Review and updates on preparations for PBAC39 & EB154

Member State Information Session

9 January 2024
1. Review and updates on preparations for upcoming governing body meetings:
   a) PBAC39
   b) EB154
   c) Q&A

2. AOB
PBAC39: Overview as per C.L.47.23

**Dates:** 16-19 January 2024

**Working hours:** 09:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30 CET

**Agenda:**
- 18 items and sub-items
- One specific PBAC item on the report of the IEOAC
- Remaining items are matters for review and/or recommendation to EB154
- Proposed order of items to be shared soon
- Day 1 includes a deep dive on GPW14
- Item 3.13 proposed for deletion
- New item 3.14 IEOAC Membership renewal
Deep dive on Agenda item 3.2. Draft fourteenth General Programme of Work

Objective: PBAC to provide guidance and oversight on the GPW14

Justification:

- SIP actions 28 and 29 provide for (inter alia): extraordinary/additional PBAC sessions and longer meetings or “thematic/selected topic” sessions

Next steps: Informal meeting of PBAC members on 10 January 2024; concept note to be shared with Member States following the informal meeting
PBAC39: Discussions and proposed order of items

It is proposed that the agenda items /sub-items be taken be considered in the order outlined below – 15 discussions; ❖ = 1 discussion)

❖ 1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

3. Matters for review by, and/or recommendation to, the Executive Board

❖ 3.2 Draft fourteenth General Programme of Work (including deep dive with separate CN)

❖ 3.1 Financing and implementation of the Programme budget 2022–2023 and outlook on financing of the Programme budget 2024–2025

❖ 3.3 Sustainable financing: WHO investment round
PBAC39: Discussions and proposed order of items

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2. Matters for information or action by the committee

❖ 2.1 Report of the Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee (It is proposed that discussions under this sub-item focus on matters that do not appear elsewhere on the agenda)

3. Matters for review by, and/or recommendation to, the Executive Board (continued)

❖ 3.4 Matters emanating from the Agile Member States Task Group on Strengthening WHO’s Budgetary, Programmatic and Financing Governance – outcomes of consultations by co-facilitators of the former Task Group

❖ 3.4 Matters emanating from the Agile Member States Task Group on Strengthening WHO’s Budgetary, Programmatic and Financing Governance – Secretariat implementation of reforms D
PBAC39: Discussions and proposed order of items

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3. Matters for review by, and/or recommendation to, the Executive Board (Continued)
   ✤ 3.5 Prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment
   ✤ 3.8 Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations
   ✤ 3.9 Report of the Ombudsperson
   ✤ The following three sub-items to be taken together
      3.10 Human resources
      3.11 Report of the International Civil Service Commission
      3.12 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules
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3. Matters for review by, and/or recommendation to, the Executive Board (Continued)

❖ Item 3.6 Evaluation: update and proposed workplan for 2024–2025 (D)

❖ Item 3.7 Engagement with non-State actors
  • Report on the implementation of the Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors
  • Non-State actors in official relations with WHO (D)

❖ Item 3.14 Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee: membership renewal

❖ Item 4 Adoption of the report and closure of the meeting
Verbal Statements at PBAC39

The following speaking times are proposed:

- PBAC members: **3 minutes**
- Member States not represented on the PBAC and Associate Members: **2 minutes**
- Group statements: **4 minutes**

*(In line with past practice)*
PBAC39 Registration

- Registration open since 18 December 2023 by going to the following link: https://indico.un.org/e/PBAC39

- Each participant is invited to register her/himself. There is no single focal point for registrations.

Composition of delegations:
- Two persons for PBAC Member delegation may be present at a time in the meeting room.
- One person for non-PBAC Member delegations may be present at a time in the meeting room.
EB154: Overview as per C.L.44.23

- C.L.44.23 on EB154 was sent out on Monday 4 December
- Dates: 22-27 January 2024
- Working hours (CET):
  - Monday 22 Jan: 09:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30
    - Briefing on INB and WGIHR from 13:00-14:00
  - Tuesday 23 Jan onwards: 10:00-13:00 and 14:30-17:30
EB154: Overview as per C.L.44.23

- Registration for EB154 was open since 18 December 2023 by going to the following link: https://indico.un.org/e/EB154
- EB154 will be held in person
- No limit on the number registering as part of Member State delegations
- Two people per EB MS delegation and one person per non-EB MS delegation may be present in the meeting room
- Review the C.L.44.23 for full details (registration, credentials, access to WHO, visas, etc.)
The provisional agenda for EB154 and all other meeting documents are on the WHO [website](#) as they become available in the six official UN languages. The provisional agenda also contains hyperlinks to the meeting documents.

