

Member State Information Session

Introduction to governing body processes
for new Health Attachés and an overview
of the intersessional schedule of meetings

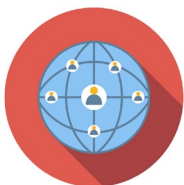


Introduction

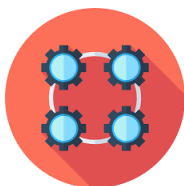
- WHO is a UN specialized agency, established on 7 April 1948 as the directing and coordinating authority on international health work
- Objective: "attainment by all peoples of the highest possible level of health" see WHO's Constitution/Basic Documents
- WHO's values: commitment to human rights, universality and equity
- The Fourteenth General Programme of Work (GPW14) aims to promote, provide and protect the health and well-being for everyone, everywhere.



Session overview



Introduction to the WHA, the EB and its standing committees (PBAC and SCHEPPR)



Overview of ongoing intergovernmental processes mandated by the governing bodies and other matters on the horizon



Focus on resolutions/decisions



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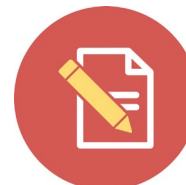
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Key findings from the WHA78 delegate survey



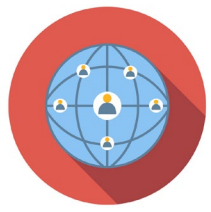
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Registration processes and travel support



Discussion after each section



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WHA

World Health Assembly

EB

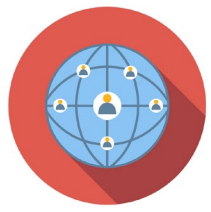
Executive Board

PBAC

Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board

SCHEPPR

Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response



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WHA

For each governing body, we will address the following:

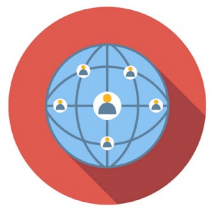
EB

- What is the purpose?
- How often does it convene?
- Who participates?
- How are the agendas set?

PBAC

- The reporting relationship will also be illustrated

SCHEPPR

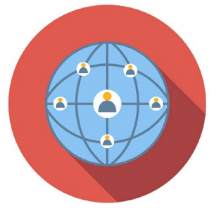


WHA

World Health Assembly

What is the purpose?

- WHA is the supreme decision-making body for WHO
- Main function is to determine the policies of the Organization
- WHA appoints the Director-General, supervises financial policies, reviews and approves the proposed programme budget and the general programme of work
- Also considers reports of the EB and determines whether further action, study, investigation or reporting may be required



WHA

World Health Assembly

How often does it convene?

- Annually in May
- Special sessions of the WHA can be convened when extraordinary circumstances arise (e.g. In December 2021, established the INB to draft and negotiate a WHO CA+ on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response)



WHA

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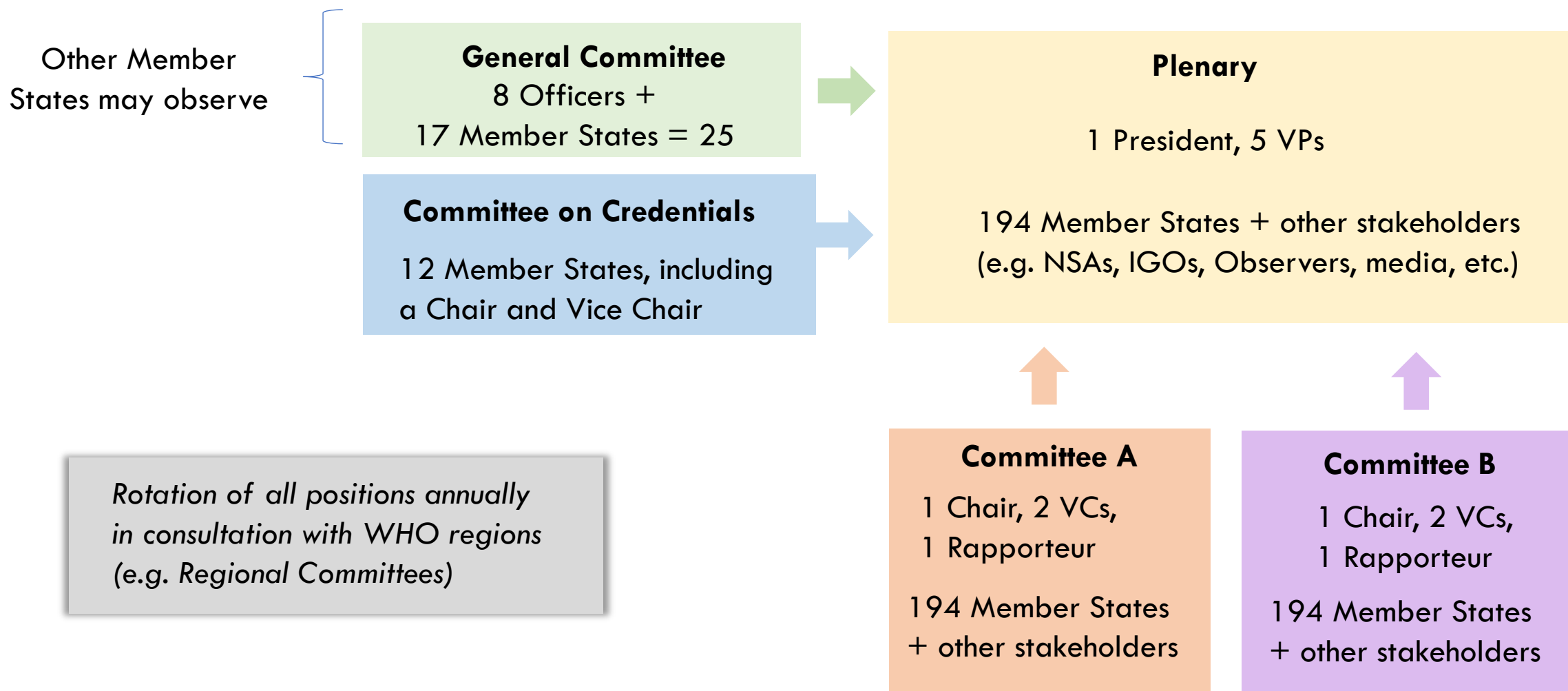
Who participates?

- All Member States; other stakeholders and observers participate in accordance with the Rules of Procedure
- The WHA is presided over by one president and five-vice presidents, elected by Member States during the opening of the WHA; annual rotation by WHO region
- Two main Committees: **Committee A** and **Committee B**; most technical matters plus the programme budget are scheduled for discussion in Committee A; more administrative matters are typically considered by Committee B; each committee elects a Chair, two Vice-Chairs, and a Rapporteur; annual rotation by WHO region
- In addition to 8 Officers of the WHA, there are 17 Member States on the **General Committee**; advises on the distribution of items to the committee, the inclusion of supplementary agenda items and on a list of Members to fill vacant seats on the Executive Board.
- There are 12 Member States on the **Committee on Credentials**; considers whether credentials submitted by Member States are in conformity with the Rules of Procedure



WHA

World Health Assembly





WHA

World Health Assembly

How are the agendas set?

- The WHA draft provisional agenda is prepared by the Director-General and is considered by the EB in January each year
- The WHA agenda is typically similar to the preceding EB agenda; where WHA items have already been discussed by the EB, they are indicated as such
- There is also an indication of which items are anticipated to be discussed in plenary, Committee A, and Committee B
- Some items are only discussed at the WHA rather than at the EB (e.g. progress reports are only on the WHA agenda)
- Member States may propose items for the WHA agenda 4 weeks prior to the commencement of the EB and must be accompanied by an explanatory memorandum in accordance with Rule 5 of the WHA Rules of Procedure



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Seventy-eighth World Health Assembly

Geneva, 19–27 May 2025

20 May 2025

A78/1 Rev.2

Agenda¹

Plenary

1. Opening of the Health Assembly
 - 1.1 Appointment of the Committee on Credentials
 - 1.2 Election of the President
 - 1.3 Election of the five Vice-Presidents, the Chairs of the main committees, and establishment of the General Committee
 - 1.4 Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items to the main committees
Document A78/1 Rev.1
2. Report of the Executive Board on its 155th and 156th sessions
Document [A78/2](#)
3. Address by Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General
Document [A78/3](#)
4. [Deleted]
5. [Deleted]
6. Executive Board: election
7. Awards
Document [A78/INF./1](#)
8. Reports of the main committees
9. Closure of the Health Assembly

¹ In accordance with Rules 3 and 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the provisional agenda (providing document numbers) will be dispatched, together with the notice of convocation, not less than 60 days before 19 May 2025.



EB

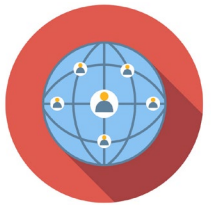
Executive Board

What is the purpose?

