2019

Time	Committee A <i>Room XVIII</i>	Committee B <i>Room XVII</i>
09:00	Tenth meeting	Sixth meeting

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Paperless governing body meetings

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Drafting group

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 XXIII 09:00–12:00

1. Programme of work of the Health Assembly

Saturday, 25 May 2019

Tenth meeting of Committee A

Room XVIII – 09:00

- **Draft fourth report of Committee A**
- Document (Draft) A72/76 containing two decisions entitled:
- *Follow-up to the political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases*
 - *Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework for the sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits*

Item 12 (continued) Other technical matters

- 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
- Item 12.10 – The public health implications of implementation of the Nagoya Protocol
Documents A72/32, A72/A/CONF./3 and A72/A/CONF./3 Add.1
- Item 12.4 – Promoting the health of refugees and migrants
Document A72/25 Rev.1
- If time permits:*
- Item 12.3 – Human resources for health
Documents A72/23 and A72/24

Sixth meeting of Committee B

Room XVII – 09:00

- **Draft third report of Committee B**
- Document (Draft) A72/75 containing four decisions entitled:
- *Human resources: annual report*
 - *Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee*
 - *2020: International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife*
 - *World Chagas Disease Day*
- and three decisions entitled:
- *WHO reform: amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly*
- and two resolutions entitled:
- *Salaries of staff in ungraded positions and of the Director-General*
 - *Special arrangements for settlement of arrears: Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela*

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

- Item 12.7 – Eleventh revision of the International Classification of Diseases
Documents A72/29 and A72/29 Add.1
- Item 12.9 – Emergency and trauma care
Documents A72/31, A72/A/CONF./1 and A72/A/CONF./1 Add.1
- Item 12.8 – Global Strategy for Women’s, Children’s and Adolescents’ Health (2016–2030)
Document A72/30

If time permits:

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))

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

- Item 12.6 – Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks
Document A72/28

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

Seventh and eighth meetings of Committee B

Room XVII – 09:00 and 14:30

Finalization of resolutions and reports

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

– **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*

– **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 9 Closure of the Health Assembly

2. Report of meetings

Sixth Plenary meeting

In the chair: Dr Bounkong Syhavong (Lao People's Democratic Republic)
President of the Seventy-second World Health Assembly

The President opened the meeting and informed the Plenary that delivery of the Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion will be postponed to WHA73 pending further consideration of the mechanism put in place for awarding the Prize.

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.

- **2019 Sasakawa Health Prize**

The President announced that the 2019 Sasakawa Health Prize has been awarded jointly to Professor Judith Ndongo Embola Torimiro, Chantal Biya International Reference Centre for Research on the Prevention and Management of HIV/AIDS, Cameroon, and Señor Eusebio Quispe Rodriguez, former Mayor, of the district of Iguain in Peru.

Mr Ichiro Kabasawa, Executive Director, The Nippon Foundation, addressed the Assembly on behalf of the Sasakawa Memorial Health Foundation.

Professor Judith Ndongo Embola Torimiro received the award and addressed the Health Assembly. Dr Wieslawa De Pawlikowski, accepted the award behalf of Señor Eusebio Quispe Rodriguez and addressed the Health Assembly.

- **2019 United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Prize**

The President announced that the 2019 United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Prize has been awarded jointly to the National Center for Global Health and Medicine, Japan, and Dr Askwar Hilonga of the United Republic of Tanzania.

Dr Hussain Abdul Rahman Al Rand, Assistant Under Secretary, Health Centres and Clinics, Ministry of Health, addressed the Assembly on behalf of the United Arab Emirates Health Foundation.

Dr Norihiro Kokudo accepted the award on behalf of the National Center for Global Health and Medicine and addressed the Health Assembly. Dr Askwar Hilonga received the award and addressed the Health Assembly.

- **2019 “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 2019 “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 Aging and Fragility in the Elderly Group of the Research Institute of La Paz Hospital, Spain.

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

Dr Pilar Sáez López accepted the award on behalf of the Aging and Fragility in the Elderly Group of the Research Institute of La Paz Hospital and addressed the Health Assembly.

- **2019 Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health**

The President announced that the 2019 Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health has been awarded jointly to Professor Balram Bhargava of India, and the Health Promotion Unit of the Department of Public Health, Myanmar.