There are 45 items and sub-items on the agenda, which is organized as follows:

- **Opening** of the session and adoption of the agenda
- **Report by the Director-General** (oral report)
- Report of the regional committees to the Executive Board
- Report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee
- Report of the Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response
- Pillar 1: One billion more people benefitting from universal health coverage
- Pillar 2: One billion more people better protected from health emergencies
- Pillar 3: One billion more people enjoying better health and well-being
- Pillar 4: More effective and efficient WHO providing better support to countries
- Closure of session
The preliminary daily timetable is contained in document EB154/DIV./2. The session is scheduled over a 6-day period, including Saturday 27 January. Some items are to be discussed at fixed times:

- **Monday 22 January at 09:30**
  - Item 1 Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda
  - Item 2 Report by the DG
  - Item 3 Report of the regional committees to the EB
  - Item 6 UHC

- **Monday 22 January at 14:30,**
  - Item 4 Report of the PBAC
  - Sub-item 24.2 Draft fourteenth GPW
  - Sub-item 24.1 Financing and implementation of the PB 2022–2023 and outlook on financing of the PB 2024–2025
  - Sub-item 24.3 Sustainable financing: WHO investment round

- **Tuesday, 23 January at 10:00**
  - Sub-items 28.1, 28.2, 28.3 appointment of Regional Directors for EMR, SEAR, WPR (private meeting followed by public meeting)
Will there be evening sessions?

- Possibly starting from Wednesday depending on progress

How to avoid/limit these?

- Please stick to the time limits for delivering statements
- Provide extra details in a written statement
- If you are part of a group statement, consider refraining from making a repetitive national statement, and alternatively only adding a short supplement if needed
Discussions at EB154

Pillar 1: One billion more people benefiting from universal health coverage; 8 discussions; ❖ = 1 discussion

❖ **Item 6**  UHC D D

❖ **Item 7**  Follow-up to the political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of NCDs D D

❖ **Item 8**  Draft global action plan on IPC

❖ **Item 9**  Immunization Agenda 2030

❖ **Item 10**  End TB Strategy

❖ **Item 11**  Road map for NTDs 2021–2030

❖ **Item 12**  Acceleration towards SDG targets for maternal health and Child Mortality D

❖ **Item 13**  AMR: accelerating national and global responses D
Discussions at EB154

Pillar 2: One billion more people better protected from health emergencies; 6 discussions; ✪ = 1 discussion

❖ **Item 5** Report of the Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response

❖ **Item 14** WHO’s work in health emergencies

❖ **Item 15** Implementation of resolution WHA75.11 (2022)

❖ **Item 16** Global Health and Peace Initiative

❖ **Item 17** Poliomyelitis
  • Poliomyelitis eradication
  • Polio transition planning and polio post-certification

❖ **Item 18** Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks
Discussions at EB154

Pillar 3: One billion more people enjoying better health and well-being; 5 discussions; ✧ = 1 discussion

❖ Item 19 Social determinants of health

❖ Item 20 Maternal, infant and young child nutrition

❖ Item 21 Well-being and health promotion D

❖ Item 22 Climate change, pollution and health
  • The impact of chemicals, waste and pollution on human health
  • Climate change and health D

❖ Item 23 Economics and health for all D
Discussions at EB154

Pillar 4: More effective and efficient WHO providing better support to countries; 18 discussions noting that Member States will be invited to focus discussion on the PBAC report and recommendations of the PBAC; ✤ = 1 discussion

- **Item 4.** Report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board

**Item 24.** Budget and finance matters

- **Item 24.1** Financing and implementation of the Programme budget 2022–2023 and outlook on financing of the Programme budget 2024–2025

- **Item 24.2** Draft fourteenth General Programme of Work

- **Item 24.3** Sustainable financing: WHO investment round
Discussions at EB154

Pillar 4: More effective and efficient WHO providing better support to countries; 18 discussions noting that Member States will be invited to focus discussion on the PBAC report and recommendations of the PBAC); ◇ = 1 discussion

**Item 25. Management and governance matters**

- **Item 25.1** Prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment
- **Item 25.2** Evaluation: update and proposed workplan for 2024–2025
- **Item 25.3** Matters emanating from the Agile Member States Task Group on Strengthening WHO’s Budgetary, Programmatic and Financing Governance
- **Item 25.4** Engagement with non-State actors
  - Report on the implementation of the Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors
  - Non-State actors in official relations with WHO
- **Item 25.5** Nomination and appointment of Regional Directors
Discussions at EB154