- The main functions of the Board are to give effect to the decisions and policies of the Health Assembly, to advise it and generally to facilitate its work, as well as to appoint the Regional Directors in agreement with the relevant regional committees.

How often does it convene?

- The main Board meeting is held in January at which the Provisional agenda for the forthcoming WHA is agreed upon and resolutions for forwarding to the WHA are adopted, with a second shorter meeting in May, immediately after the Health Assembly, which focuses more on administrative and management matters.
- Special sessions of the Board can be convened when extraordinary circumstances arise.



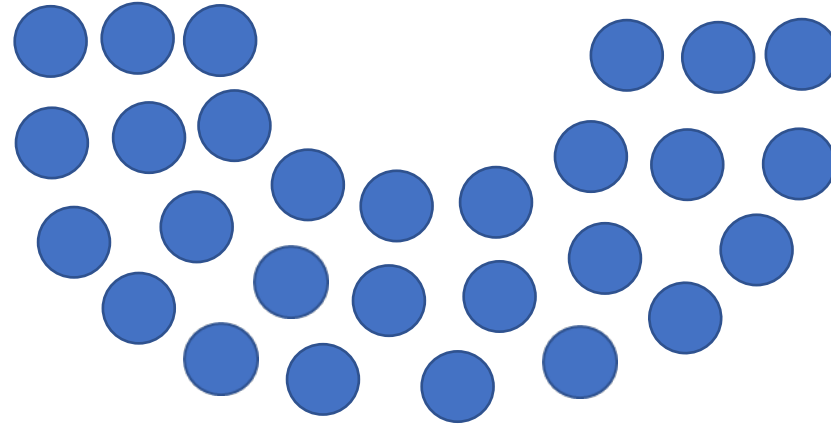
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Executive Board

Who participates?

- The Executive Board is composed of 34 **members** technically qualified in the field of health
- Members are elected for three-year terms
- Among these 34 members: the **Chair** of the Executive Board is elected annually by its members; **4 vice-chairs** and a **rapporteur** also elected
- Meetings are open to all Member States. Other stakeholders and observers participate in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.

Officers of the
Executive
Board



Executive
Board
Members



EB

Executive Board

How are the agendas set?

Since the adoption of GPW14, agendas of the EB are organized according to the following “5Ps”:

- Provide health
- Protect health
- Promote health
- Power and performance

They contain items that have been mandated for inclusion by the Constitution, Rules of Procedure and resolutions/decisions agreed by the governing bodies



World Health
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Executive Board
158th session

Geneva, 2–7 February 2026

27 June 2025

EB158/1 (draft)

Draft provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda
 2. Report by the Director-General
 3. Report of the regional committees to the Executive Board
 4. Report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board
 5. Report of the Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response
- Provide health
6. 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
 7. Mental health
 - Outcome of the WHO Commission on Social Connection
 8. Communicable diseases
 - Immunization Agenda 2030
 - Road map for neglected tropical diseases 2021–2030
 - End TB Strategy
 9. Universal health coverage
 - Draft global strategy for integrated emergency, critical and operative care, 2026–2035
 - Increasing availability, ethical access and oversight of transplantation of human cells, tissues and organs
 - Rare diseases: a global health priority for equity and inclusion

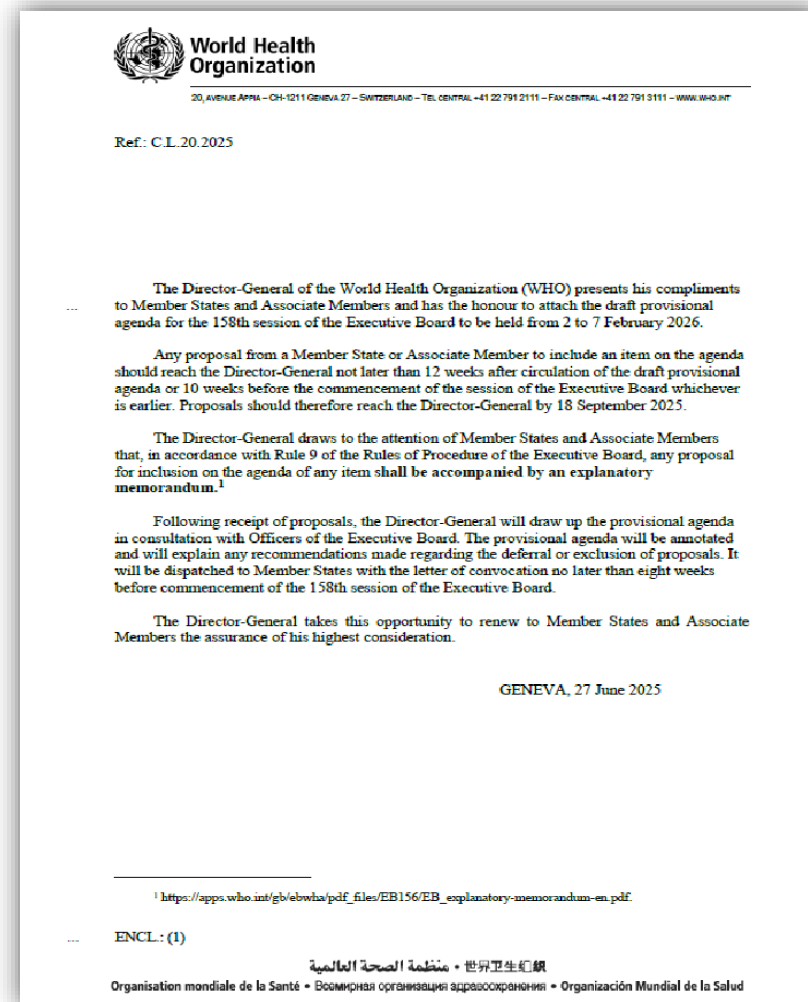


EB

Executive Board

How are the agendas set?

- The Director-General draws up the draft provisional agenda for the EB within 4 weeks of the closure of the previous session and circulates it to Member States
- Proposals from Member States for new agenda items may be submitted until 12 weeks after circulation (this year → 18 **September 2025**) or 10 weeks before the commencement of the session, whichever is earlier (Rule 8 of the EB Rules of Procedure)
- Director-General and the Officers of the EB meet to consider proposals and finalize provisional agenda which will be considered for adoption at opening of the EB





What is the purpose?

- To review, provide guidance and, as appropriate, make recommendations to **EB** on:
 - 1) Programme planning, monitoring and evaluation
 - 2) Financial and administrative matters
 - 3) oversight of WHO's implementation of the Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors
- To act on behalf of the EB, to examine, provide advice and make comments or recommendations on all following matters directly to the **WHA** on:
 - 1) the financial and administrative implications for the Secretariat, and relationship to the programme budget, of proposed resolutions
 - 2) the situation of Member States in arrears to an extent that would justify the application of Article 7 of the Constitution
 - 3) the Financial Report and audited financial statements, and the report of the External Auditor
 - 4) any other programme, administrative, budgetary or financial matters that the Board may deem appropriate

ANNEX 4

Revised terms of reference of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee¹

[EB146/43 – 27 December 2019]

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How often does it convene?

- The PBAC meets twice annually; once before the EB in January and once before the Health Assembly in May
- The EB may decide to convene extraordinary meetings of the PBAC in order to deal with urgent matters that fall within the terms of reference (TORs) and that need to be considered between regular meetings
- Informal meetings of PBAC members are also organized on an ad hoc basis

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- Members of the Committee shall serve for **two years**
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How are the agendas set?

- The PBAC agenda comprises items related to the Committee's ToRs that will be considered by the Executive Board at an upcoming session.
- With respect to the PBAC meetings held in May, the agenda also contains items that will be considered by the Health Assembly, in relation to which the PBAC acts on behalf of the Board to examine, provide advice and make comments or recommendations directly.
- The Committee's draft agenda is drawn up in consultation with the PBAC Chair.

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PBAC

Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board

How are the agendas set?

The PBAC also contains an item on the report of the **Independent Expert Oversight and Advisory Committee (IEOAC)**, which was established by the Board and reports to PBAC on:

- a) Internal audit
- b) Evaluation
- c) Enterprise risk management, internal controls and compliance
- d) Anti-fraud and anti-corruption
- e) Financial statements
- f) Accounting
- g) External audit
- h) Values and ethics
- i) Allegations of inappropriate activity
- j) Restrictions on the scope of oversight activities
- k) To conduct an annual self-assessment of its performance

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SCHEPPR

Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response

What is the purpose?