Dr MooJin Choo President, Korea Foundation for International Healthcare, addressed the Assembly on behalf of the Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Fund.

Professor Balram Bhargava accepted the award and addressed the Health Assembly.

Dr Than Lwin Tun accepted the award on behalf of the Health Promotion Unit of the Department of Public Health, Myanmar and addressed the Health Assembly.

The WHO Director-General Dr Tedros, announced that the Director-General's Special Recognition award has been awarded to His Excellency Professor Kane Boubacar, Minister of Health, Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

Professor Cheikh Baye Mkheitiratt, Inspector General in the Ministry of Health of Mauritania, accepted the award on behalf of Professor Kane Boubacar and addressed the Health Assembly.

Item 6

Executive Board: election (document A72/72)

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:

Argentina	Kenya
Austria	Singapore
Bangladesh	Tajikistan
Burkina Faso	Tonga
Grenada	Tunisia
Guyana	United Arab Emirates

Item 8

Reports of the main committees

- **First report of Committee A**

The President introduced the first report of Committee A containing the following resolution:

- *Proposed programme budget 2020–2021*

The Health Assembly adopted the resolution and approved the first report of Committee A.

- **Second report of Committee A**

The President introduced the second report of Committee A containing the following three resolutions:

- *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 Health Assembly adopted the resolutions and approved the second report of Committee A.

– **First report of Committee B**

The President introduced the first report of Committee B containing the following decision:

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

The Health Assembly adopted the decision and approved the first report of Committee B.

Eighth meeting of Committee A

Chairman: Dr Yasuhiro Suzuki (Japan)

– **Draft third report of Committee A**

The Chairman called upon the Rapporteur (Ms Laura Bordón [Paraguay]) to read out the third draft 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*

The decisions and resolution were approved and the draft report was adopted.

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

The Chair opened the second bullet point under subitem 11.8 and invited the Committee to consider the report contained in document A72/19 and the draft decision EB144(1) contained in document EB144/2019/REC/1. The floor was opened for discussion. The Chairman announced that due to time constraints, consideration of this subitem will resume at the next meeting of Committee A.

The meeting was adjourned.

Fourth meeting of Committee B

Chairman: Mr Herbert Barnard (Netherlands)

– **Draft Second report of Committee B**

The Chairman called upon the Secretariat to read out the first draft 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*

The decisions and resolutions were approved and the draft report was adopted.

Item 17 Staffing matters

Item 17.1 Human resources: annual report

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 A72/43 and approved the draft decision contained in paragraph 28 of the document.

Item 17.2 Report of the International Civil Service Commission

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 A72/44.

Item 17.3 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited the Committee to consider the report contained in document A72/45. The Committee noted the report and approved resolution EB144.R8 contained in document EB144/2019/REC/1.

Item 17.4 Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee

The Chairman opened the subitem and the Committee approved the draft decision nominating Dr Gerardo Lubin Burgos Bernal (Colombia) as a member and Dr Arthur Williams (Sierra Leone) as an alternate member of the WHO Staff Pension Committee for a three-year term until the closure of the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly in May 2022.

Item 17.5 Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited comments from the floor. The Committee noted the report contained in document A72/47.

Item 15 (continued) Financial matters

Item 15.4 (continued) 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 A72/60 Rev.1.

Item 18 Managerial, administrative and governance matters

Item 18.2 Multilingualism

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited comments from the floor. The subitem was suspended for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee.

Item 19 Other matters referred to the Health Assembly by the Executive Board

The Chairman opened the item and invited the Committee to consider the draft decision contained in document A72/54 Rev. 1 entitled *2020: International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife*. The Committee approved the draft decision.

The Chairman invited the Committee to consider the draft decision contained in document A72/55 Rev.1 entitled *World Chagas Disease Day*. The Committee approved the draft decision as amended.

The meeting was adjourned.

Ninth meeting of Committee A

Chairman: Dr Yasuhiro Suzuki (Japan) Vice-Chairman

Later: Dr Silvia Paula Valentim Lutucuta (Angola)

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

Discussion of the bullet point under this subitem resumed and at the invitation of the Chair, the Secretariat and the Director-General responded to issues raised. The delegations who had requested to speak during the previous session were invited to take the floor.

The Secretariat responded to issues raised. The Committee noted the report in document A72/19 and approve the draft decision EB144(1) contained in document EB144/2019/REC/1, without amendments.