Pillar 4: More effective and efficient WHO providing better support to countries; 18 discussions noting that Member States will be invited to focus discussion on the PBAC report and recommendations of the PBAC; ✦ = 1 discussion

✦ Item 26. Provisional agenda of the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly and date and place of the 155th session of the Executive Board

✦ The following item and two sub-items will be taken together (27, 27.1 and 27.2):

Item 27. Committees of the Executive Board

Item 27.1 Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee: membership renewal

Item 27.2 Foundation committees and selection panels
Discussions at EB154

Pillar 4: More effective and efficient WHO providing better support to countries; 18 discussions noting that Member States will be invited to focus discussion on the PBAC report and recommendations of the PBAC); ✷ = 1 discussion

Item 28 Staffing matters

◆ The following two sub-items will be taken together: (28.4 and 28.5):

Item 28.4 Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations
Item 28.5 Report of the Ombudsperson

◆ The following three sub-items will be taken together: (28.6, 28.7 and 28.8):

Item 28.6. Human resources: update

Item 28.7 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules

Item 28.8 Report of the International Civil Service Commission
Discussions at EB154

Pillar 4: More effective and efficient WHO providing better support to countries; 18 discussions noting that Member States will be invited to focus discussion on the PBAC report and recommendations of the PBAC; ❖ = 1 discussion

Item 28. Staffing matters
❖ Private meeting

Item 28.1 Appointment of the Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean
Item 28.2 Appointment of the Regional Director for South-East Asia
Item 28.3 Appointment of the Regional Director for the Western Pacific

Public meeting
❖ Item 28.1 Appointment of the Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean (continued) R
❖ Item 28.3 Appointment of the Regional Director for South-East Asia (continued) R
❖ Item 28.4 Appointment of the Regional Director for the Western Pacific (continued) R

Items taken up together; one presentation and three votes at the same time

Regional statements only are strongly encouraged in line with previous practice.
Discussions at EB154

Pillar 4: More effective and efficient WHO providing better support to countries; 18 discussions noting that Member States will be invited to focus discussion on the PBAC report and recommendations of the PBAC); ✧ = 1 discussion

♦ Item 29. Report on meetings of expert committees and study groups
   • Expert advisory panels and committees and their membership

Item 30. Closure of the session
Focus on Item 25.3: Matters emanating from the AMSTG

EB154/32
Secretariat implementation plan on reform

EB154/33
Strengthening WHO’s Budgetary, Programmatic and Financing Governance: follow-up to the implementation of Decision EB152(15)

EB154/33/Add.1
Proposals for improving the effectiveness of WHO GBs

EB154/33/Add.2
Project plan: implementation of digital solutions for GBs

EB154/33/Add.3
Cost recovery mechanisms for voluntary contributions – an update

EB154/34
MS implementation of remaining AMSTG recommendations

EB154/34/Add.1
Follow-up to decision WHA69(8) (2016), operative paragraph 10 (ADG selection)

EB154/34/Add.2
Costing methodology for new initiatives

EB154/35
Process of handling and investigating potential allegations against DGs

Report prepared by Secretariat
Report prepared by former AMSTG Co-Facilitators
Report to contain a draft decision
Verbal Statements at EB154

The following speaking times are proposed:

- Executive Board members: 3 minutes
- Member States not represented on the Board: 2 minutes
- Group statements: 4 minutes
- Observers, United Nations and other IGOs, NSAs: 1 minute
- NSA constituency statements: 3 minutes

(In line with past practice)
Verbal Statements at EB154

Update on NSA Constituency Statements:

There will be constituency statements on the following 5 agenda items:

- Item 6. UHC
- Item 7. NCDs
- Item 14. WHO’s work in Health Emergencies
- Item 24.2. Draft GPW14
- Item 25.4. Engagement with non-State actors (FENSA implementation)

These constituency statements will be delivered interspersed among statements by Member States not represented on the Board.