Two functions:

- 1) During a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC):** Consider information about a PHEIC and needs expressed by the Member State in whose territory an event arises and provide guidance to EB and advice to the Director-General through EB on matters regarding health emergency prevention, preparedness and response, and immediate capacities of WHO Health Emergencies Programme (WHE)
- 2) Outside of a PHEIC:** Review, provide guidance and, as appropriate, make recommendations to EB regarding the strengthening and oversight of WHE and for effective health emergency prevention, preparedness and response

ANNEX

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH EMERGENCY PREVENTION, PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Composition and attendance

1. The Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response ("the Standing Committee") shall be composed of 14 members, two from each region, selected from among Executive Board members, as well as the Chair and a Vice-Chair of the Board, ex officio, in line with the principles set out in Rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board reflecting a balanced representation of developed and developing countries. Members of the Standing Committee shall serve for two years.
2. There shall be two office-bearers: a Chair and a Vice-Chair, who shall be appointed among the Committee members, in line with the principles set out in Rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, and shall serve for a one-year term.
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4. Member States in whose territory an event arises shall be invited to present their views to the Standing Committee.

Functions

5. The Standing Committee shall act as follows:
 - (a) In the event a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC) is determined pursuant to the International Health Regulations (2005): Consider information provided by the Director-General about the event that has been determined to constitute a PHEIC as well as information and needs expressed by the Member State in whose territory an event arises and, as appropriate, provide guidance to the Executive Board and advice to the Director-General, through the Executive Board, including through a special session as needed, on matters regarding health emergency prevention, preparedness and response, and immediate capacities of the WHO Health Emergencies Programme.

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SCHEPPR

Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response

How often does it convene?

- Twice annually for the conduct of its regular work
 - **Next meeting: SCHEPPR7, 16 to 17 September 2025.**
- In the event a PHEIC is determined, the Director-General shall convene an extraordinary meeting of the Standing Committee as soon as reasonably practicable, and ideally within 24 hours.

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Who participates?

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How are the agendas set?

- The agendas are developed in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair and take into account guidance provided in previous meeting reports.
- A report on the mandates and the functions of the different governance and oversight mechanisms for health emergencies will be submitted to the Executive Board for consideration (pursuant to decision EB156(39) (2025) at EB158 - an update will be provided at SCHEPPR7

ANNEX

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH EMERGENCY PREVENTION, PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Composition and attendance

1. The Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response ("the Standing Committee") shall be composed of 14 members, two from each region, selected from among Executive Board members, as well as the Chair and a Vice-Chair of the Board, ex officio, in line with the principles set out in Rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board reflecting a balanced representation of developed and developing countries. Members of the Standing Committee shall serve for two years.
2. There shall be two office-bearers: a Chair and a Vice-Chair, who shall be appointed among the Committee members, in line with the principles set out in Rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, and shall serve for a one-year term.
3. The Chair and the Vice-Chair, in collective consultation with the Director-General, may invite observers¹ to attend a meeting of the Standing Committee without the right to vote if they consider that this would enhance the work of the Standing Committee on a specific item or items on the agenda of the meeting. Furthermore, the Chair and the Vice-Chair, in consultation with the Director-General, may invite experts to attend a meeting of the Standing Committee to provide advice, as appropriate. Members of the Standing Committee can also propose the invitation of relevant experts.
4. Member States in whose territory an event arises shall be invited to present their views to the Standing Committee.

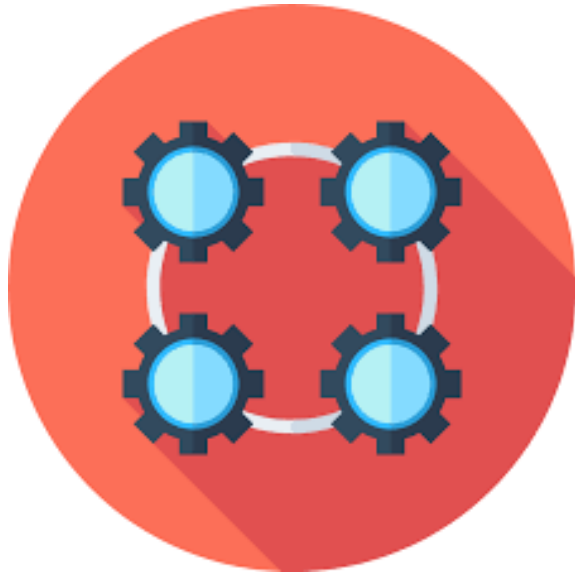
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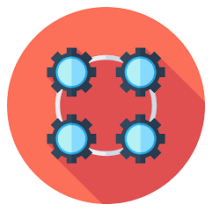
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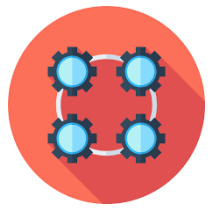


**Overview of ongoing
intergovernmental
processes mandated by
the governing bodies**



Overview of ongoing intergovernmental processes mandated by the governing bodies and other matters on the horizon

- ❑ Intergovernmental Working Group (IGWG) on the WHO Pandemic Agreement**
- ❑ Member State mechanism on substandard and falsified medical products (MSM)**
- ❑ Member States-led governance reform**
- ❑ Other meetings- information sessions and consultations on global strategies and action plans**
- ❑ Process for the election of the Director-General**



IGWG

Intergovernmental Working Group on the WHO Pandemic Agreement

What is the mandate?

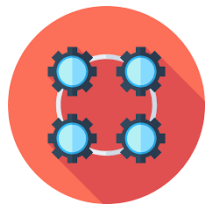
- Resolution [WHA78.1\(2025\)](#) which adopted the WHO Pandemic Agreement also established the IGWG to, *inter-alia*, as a priority, draft and negotiate the Annex to the WHO Pandemic Agreement and submit its outcome to the WHA79, and oversee other preparations, as necessary, for the first session of the Conference of the Parties to the WHO Pandemic Agreement.

Who is involved?

- IGWG open to all States and regional economic integration organizations as referred to in Article 32 of the WHO Pandemic Agreement
- Bureau consists of six officers, including two Co-Chairs and four Vice-Chairs, representative of the six WHO regions.
- Relevant stakeholders participate according to the following modalities (see [A/IGWG/1/4](#))

What is expected from Member States

- Member States are encouraged to participate actively during IGWG meetings, informal meetings, and meetings of the drafting group to work to finalise the PABS Annex as a priority by WHA79, prepare for the first session of the COP as well as cooperate with the States Parties Committee for the Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)



IGWG

Intergovernmental Working Group on the WHO Pandemic Agreement

Additional reading



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Governance

Intergovernmental Working Group (IGWG) on the WHO Pandemic Agreement

A/IGWG/2 15-19 September 2025	A/IGWG/1 9-10 July 2025
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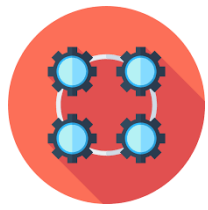
Governance

Intergovernmental Negotiating Body

Intergovernmental Negotiating Body to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response

A/INB/13 (Resumed session and drafting group) 7-12 April and 15 April 2025	A/INB/13 17-21 February 2025	A/INB/12 (Resumed session and drafting group) 2-6 December 2024	A/INB/12 4-15 November 2024
A/INB/11 9-20 September 2024	A/INB/10 16-17 July 2024	A/INB/9 (Resumed session and drafting group) 29 April - 10 May 2024 and 20-24 May 2024	A/INB/9 18-28 March 2024
A/INB/8 19 February - 1 March 2024	A/INB/7 6-10 November and 4-6 December 2023	A/INB/DG 4-6 September 2023 and 22 September 2023	A/INB/6 17-21 July 2023
A/INB/5 (Resumed session and drafting group) 12-16 June 2023	A/INB/5 3-6 April 2023	A/INB/4 27 February - 3 March 2023	A/INB/3 5-7 December 2022
A/INB/2 18-21 July 2022	A/INB/1 (Second resumed session) 6-8 June 2022 15-17 June 2022	A/INB/1 (First resumed session) 14-15 March 2022	A/INB/1 24 February 2022

