



Preparations for EB156 & PBAC41

Member State Information Session

16 January 2025

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Agenda

1. Update on arrangements for PBAC41 and EB156
2. Update on specific topics:
 - Proposed Programme Budget 2026-2027
 - Governance reform
 - Member State-led governance reform
 - Process for handling and investigating potential allegations against WHO Directors-General
 - Draft terms of reference to strengthen the effectiveness of the functioning of the Officers of the Executive Board
3. Questions and answers

PBAC41: Overview



PROGRAMME, BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
Thirty-ninth meeting
16–19 January 2024

EBPBAC39/1
16 November 2023

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda
Document EBPBAC39/1
2. Matters for information or action by the Committee
 - 2.1 Report of the Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee
Document EBPBAC39/2
3. Matters for review by, and/or recommendation to, the Executive Board
 - 3.1 Financing and implementation of the Programme budget 2022–2023 and outlook on financing of the Programme budget 2024–2025
Document EB154/27
 - 3.2 Draft fourteenth General Programme of Work
Documents EB154/28 and EB154/INF./1
 - 3.3 Sustainable financing: WHO investment round
Document EB154/29
 - 3.4 Matters emanating from the Agile Member States Task Group on Strengthening WHO's Budgetary, Programmatic and Financing Governance
Documents EB154/32; EB154/33, EB154/33 Add 1, EB154/33 Add 2, EB154/33 Add 3, EB154/34, EB154/34 Add 1; EB154/35
 - 3.5 Prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment
Document EB154/30
 - 3.6 Evaluation: update and proposed workplan for 2024–2025
Document EB154/31

Dates: 29–31 January 2025

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

Agenda:

- 15 items and sub-items
- One specific PBAC item on the report of the IEOAC
- Remaining items are matters for review and/or recommendation to EB156
- Items 3.3 and 3.12 proposed for deletion

PBAC41: Discussions and proposed order of items

It is proposed that the agenda items /sub-items be considered **in the order outlined below**
– **13 discussions**; ♦ = 1 discussion)

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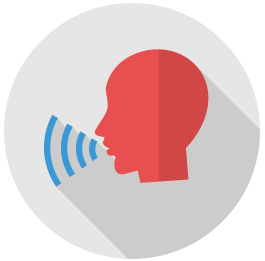
2. Matters for information or action by the committee

♦ 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

♦ 3.1 Financing and implementation of the Programme budget 2024–2025

♦ 3.2 Proposed programme budget 2026–2027



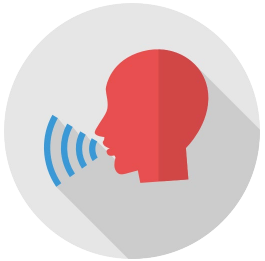
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3.4 Governance reform

- ♦ Secretariat Implementation Plan on reform
- ♦ Member State-led governance reform
- ♦ Process of handling and investigating potential allegations against WHO Directors General

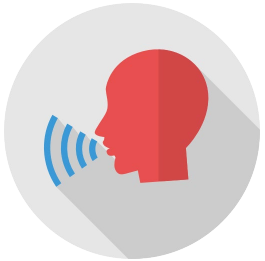


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- ♦ 3.5 Prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment
- ♦ 3.6 Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations
- ♦ 3.7 Report of the Ombudsperson
- ♦ *The following three sub-items to be taken together*
 - 3.8 Human resources
 - 3.9 Report of the International Civil Service Commission
 - 3.10 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules



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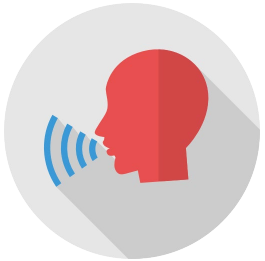
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♦ Item 3.11 Engagement with non-State actors

- Report on the implementation of the Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors
- Non-State actors in official relations with WHO

♦ Item 4 Adoption of the report and closure of the meeting



Efficiency/ Time saving measures



- ❑ The PBAC Chair proposes to **pilot several innovations** including **projecting the speaker's list on the screen**, **possibly cutting the microphones of speakers** who greatly exceed the time limits, and **projecting Chair's summaries** of discussions on the screen at the conclusion of each item.