(In accordance with decision EB152(29))
Last year, EB members discussed several options to improve efficiency at EB meetings which were implemented for EB152 and which will continue at EB154;

- includes the possibility of engaging non-EB Member States more meaningfully in the debates and having guiding questions as part of the Secretariat’s reports → focus the debate on expected outcomes

- While acknowledging EB149(3) that continues to apply, it is proposed for written statements to be posted up to 7 days before the start of the session, i.e. from 15 January 2024
Written Statements at EB154

- Registered Member States are further invited to focus their **written statements on their national context** and **oral statements on the guiding questions** (contained in Secretariat reports and will be projected onscreen)

- This will give the Members of the Executive Board a chance to review information submitted in writing prior to the relevant debate and to refer to it, if they so wish, in their interventions

- Expected outcome: More dynamic, meaningful and robust discussion of the pertinent issues at EB154; contribute to more efficient agenda management

- Written statements should be sent to **statements@who.int** and will be available as of 15 January on the WHO website: **https://apps.who.int/gb/statements/eb154/**
Informal Briefing Note

Meeting of the WHO Executive Board at its 154th session

1. The 154th session of the Board will meet from 22-27 January 2021. The meeting will convene at 08:00 on Monday, 25 January 2021. The working hours will be as follows:
   - Monday 22 Jan: 09:00-12:30 and 14:00-17:30 GST
   - Tuesday 26 Jan: 09:00-12:00 and 14:00-17:30 GST

2. The provisional agenda for EB154 and all other meeting documents are available on the WHO website. The provisional agenda also contains hyperlinks to the meeting documents.

3. There are approximately 26 items and sub-items on the agenda, which is organized as follows:
   - Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda
   - Report by the Director-General (oral report)
   - Report of the regional committees to the Executive Board
   - Report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee
   - Report of the Standing Committee on Health Emergency Preparedness, Response and Resilience
   - Pillar 1: Over 2 billion more people benefiting from universal health coverage
   - Pillar 3: One billion more people benefiting from quality health services
   - Pillar 5: One billion more people benefiting from better health and well-being
   - Pillar 6: More effective and efficient WHO providing better support to countries

4. The preliminary daily timetable is contained in document EB154/R1/3. The session is scheduled over a 5-day period, including Saturday 23 January. Some items are to be discussed in round tables:
   - On Monday 25 January at 09:00, EB154 will convene and take up Item 1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda. Then the Board will consider Item 2, Report by the Director-General. Then it will take up Item 3. Then the Board will discuss the agenda items related to the Regional Executive Board. The session will then take up Item 1. Then take up Item 2: Universal Health Coverage.
   - On Monday 25 January at 14:30, the Board will consider Item 4. Report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board. Followed by Item 24.2 Draft Nineteenth General Programme of Work, Item 24.3 Planning and Implementation of the Programme, budget 2022-2023 and outline on financing of the Programme budget 2024-2025, and Item 24.4 Sustainable Financing (at the request of the Committee.
   - On Tuesday 26 January at 09:00, the Board will consider Items 2D, 2E and 2F in a private meeting concerning the appointment of the Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean, South East Asia and Western Pacific regions respectively, and then continue with Items 2A, 2B and 2C in a public meeting concerning the appointment of three regional directors.

- First draft shared on 13 December; final draft to be shared tomorrow
- Table at the end of the informal briefing note contains a table; each item listed by item number, title, summary of the item, and action by the Executive Board
- Relevant reports are linked
- A summary of the action by the EB is included
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Co-Sponsorship of Decisions/Resolutions

- Proposed decisions/resolutions are prepared as conference papers
- Conference papers include co-sponsors on the document
- The most efficient way to confirm co-sponsorship is for the Member States who submit draft resolutions include a list of co-sponsors and then copy all co-sponsors on their email to governanceunit@who.int when making their submission – by 12 January 2024
- It is also possible to confirm cosponsorship by emailing cosponsorship@who.int
- Once decision/resolution text is submitted, the text goes into production (editing for WHO house style, translation, posting online) after which time co-sponsorship can be announced from the floor when the item is discussed
- Conference papers are temporary documents; co-sponsoring from the floor during the discussion will be noted in the permanent records
Decisions/Resolutions

- These are often drafted as EB decisions to recommend resolutions for adoption at WHA
# Informal list of intergovernmental meetings (provisional)

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To facilitate accuracy and clarity in interpretation in the multilingual setting, Member States are kindly requested to send a copy of any statements to be delivered in session to interpret@who.int at least 30 minutes in advance of delivery.
Next steps:

- Informal meeting of PBAC members tomorrow, 10 January
- Final informal briefing note to be shared tomorrow, 10 January
Send any further questions to:

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Protocol/registration matters:  hqgoverningbodies@who.int
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