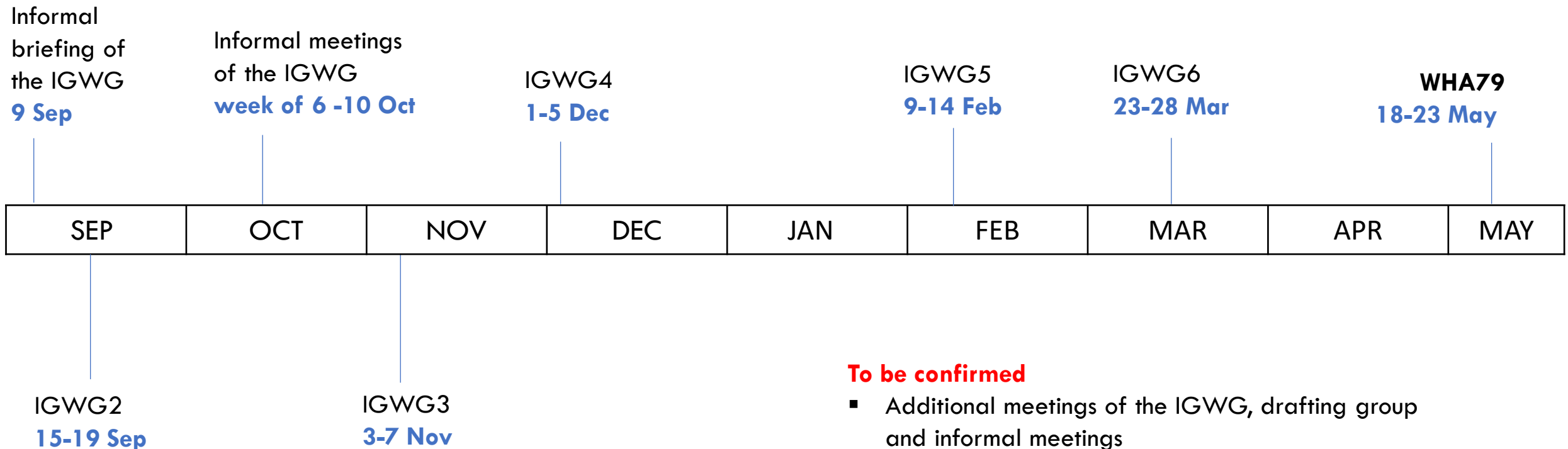
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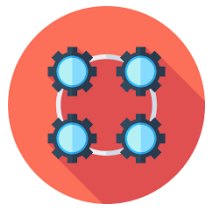
Intergovernmental Working Group on the WHO Pandemic Agreement

Future timeline ([A/IGWG/1/3 Rev.1](#))



To be confirmed

- Additional meetings of the IGWG, drafting group and informal meetings
- IGWG7 July 2026
- IGWG8 September 2026
- IGWG & IHR States Parties Implementation Committee September 2026



MSM

Member State mechanism on substandard and falsified medical products

What is the mandate?

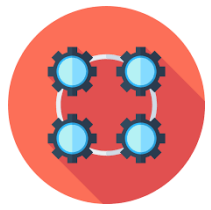
- Resolution WHA65.19 (2012) established the Member State Mechanism to address substandard and falsified medical products
- General goal is to protect public health and promote access to affordable, safe, efficacious and quality medical products, and promote the prevention and control of substandard and falsified medical products and associated activities through effective collaboration among Member States and the Secretariat

Who is involved?

- Mechanism is open to all Member States.
- Steering Committee of the Mechanism consists of, two members from each WHO region with 11 Vice-Chairs and one Chair
- Current Chair is from Rwanda; rotates every two years; next one will be from the Region of the Americas

What is expected from Member States?

- Member States invited to Chair and/or participate in working group meetings throughout the year
- Observing the Steering Committee meetings three times per year
- Participating in annual meetings of the Mechanism
- Review and feedback on, for example, draft list of prioritized activities to implement the workplan every two years



MSM

Member State mechanism on substandard and falsified medical products

Future timeline



For more information visit:

<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/WHO-MVP-EMP-SAV-2019.04>

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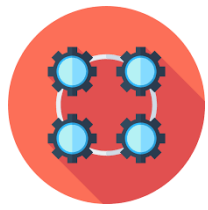
Ad Hoc Information Steering Committee Meeting 22 and 23 Oct

- Draft list of prioritized activities for 2026-27
- Follow up on the Evaluation of the Member State mechanism
- Engagement and participation in Working Groups

Steering Committee Meeting + MSM14 11 and 12-14 Nov

- Updates on the WHO Global Surveillance and Monitoring System (GSMS) and the prioritized activities for 2024–2025
- Follow up on the Evaluation of the Member State mechanism
- Draft list of prioritized activities for 2026-27
- Steering Committee membership 2026–2027

Implementation of prioritized activities 2026-2027
Report of the 14th meeting of MSM to WHA79 through EB158 (WHA78(12))



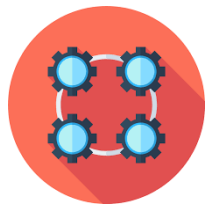
Member States-led Governance Reform

What is the mandate?

- Decision EB153(2):
 - Paragraph (d), prepare a report for consideration by the Executive Board at its 158th session with guidance on the steps required (such as, potentially, changes to the Rules of Procedure) to advance the preparation of Member State draft resolutions and/or draft decisions for consideration by the Executive Board and recommendation to the Health Assembly.
- Decision EB156(1):
 - To invite Member States, especially those represented on the Executive Board:
 - (a) to continue leading the wider membership in chairing and coordinating these discussions, including to develop a sustainable model for representing the membership's interests in Member State-led governance reform
 - (b) to report on progress made in implementing paragraph 1(a) of this decision and in tracking the achievement of, and/or implementing, the remaining Agile Member States Task Group recommendations to the Executive Board at its 158th session
 - To request the Director-General, in consultation with Member States, to continue to support informal discussions for Member State-led governance reform, open to all Member States, by providing expert technical advice, inputs and logistic support.

Who is involved?

- Member State Co-leads holding informal consultations and information sessions open to all Member States, Associate Members, and regional economic integration organizations, Executive Board (the Executive Board Bureau is helping to accelerate this work)

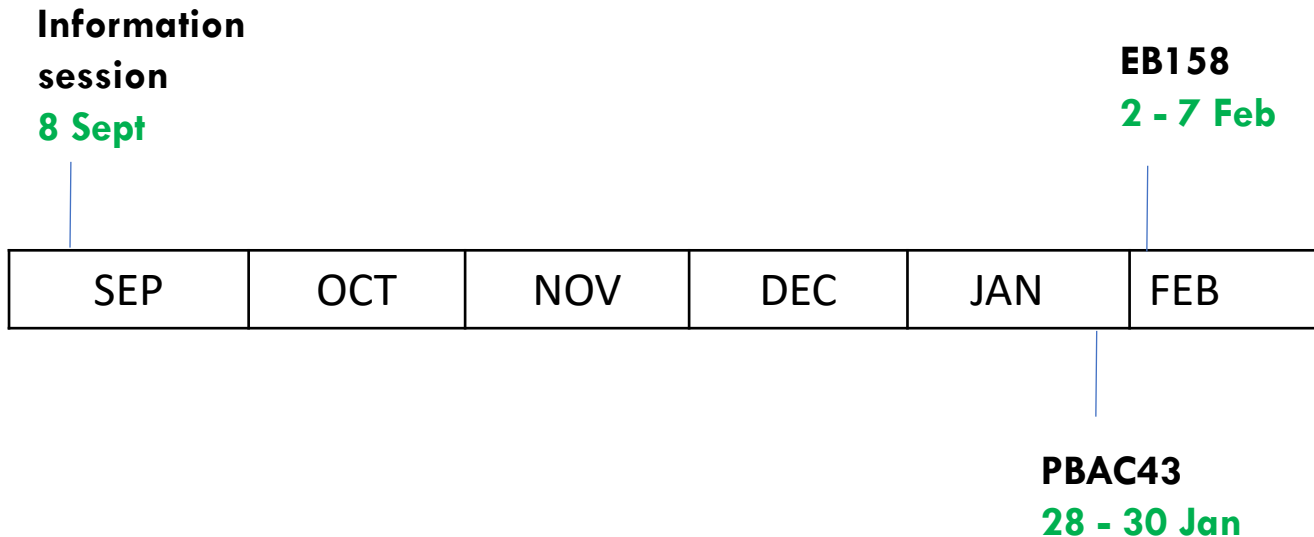


Member States-led Governance Reform

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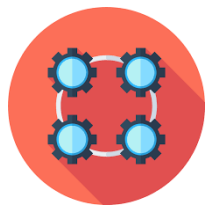
- The pace of work continues to operate in line with the agile spirit of the AMSTG and Member States are invited to actively contribute during the information sessions.