EB156: Overview as per C.L.47.2024

- **C.L.47.2024 on EB156** was circulated on **09 December**
- **Dates:** 3-11 February 2025
- **Working hours (CET):**
 - Monday 3 February: 09:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30
 - Tuesday 4 February onwards: 10:00-13:00 and 14:30-17:30

EB156: Overview

The provisional agenda for EB156 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 47 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**
- 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

Proposed programme

- **Monday 3 February:** following discussion of items 1-4, it is proposed that the EB turn to **item 24.2 Governance reform** and consider the 5 bullets under that item. Following that discussion, the EB would take up items **23.1 Financing and implementation of the Programme budget 2024–2025** and **item 23.2 Proposed programme budget 2026–2027**
- **Tuesday 4 February:** it is proposed that the Board start with **items 27.1 Appointment of the Regional Director for Africa** and **27.2 Appointment of the Regional Director for Europe**, after which the EB turn its attention to **Pillar 1** matters and focus on **Pillar 1** and all throughout Wednesday 5 February.
- **Thursday 6 February:** it is proposed that the Board take up **item 5 Report of the Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response**, followed by discussion of all items under **Pillar 2**
- **Friday 7 February:** it is proposed that the Board consider any remaining items under **Pillar 1** before turning to **Pillar 3**

Draft Resolutions and decisions

Agenda Item	Decision/resolution topic or title	Source
Pillar 1		
Item 6. Universal health coverage	Enhancing Global Health Financing (R)	Nigeria
	Rare Diseases: A Priority for Global Health Equity and Inclusion (R)	Egypt and Spain
	Strengthening national capacities in evidence-based decision making for the uptake and impact of norms and standards (R)	Ethiopia
	Strengthening Medical imaging capacity (R)	Cameroon
	Accelerating the eradication of Dracunculiasis (Guinea worm) and strengthening cross-border collaboration (R)	Chad
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	Mental health as a dedicated agenda item at WHO Governing Bodies (D)	Chile, Dominican Republic
	Establish World Cervical Cancer Elimination Day (R)	Nigeria, South Africa
	Promoting and Prioritizing Integrated Lung Health care Approach (R)	Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Egypt, Malaysia, Palestine
	Primary prevention and integrated care for sensory impairments across the life course proposed (R)	Slovakia
	Reducing the burden of non-communicable disease through promotion of kidney health and strengthening prevention and control of kidney disease (R)	Guatemala
Item 8. Mental health and social connection	Fostering Global Health: The Essential Role of Social Connection in Combating Loneliness, Social Isolation and Inequities in Health (R)	Chile, United States of America

Draft Resolutions and decisions

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Item 9. Communicable diseases	Skin diseases as a global public health priority (R)	Côte d'Ivoire
Item 10. Substandard and falsified medical products	Draft decision on the submission of the report of the 14 th meeting to the governing bodies	Secretariat's report
Item 12. Health and care workforce	Accelerating action on the global health and care workforce by 2030 (R)	Morocco and Philippines
Item 13. Draft global traditional medicine strategy (2025–2034)	Adoption of the draft global traditional medicine strategy (2025–2034)	Secretariat's report
Item 14. Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health	World Prematurity Day (R)	United Republic of Tanzania
	Regulating the Digital Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes. Zero Draft (R)	Brazil, Mexico
Pillar 2		
Item 15. WHO's work in health emergencies	Strengthening the evidence-base for public health and social measures (R)	Norway
	Influenza preparedness (D)	United States

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Pillar 3

Item 20. The impact of chemicals, waste and pollution on human health	Effects of nuclear weapons on health and health services (R)	Marshall Islands, Samoa and Vanuatu
	Galvanizing global support for a lead-free future (R)	United States
Item 21. Updated road map for an enhanced global response to the adverse health effects of air pollution	Adoption of the road map (D)	Secretariat's report
Item 22. Climate Change and health	Adoption of the Global Action Plan (D)	Secretariat's report