- Ending tuberculosis

The Chair invited comments from the floor for interventions on the third bullet point under this subitem *Ending tuberculosis*, and drew the Committee's attention to the report contained in A72/20. The Committee noted the report, thus closing the subitem.

Item 12 Other technical matters

Item 12.2 Member State mechanism on substandard and falsified medical products

The Chair opened the subitem and comments were invited from the floor. The Committee was invited to consider the report contained in document A72/22. At the invitation of the Chair, the Secretariat responded to issues raised and the Committee noted the report.

- Item 12.1 Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework for the sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits
- The Chair opened the agenda subitem and invited the Committee to consider the report contained in document A72/21 and the draft decision as contained in document A72/21 Add.1. A delegation reported on the outcome of informal consultations and read out the various proposed amendments to the annex in document A72/21 Add.1.
- Comments were invited from the floor and the Secretariat responded to issues raised. The Secretariat read out the proposed amendment and the draft decision was approved as amended.
- The meeting was adjourned.

Fifth meeting of Committee B

Chairman: Mr Herbert Barnard (Netherlands)

Item 18 (continued) Managerial, administrative and governance matters

Item 18.2 (continued) Multilingualism

The Chairman reopened the subitem and invited comments from the floor. The Secretariat responded to questions raised and the Committee noted the report contained in document A72/53.

Item 21 Matters for information

Item 21.1 Strengthening synergies between the World Health Assembly and the Conference of the Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control

The Chairman invited the Secretariat of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control to make a brief intervention. The Chairman then opened the floor for discussion and the Secretariat responded to questions raised. The Committee noted the report contained in document A72/57.

Item 18 (continued) Managerial, administrative and governance matters

Item 18.1 WHO reform processes, including the transformation agenda, and implementation of United Nations development system reform

The Chairman announced that the item will be taken together with agenda item 20 *Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations*, as its contents are included in document A72/49.

The Chairman proposed that the Committee consider the issues in the following order:

Report in document A72/48 *The WHO transformation agenda*

Report in document A72/49 *Reform of the United Nations development system and implications for WHO*

Report in document A72/50 *WHO reform processes, including the transformation agenda, and implementation of United Nations development system reform*

Followed by the draft decisions:

EB144(4) contained in document A72/50

EB144(3) contained in document A72/51

EB143(7) contained in document A72/52

This proposal was accepted by the Committee.

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

The Chairman invited the Committee to consider the report on the WHO Transformation agenda contained in document A72/48. The Secretariat responded to questions raised.

The Chairman invited the Committee to consider the report on the Reform of the United Nations development system and implications for WHO contained in document A72/49. The Secretariat responded to questions raised.

The Chairman invited the Committee to consider the report on Rules of procedure contained in document A72/50.

The Committee noted the reports contained in documents A72/48, A72/49 and A72/50.

The Chairman invited the Committee to consider draft decision EB144(4) contained in document A72/50. The Committee approved the draft decision.

The Chairman invited the Committee to consider draft decision EB144(3) on Report of the Executive Board Chairperson on the outcome of the information consultation on governance reform contained in document A72/51. The Secretariat responded to questions raised and the Committee approved the draft decision.

The Chairman invited the Committee to consider draft decision EB143(7) on Rules of Procedure of the WHA contained in document A72/52. The Committee approved the draft decision.

Item 21 (continued)**Matters for information**

Item 21.2

Outcome of the Second International Conference on Nutrition

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited comments from the floor. The Committee noted the report contained in document A72/58.

The meeting was adjourned.

3. Technical briefing

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

Monday, 27 May 2019

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.

Monday, 27 May 2019

18:00–18:50 Building resilience and strengthening global health security in crisis-affected settings
Room IX through investing in community health workers. Organized by Amref Health Africa
and International Rescue Committee.

19:00–19:50 Nuclear weapons today: an update of the humanitarian consequences of nuclear war
Room IX 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.

Saturday, 25 May 2019

08:00–08:50 Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
Room IV

Monday, 27 May 2019

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

08:00–08:50 Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
Room IV

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

08:15–08:45 Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO European Region.
Room XXIII

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

Tuesday, 28 May 2019

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

08:00–08:50 Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
Room IV

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

08:15–08:45 Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO European Region.
Room XXIII

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

6. Arrangements for conduct of discussion in meetings

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7. Announcements

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

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