Future timeline



Consideration of the following topics:

- Related documents on Governance Reform to be considered at PBAC43 and EB158
 - Member State-led governance reform
 - Template and recommended timeline for proposing resolutions and decisions



Other meetings – information sessions



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Governance

Informal list of intergovernmental meetings (provisional)

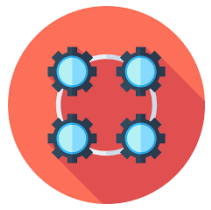
Previous years

Previous months - 2025

Previous days (2025)

SEPTEMBER 2025

Date/Time		Location	Meeting/intergovernmental process
3 September	11:30-12:30	Virtual	Member State information session on the UN Decade of Healthy Ageing 2021-2030
4 September	13:00-16:00	Hybrid	Member State information session to introduce governing body processes to new Health Attachés and review the intersessional schedule of meetings
8 September	09:00-10:00	Virtual	Member State information session on World Patient Safety Day 2025 - Safe care for every newborn and every child
	11:00-12:30	Hybrid	Member State information session on Member State-led Governance Reform
9 September	09:00-13:00	Hybrid	Informal briefing with IGWG members



Global strategies and plans of action

The following global strategies and action plans are current under development and will be submitted to a future session of the governing bodies for consideration:

- Resolution WHA77.4 Increasing availability, ethical access and oversight of transplantation of human cells, tissues and organs
- Resolution WHA77.13 Economics of health for all
- Resolution WHA76.16 Global Plan of Action for the Health of Indigenous Peoples
- Decision WHA77(8) Global strategy and action plan for integrated emergency, critical and operative care, 2026–2035
- Resolution WHA78.10 A Global framework on uptake of uptake and impact of norms and standards and a global action plan
- Resolution WHA78.11 Global action plan on rare diseases
- Resolution WHA78.15 Global plan of action on public health responses to skin diseases
- Resolution WHA78.27 Global Action Plan on lead mitigation
- Decision WHA78(15) update the global action plan on antimicrobial resistance

Overview – DG Election Process

Apr.-Sept.
2026

- **Submission of proposals**
- Information and action by EB159
- **Disclosure of proposals**

Nov. 2026-
Jan. 2027

- Webforum
- First Candidates' forum
- **Nomination of up to three candidates by EB160**

Jan.-May
2027

- Second Candidates' forum
- **Appointment by the WHA80**



**Pause for
discussion**



**Focus on
resolutions/
decisions**



Focus on decisions/resolutions

In line with Article 23 of the Constitution, the Health Assembly has the authority to make recommendations to Members with respect to any matter within the competence of the Organization.

What is a resolution?

- A resolution is the formal expression of the opinion or will of the WHA or EB

What is a decision?

- A decision is another type of formal action taken by the Health Assembly or Board that often concerns procedural matters such as elections, appointments, and time and place of future sessions
- Decisions are also sometimes used to record the adoption of a text representing the consensus of the Health Assembly or Board



Focus on decisions/resolutions

What is the process/timeline to submit a resolution or decision?

EB157 agreed with the recommendations of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee at its forty-second meeting to update the template and checklist to guide Member States in their preparation of Health Assembly resolutions and/or decisions for the consideration of the Executive Board at its 158th session

Updated timeline for proposing World Health Assembly resolutions and decisions for consideration by the 158th session of the Executive Board

	Actions	Typical/recommended timing	Deadline for completion
0.	Preparatory guidance before Member State actions Secretariat circulates to Member States: timeline; guidance templates for resolutions and decisions; guidance checklist	To align with circulation of draft Executive Board provisional agenda	For the 158th session: 3 October 2025
1.	Initiation of the process (Member States can commence this at any stage, and as early as they deem necessary to accommodate, inter alia, any planned internal and/or stakeholder consultations) 1.1. Member State(s) decide to introduce a draft Health Assembly resolution or decision 1.2. Lead Member State sponsor to contact the Secretariat to discuss the process and the instrument 1.3. Lead sponsor to contact technical unit to discuss the content, including assessment of potential duplication/synergies	For the 158th session: early October 2025	
2.	Concept and zero draft proposal 2.1. Lead sponsor to develop a concept paper (including, inter alia: contribution to the relevant general programme of work; potential duplication and/or synergies; consideration of sunset) and circulate to Member States (recommended ahead of preparation of zero draft) 2.2. Lead sponsor to prepare and submit zero draft text to Secretariat for initial costing estimates	For the 158th session: October 2025	Trigger deadline 1: For the 158th session: 3 November 2025
3.	Actions upon trigger deadline: Submission of zero draft text for costing (2.2) will trigger the following actions. 3.1. Secretariat to coordinate (with lead sponsors) scheduling, room reservations, technical/logistical support for consultations (Note: Lead sponsors who complete step 2 early may request scheduling etc. at an earlier stage) 3.2. Secretariat is expected to make available to Member States (and/or publish on a secure platform) a complete list of proposed resolutions and decisions meeting the trigger deadline. Similarly, texts meeting the deadline will proceed to consultations and submission to governing bodies for consideration		



Access the updated templates and timeline on the [EB158](#) webpage



Focus on decisions/resolutions

What is the process/timeline to submit a resolution or decision?

Step 1) Initiation of the process

By early October

1.1 Member State(s) decide to introduce a draft WHA resolution or decision

And identify under which agenda item it will be proposed

1.2 Lead Member State sponsor to contact the Secretariat to discuss the process and the instrument

Discussion with GBS/LEG

1.3 Lead sponsor to contact technical unit to discuss the content, including assessment of potential duplication/synergies



Focus on decisions/resolutions

What is the process/timeline to submit a resolution or decision?

Step 2) Concept and zero draft proposal

In October (latest 3 November)

2.1 Lead sponsor to develop a concept paper (including, inter alia: contribution to the relevant General Programme of Work; potential duplication and/or synergies; consideration of sunseting) and circulate to Member States (recommended ahead of preparation of zero draft)

2.2 Lead sponsor to prepare and submit zero draft text to Secretariat for initial costing estimates

Feedback on governance/legal/editorial aspects also provided upon request



Focus on decisions/resolutions

What is the process/timeline to submit a resolution or decision?

Step 3) Actions upon trigger deadline:

3.1 Secretariat to coordinate scheduling, room reservations, technical/logistical support for consultations with lead sponsors

3.2 Secretariat to compile a complete list of proposed resolutions and decisions meeting the trigger deadline and share with Member States



Focus on decisions/resolutions

What is the process/timeline to submit a resolution or decision?

Step 4) Consultations among Member States: ← **From October until December (ideally 12 December)**

4.1 Secretariat to publish dates for informal consultations on the online informal list of intergovernmental meetings and provide connection details to lead sponsor

4.2 Lead sponsor to circulate zero draft text, initial costing and meeting invitations to Member States

4.3 Lead sponsor to conduct consultations, supported throughout by the Secretariat (including moderation, on-screen text editing, costing, technical advice and other support, as needed)

4.4 Lead sponsor to achieve consensus text and finalize co-sponsors



Focus on decisions/resolutions

What is the process/timeline to submit a resolution or decision?

Step 5) Submission of text

5.1 Lead sponsor to submit text to the Secretariat (by email to governanceunit@who.int)

5.2 Secretariat to produce a conference paper containing the proposal for consideration in all official languages, as well as the final version of the document, outlining the relevant financial and administrative implications

If lead sponsor is a non-EB member, an EB member must be a co-sponsor

Co-sponsors can be confirmed by email to cosponsorship@who.int



Focus on decisions/resolutions

What is the process/timeline to submit a resolution or decision?

Step 6) Consideration by governing bodies

6.1 The Executive Board may decide whether to recommend the proposal for adoption to the World Health Assembly, or indicate that further consultations are required during the intersessional period.

6.2 If adopted by the World Health Assembly, Secretariat to reflect financial impact of resolutions and decisions in subsequent update to the programme budget, where applicable

If EB recommends adoption by the WHA, no further action needed during intersessional period



Focus on decisions/resolutions

Checklist

- ☐ Identification of relevant EB agenda item
- ☐ Contact the Secretariat and discuss the process of proposing a resolution/decision
- ☐ Assessment of potential duplication/synergies through discussion with the relevant WHO technical team
- ☐ Preparation of concept note for distribution to Member States (by 3 November)
- ☐ Preparation of zero draft of resolution text for distribution to Member States with support from Secretariat as necessary (by 3 November) using template
- ☐ Inclusion of reporting requirements in zero draft
- ☐ Identification of individual(s) to chair informal consultations
- ☐ Coordination with Secretariat to identify slots to hold informal consultations (starting in October)
- ☐ Email invitations to Member States to join informal consultations
- ☐ Finalization of text once consensus has been reached (ideally by 12 December)
- ☐ Identification of co-sponsors (including at least one EB-member, unless the proponent Member State is an Executive Board member)
- ☐ Submission of text to governanceunit@who.int by 12 January



Focus on decisions/resolutions - Template

Element	Description
[Title]	Either the title of the agenda item or another title which is descriptive and informative
[Proponent Member State]	Insert the Member State that is putting forward the proposal
[Co-Sponsors]	List the sponsoring Member States in alphabetical order
The Executive Board, having considered the report by the Director-General,	Identify the title of the report and provide a footnote which contains the document symbol.
Recommends to the [Seventy-ninth] World Health Assembly the adoption of the following [resolution]/[decision]	This sentence should be included for EB resolutions recommending either resolutions or decisions for adoption by WHA.