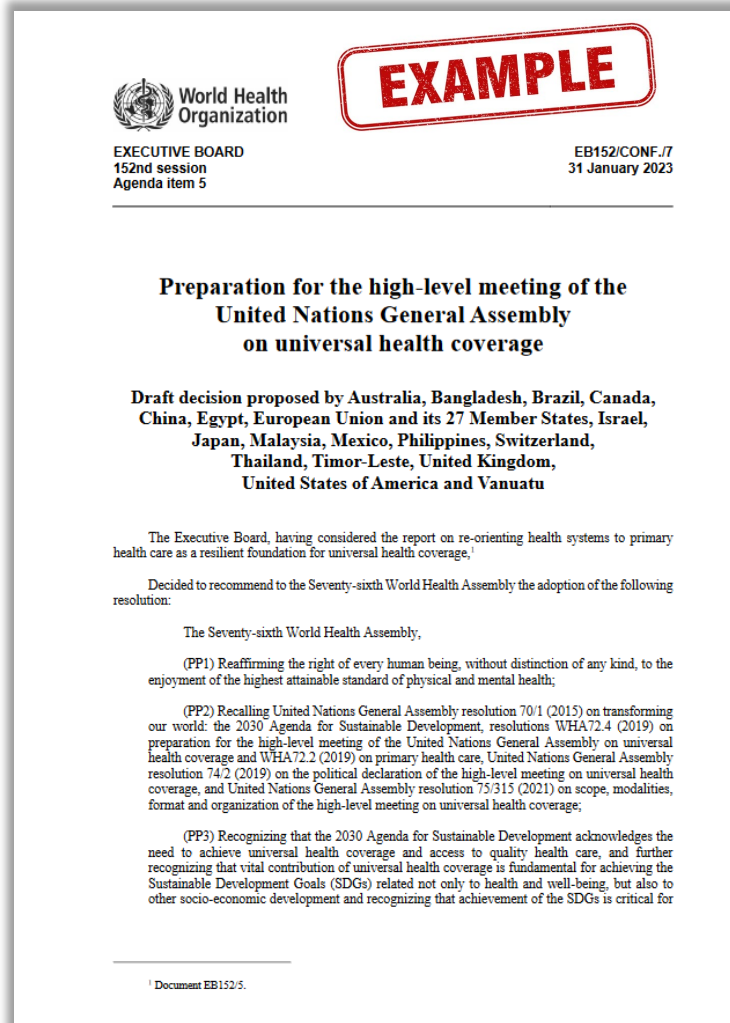
Pillar 4

24.2 Governance reform	Process for handling and investigating potential allegations against WHO Directors-General (D)	Co-leads' report
	Member State-led governance reform (D)	Co-leads' report
	Draft terms of reference to strengthen the effectiveness of the functioning of the Officers of the Executive Board (D)	Secretariat's report
24.3 Global strategies or action plans that are scheduled to expire within one year	Extension of the global strategic directions for nursing and midwifery 2021–2025 until 2030 (D)	Secretariat's report
	Extension of the global strategy on digital health 2020–2025 (D)	Secretariat's report
	Extension of the global action plan on the public health response to dementia (D)	Secretariat's report
	Extension of the comprehensive implementation plan on maternal, infant and young child nutrition (R)	Ethiopia and Ireland
	Extension of the comprehensive implementation plan on maternal, infant and young child nutrition (D)	Secretariat's report

Draft Resolutions and decisions

Item 24.4 Engagement with non-State actors	Non-State actors in official relations with WHO (D)	Secretariat's report
Item 24.5 International Health Regulations (2005): proposed procedure for the correction of errors in the text of the instrument	Proposed procedure for the correction of errors in the text of the instrument (D)	Secretariat's report
Item 25 Provisional agenda of the Seventy-eighth World Health Assembly	Approval of the Provisional agenda of the Seventy-eighth World Health Assembly (D)	Secretariat's report
	Date and place of EB157 (D)	Secretariat's report
Item 26.3 Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response	Dates of the sixth meeting (D)	Secretariat's report
Item 27.2 Appointment of the Regional Director for Europe	Appointment of the Regional Director for Europe (R)	Secretariat's report
27.6 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules	Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules (R)	Secretariat's report

Draft Resolutions and Decisions



- It is recommended that resolutions/decisions be submitted by **10 January 2025 per document EB153/4**; According to Rule 32 of the EB Rules of Procedure, proposals should be introduced “**at least 15 days before the opening of the session and may, in any event, be introduced no later than the close of the first day of the session.**”
- The most efficient way to confirm co-sponsorship is for the Member States who submit draft resolutions to include a list of co-sponsors and then copy all co-sponsors on their email to governanceunit@who.int when making their submission; Please also confirm co-sponsorship by emailing cosponsorship@who.int
- Once the resolution/decision is submitted, the text goes into production (editing for WHO house style, translation, posting online) as a conference paper, 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 official records

Written Statements at EB156



- According to [EB149\(3\)](#) , written statements should clearly identify the Member State (or region) submitting, as well as the governing body session and specific agenda item to which the statement relates.
- It is proposed for written statements to be posted up to 7 days before the start of the session, i.e. from 27 January 2025
- Written statements should be sent to statements@who.int and will be available on the WHO website: <https://apps.who.int/gb/statements/eb156/>

Interpretation for both EB156 and PBAC41



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



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