Focus on decisions/resolutions - Template

Element	Description
Decided to recommend to the [Seventy-ninth] World Health Assembly the adoption of the following [resolution]/[decision]:	This sentence should be included for EB decisions recommending either resolutions or decisions for adoption by WHA.
The [Seventy-ninth] World Health Assembly, Having considered the report by the Director-General [insert reference to report],	Both resolutions and decisions begin by referring to the relevant governing body and report
▪ The text of each preambular paragraph begins with a word or phrase like: Recalling..., Concerned that..., Having considered..., Bearing in mind..., Aware... ▪ Preambular paragraphs introduce the background, context, and justifications for the resolution's content ▪ The number of preambular paragraphs should be limited to avoid becoming overly lengthy, repetitive or redundant	Resolutions may contain preambular paragraphs



Focus on decisions/resolutions - Template

Element	Description
▪ The text of each operative paragraph of a resolution begins with a verb in the present tense (e.g. URGES..., DECIDES..., REQUESTS...); in contrast, the text of each operative paragraph of a decisions is proceeded by “decided to” (e.g. decided to urge..., request..., to encourage) ▪ The number of operative paragraphs should be determined by the scope of the resolution or decision and the various actions or measures required to address the issue adequately ▪ Operative paragraphs are the heart of resolution and decisions, as they contain the actionable items that the resolution or decision seeks to convey (for Member States, the Director General and other Stakeholders as necessary in separate paragraphs, e.g. OP1, OP2, OP3, etc) ▪ Each operative paragraph should focus on a specific action, request, or directive related to the issue at hand ▪ Important to ensure that each operative paragraph is clear, concise, and well-structured, so that the implementation of the resolution's objectives can be effectively carried out ▪ Essential to strike a balance between being comprehensive and avoiding excessive detail that might hinder the resolution's clarity and effectiveness	Resolutions and decisions both contain operative paragraphs. The difference is simply that for decisions, the operative paragraph is proceeded by “decided to”



Focus on decisions/resolutions - Template

Element	Description
▪ In decision WHA72(22), the Health Assembly decided “that resolutions and decisions should provide for clear reporting requirements, including reporting cycles of up to six years, with biennial reports, unless otherwise advised by the Director-General”. ▪ It may be otherwise advised if reporting could be consolidated into existing reporting requirements on similar subjects ▪ Since 2014, progress reports are considered by the Health Assembly only, in accordance with resolution WHA67.2	Both resolutions and decisions contain reporting requirements, which must be time-limited. <i>Ex) to request the Director-General to report back on progress in the implementation of this [resolution]/[decision] to the World Health Assembly in 2026, 2028 and 2030</i>



**Pause for
discussion**



Elective Posts



Elective Posts Process Overview

Every year, based on **rotation & equitable distribution among WHO regions**, a number of elective posts are renewed:

- **World Health Assembly:** Officers of the [World Health Assembly](#), Officers of Committee A and Committee B, Members of the Committee on Credentials, and Members of the General Committee
- **Executive Board:** Incoming [EB](#) Members (12 or 10); [Terms of Reference of the Officers](#).
- **Committees of the Board:** Members of the [PBAC](#) (outgoing EB Members, or members who have completed a two-year term), Members of [SCHEPPR](#) (same as PBAC), and EB Members on the Selection Panels of the [Public Health Prizes and Awards](#)

Additional information on the elective posts available [here](#).



Elective Posts Process Overview

Key steps:

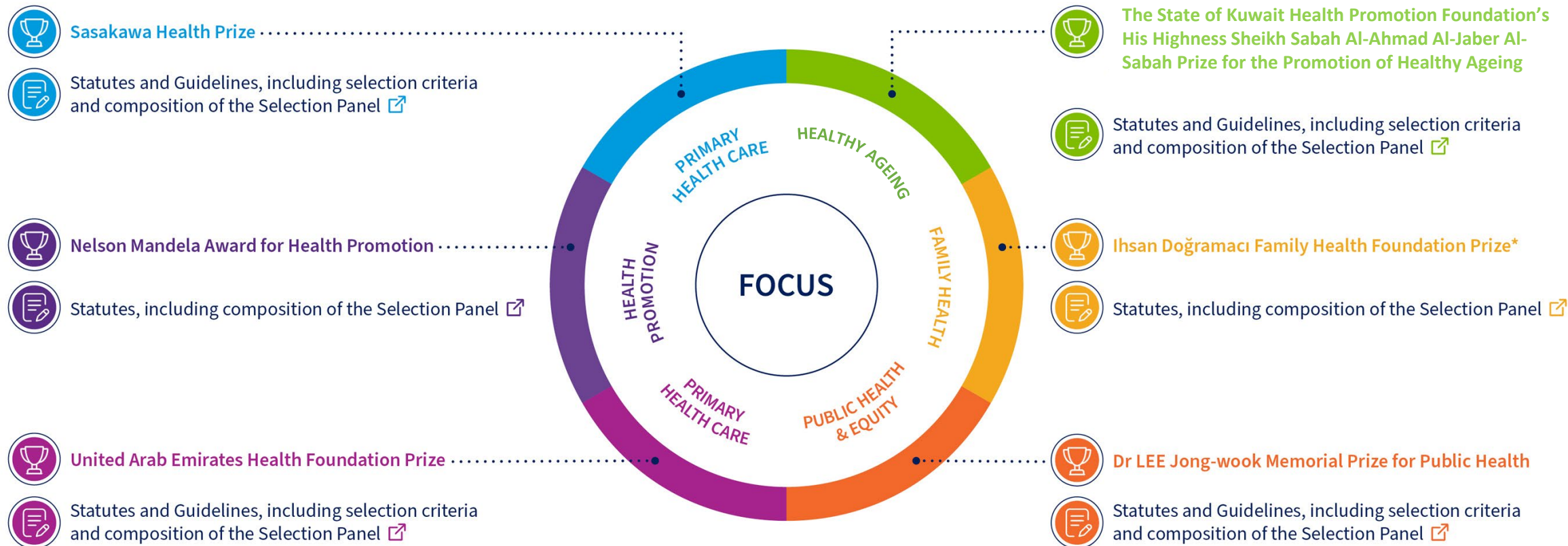
- WHO Regions receive a memo in June every year indicating vacant posts per region
- Regions are responsible for the proposals on this basis
- Each region has its own rotation system amongst its Member States as well as its own process
- In most regions, the proposals are communicated by Member States around or at the Regional Committee
- Once the proposed Member States are identified and communicated to WHO Secretariat, Regions work with Member States to receive the confirmation of the individuals who will be taking the roles at the latest by end of April
- The WHO Secretariat compiles the information and prepares the WHA and EB documentation relating to the elective posts at the latest in April- May

For any questions, kindly contact HQgoverningbodies@who.int



**Foundation prizes
and awards
Official Side Events**

About the Public Health Prizes and Awards: focus and statutes

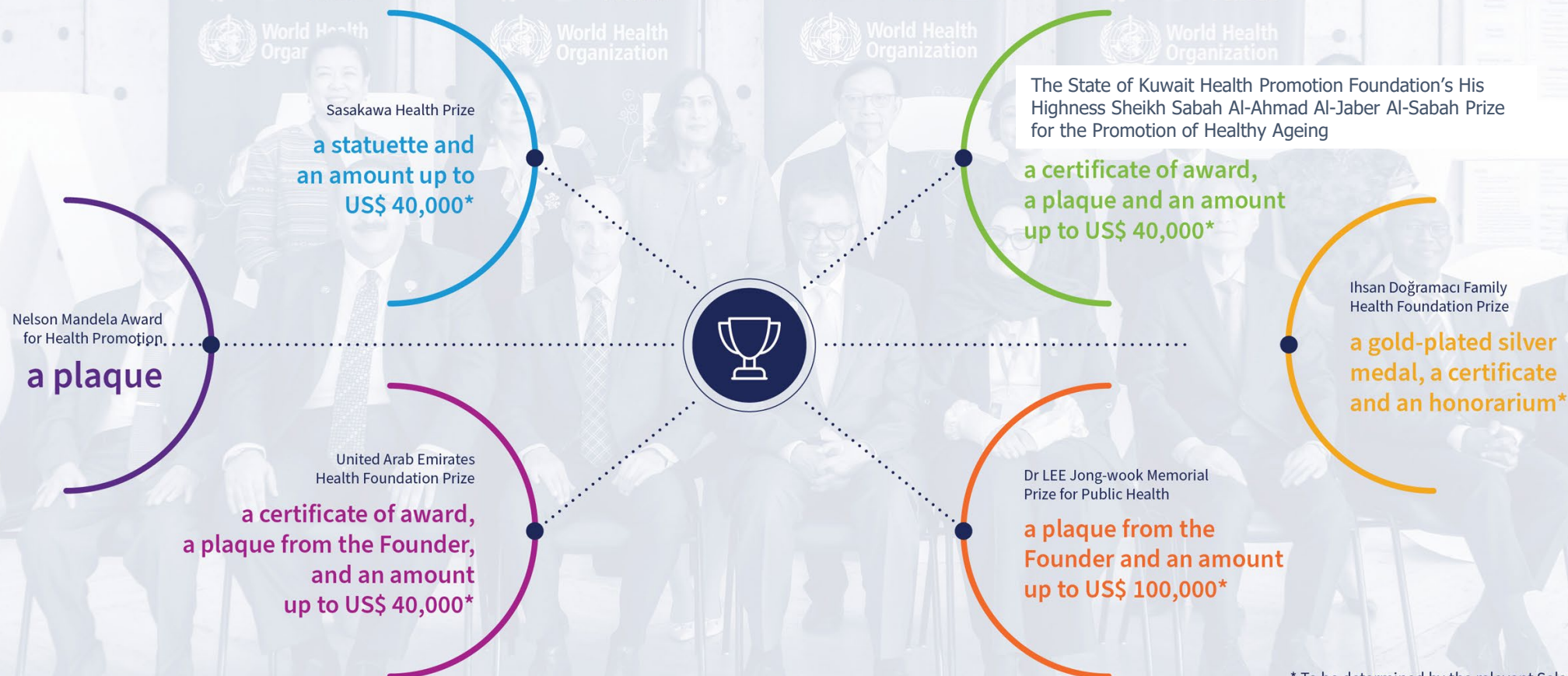


*Only awarded every 2 years.

The awards ceremony



The laureates' public health achievements are recognized at an awards ceremony held as part of the Plenary meeting of the World Health Assembly every year in May. Laureates receive the following recognitions:



* To be determined by the relevant Selection Panel.

About the candidatures: regional and annual distribution 2017-2023

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS BY REGION*



36% of WHO Member States have submitted candidatures for any award since 2017.
Applications received from 20 Member States in 2023 (average annual level since 2017).

43% of WHO Member States as of 2025

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS BY YEAR*



2023 applications have exceeded the 2019-20 level.

★ **Over 70 applications in 2024 and 2025!**

*This corresponds to the full set of applications received every year. Applications are screened for compliance, and a small number of applications may not be deemed compliant.

2026 Timeline for Prizes and Awards administered by the WHO Director-General



Procedure for submitting candidates for the prizes and award in 2026

01



WHO Member States submit nominations for candidates by email to **foundationprizes@who.int** by the timeline.

02



The candidature must include:

a transmittal letter or Note Verbale; the candidature form(s) in English, French or Spanish; both documents must be signed and stamped by the submitting national health authority; and adequate justification and documentation should be enclosed.



03



Each national health administration can nominate only one candidate per award.

04



Candidates not selected in past years can be nominated again.

05



Current or former WHO staff member and current members of the Executive Board are ineligible to receive such prizes and award.

06



Former laureates of a Prize may put forward the name of a candidate for that same Prize.



- Partners story: [Six partners on a global journey to celebrate excellence in public health \(who.int\)](#)
- Available resources for Member State outreach: [background material](#), [information on 2026 process](#), and [fliers](#) available in all six official languages to support your outreach
- “Tips for applications” sessions for MS upon request to WHO regions
- Upcoming paper at EB158 on the administration of the prizes.

<https://apps.who.int/gb/awards/>
Queries: foundationprizes@who.int

Thank you!

Official Side Events at WHA

Successful experience with the re-introduction of Official Side Events at WHA78:

- Full allocation of 45 Official Side Events slots;
- Improved engagement of WHO leadership and cost recovery achieved;
- Well-attended events that contributed positively to the success of WHA;
- Possible improvements: earlier application and selection process, more and earlier slots in the week, additional fee-based services of interest to many, facilitation of more special badges;
- More feedback from organizing MS through the dedicated survey welcome!
- For additional information about the WHA78 Official Side Events, please review:
<https://apps.who.int/gb/Side-Events/WHA78/index.html>

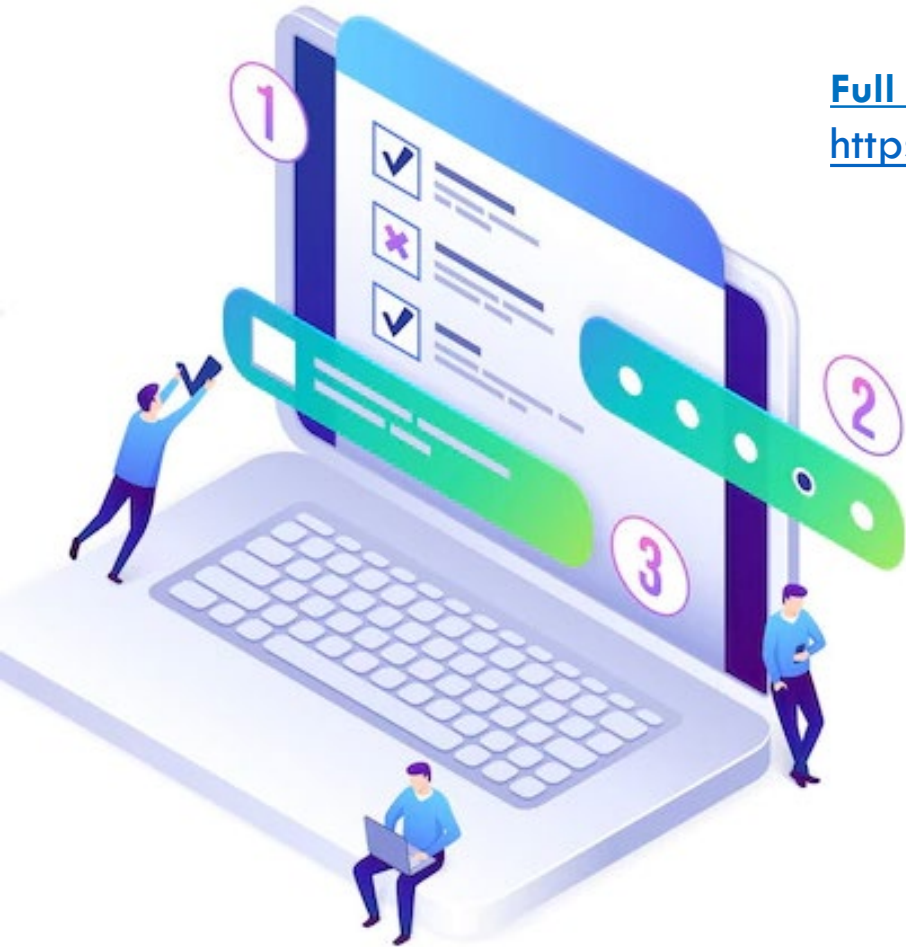
Official Side Events at WHA

- ➔ **Proposal to continue and possibly expand the initiative at WHA79 taking into account feedback received to improve the initiative**
- Hundreds of side events were held in Geneva at higher costs including during sessions without impacting attendance at Governing Bodies meetings (over 4000 WHA registrations);
- Opportunity to further increase WHO leadership in a challenging time...
- ...provided that cost recovery for WHO is ensured and that the initiative is financially sustainable.
- More information about the WHA79 process will be shared in future sessions

WHA78 Delegate Survey: key findings

Full presentation under:

https://apps.who.int/gb/MSPI/pdf_files/2025/09/Item2_04-09.pdf



Focus areas:

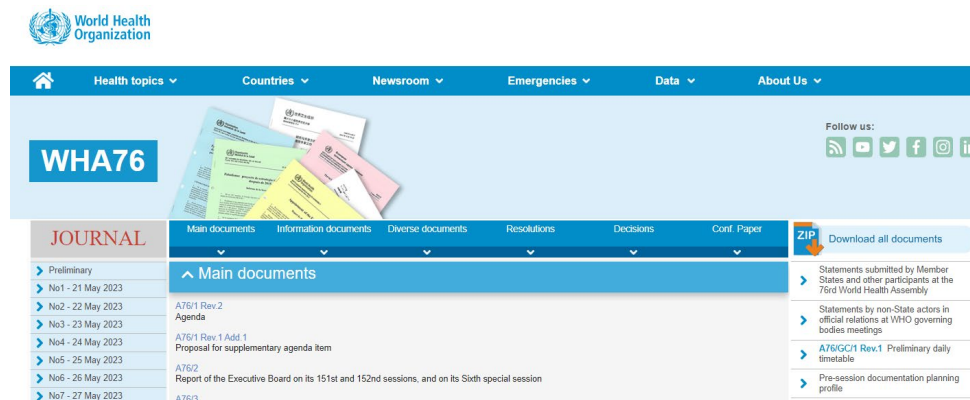
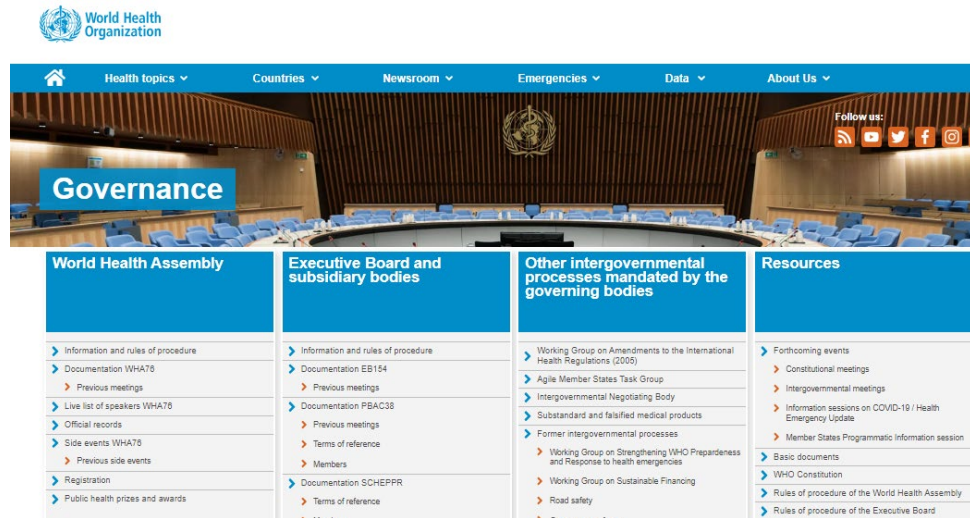
1. Preparation and organization
2. Cost and time saving measures
3. Agenda management
4. Staying informed during the Health Assembly



**Language
services**

Language Services

- GBS documentation services/English editing
- Translation: 6 languages
 - Governing bodies documentation (e.g. EB, WHA and related processes)
 - Corporate (e.g. press communications, correspondence, training materials)
 - Technical (e.g. publications, guidelines)
- Interpretation services
 - Governing bodies meetings
 - Other meetings
- GBS Governance website
<http://apps.who.int/gb/gov/>



GBS meetings and multilingualism

- Multilingualism is a core concept in the UN system and a cornerstone for multilateralism
- Two principles: parity and plurality of official languages
- GBS meetings are fully multilingual, and delegations can address them in any of the six official languages
- GBS documentation is systematically translated into all official languages, with the only exception of summary records



Interpretation in virtual and hybrid meetings

- High quality audio is essential for participants to be able to follow proceedings and especially for interpretation
- Background noise and sudden noise interference can affect the sound input to interpretation channels and can adversely affect interpreters' hearing
- Participants not in the room should follow technical guidance provided and test sound quality in advance
- Participants not in the room who wish to speak should use a unidirectional desktop microphone, plugged into the laptop by USB cable (rather than a headset microphone)
- Turn off mobile phones and close windows
- If sound quality is not adequate, interpretation may be interrupted
- Send pre-prepared statements to interpret@who.int

Language services: transformation and innovation

- LNG introduced computer assisted translation and neural machine translation (powered by ai) in May 2020
- WHO is the lead Organization for health-related terminology in UNTERM (UN system wide terminology database)
- These innovations were key for LNG to cope with the upsurge of demand during the COVID pandemic
- UN interpreter assignment system (eAPG) introduced in May 2023
- UN XML document standard (AKN4UN): project launched November 2022
 - Resolutions and decisions portal: pilot for some languages at the end of 2024



Registration processes and travel support

Registration process for constitutional meetings

1. Registration link provided in the **Circular Letters** sent to Member States.
2. Registration through the appropriate online platform is **required** to participate.
3. **The online platform is your one-stop shop to upload credentials and request visa support letters.**
4. Notes Verbales/credentials sent separately to HQ governing bodies are not reviewed.
5. Each participant is invited to register her/himself. There is no single focal point for registrations.
6. Please watch the timelines for registration carefully: GBS is operating at significantly reduced capacity.

Which online platform for registration?

1. INDICO used for registration for constitutional meetings.
2. A new tool, called CVENT, is being piloted for SCHEPPR7. It will be deployed in due course in replacement of INDICO. CVENT registration aims to provide a simple user experience and replicates the INDICO template as much as possible.

Constitutional meetings: https://apps.who.int/gb/gov/en/dates-of-meetings-eb_en.html

Registration process for other intergovernmental processes (IGWG)

1. In-person participation: INDICO registration
2. Virtual participation: registration through HQgoverningbodies@who.int
 - a. A Note Verbale is not necessary
 - b. Only changes in the delegation should be communicated to the Secretariat, including the Member State (MS), the name of participant and their e-mail
 - c. Registered participants will be receiving a personalized zoom link from registrationbs@who.int
 - d. Carefully consider the timelines for registration
3. Registration is not necessary for MS information sessions: a standard link is sent with the invitation.

Travel support for governing body meetings

1. Least Developed Countries (LDCs) (upon request):

- In accordance with Resolution WHA50.1 (1997), WHO covers the cost of an economy/tourist airfare by the most direct route to Geneva for one delegate of such countries.
- Reimbursement is made in Geneva during the World Health Assembly upon presentation of the air ticket and invoice.

Reimbursement of travel costs should be made within the time stipulated in the invitation communication

Travel support for governing body meetings

2. EB/PBAC/SCHEPPR members (upon request):

- In accordance with Decision WHA74(19), the maximum reimbursement of travel expenses of members of the Executive Board should be based on the travel entitlements of WHO staff members.
- Eligible members may:
 - make their own travel arrangements and be reimbursed by bank transfer, or
 - book through Carlson Wagonlit, the official WHO travel agency.

Reimbursement of travel costs should be made within the time stipulated in the invitation communication

In view of ongoing efforts to ensure financial sustainability of the Organization, Board members from middle- and high-income countries are invited to consider requesting travel support only as may be absolutely necessary for their participation in the meeting.



Final discussion

Supplementary Information



**Answers to
frequently asked
questions on
other matters**



Answers to frequently asked questions on other matters

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How can my delegation arrange a meeting (courtesy visit, bilateral, etc.) with the Director-General?

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Contact his office by email:

Giselle von Guilleaume

Executive Assistant to Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

Email: dgoffice@who.int; cc: richardsong@who.int

Tel.: +41 22 791 2631



Answers to frequently asked questions on other matters

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Where can I find the slides presented during the information sessions that I may have missed?

A

These are available online here:

<https://apps.who.int/gb/MSPI/>

Governance

Member States Programmatic Information session

The presentations posted on this webpage originate from information sessions organized by WHO for Member States on programmatic areas of work and are posted for information purposes only.

14 July 2023

> [Towards GPW14 \(2025-2028\): Proposed development & consultative process](#)

3 July 2023

> [Universal Health and Preparedness Review \(UHPR\)](#)

30 June 2023

> [Update on the SDG3 Global Action Plan](#)

19 June 2023

> [Addressing the sensory functions coverage gap: reaching the people in need of spectacles and hearing care](#)

> [Health equity for persons with disabilities](#)



Answers to frequently asked questions on other matters

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Where can I find official meeting documentation?

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Please bookmark our website now:

<https://apps.who.int/gb/gov/>



Governance			
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 - Members
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 - Governance reform
 - Process for the election of the Director-General 2017
 - Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors (FENSA)
 - Follow-up of the report of the Consultative Expert Working Group on Research and Development
 - Formal Meeting of Member States to conclude the work on the development of a global plan of action to strengthen the role of the health system to address interpersonal violence, in particular in addressing

Resources

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Answers to frequently asked questions on other matters

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How is the WHO calendar of Member State meetings organized and where can I find it?

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- Constitutional meetings are prioritized on the calendar (WHA, EB, PBAC, SCHEPPR)
- Other processes mandated by the governing bodies are scheduled next (IGWG, MSM)
- Other meetings including time-sensitive consultations and information sessions mandated by the governing bodies are scheduled next
- Information sessions and other briefings are prioritized internally and then scheduled when and if space is available on the calendar.
- The Secretariat makes every effort to avoid overlapping Member State meetings
- The calendar is updated regularly on our website. **PLEASE CHECK IT FREQUENTLY:**
https://apps.who.int/gb/gov/en/intergovernmental-meeting_en.html



Answers to frequently asked questions on other matters

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Who should I contact if I have more questions?

Consult the organigram to discuss technical issues with the relevant technical units. For GBS matters please use the following email addresses:

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hqgoverningbodies@who.int – for registration matters; updates to the Official List of Addresses; elective posts; Official Side events

Kindly contact directly the responsible Technical Division about Information Sessions (contacts included)

Foundationprizes@who.int – issues related to prizes/awards

governanceunit@who.int – for governance issues, including the organization of informal consultations, the submission of draft resolutions and decisions, and the management of the agenda of the governing body meetings

cosponsorship@who.int – only to confirm co-sponsorship of a decision/resolution

GBS-IT-support@who.int – to resolve connectivity issues during virtual/hybrid GBS meetings, including if you did not receive a link



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Will these slides be shared after the session?

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Yes! They will be sent by email shortly.