



Preparations for EB158 & PBAC43

Member State Information Session

19 January 2026

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Agenda

1. Welcome and introduction
2. Arrangements for PBAC43 (28-30 January 2026) and EB158 (2-7 February 2026)
3. Update on the IGWG
4. WHA79 Official side events
5. AOB



PBAC43: Overview

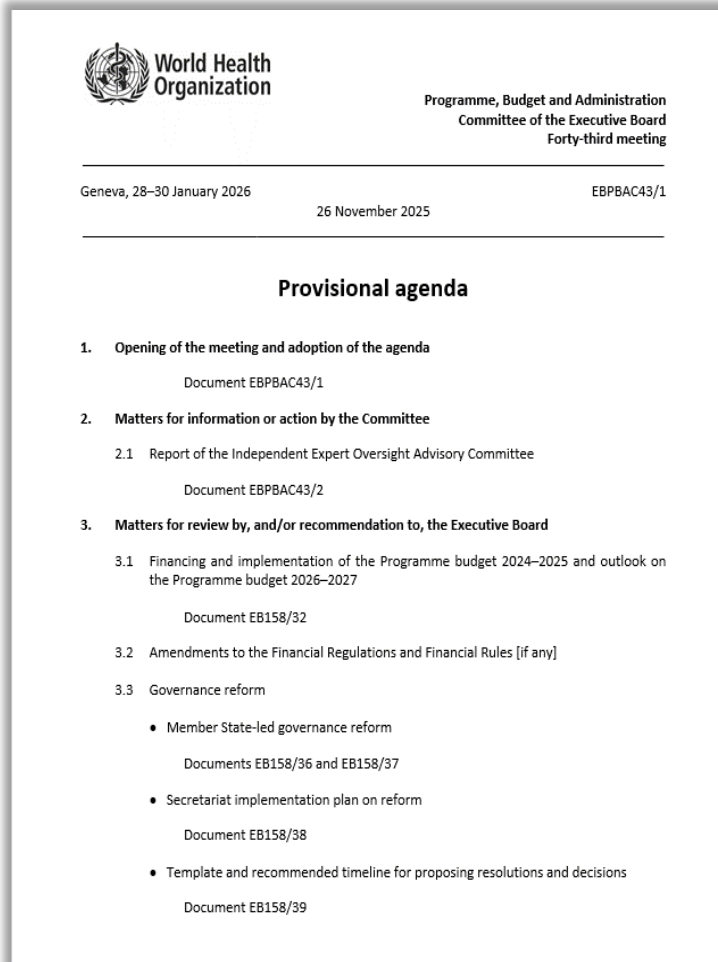
Dates: 28-30 January 2026

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

Agenda:

- 20 items and sub-items
- One specific PBAC item on the report of the IEOAC
- Remaining items are matters for review and/or recommendation to EB158
- Items 3.2 and 3.15 proposed for deletion

- **Format:** In-person meeting, which is open to PBAC members, Member States not represented on the Committee, as well as Observers.

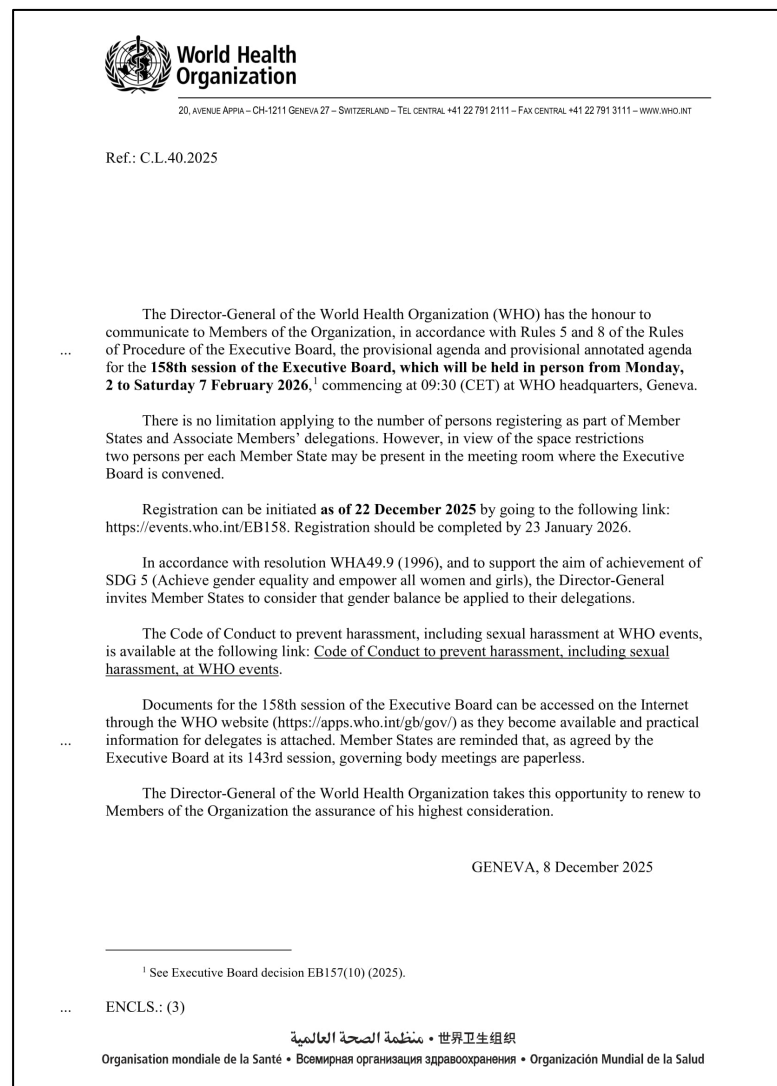


PBAC43 Registration as per C.L.41.25



- Registration can be initiated as of 22 December 2025 by going to the following landing page: <https://events.who.int/PBAC43> and should be completed by 23 January 2026
- CVENT is a new platform for registration, which has been tested for SCHEPPR7.
Member States credentials to be uploaded online directly.
- **Registration confirmations and other event participation communications to come from no-reply@whomeetings.who.int**
- Each participant is invited to register her/himself. There is no single focal point for registrations
- **Composition of delegations:**
 - There is no limitation applying to the number of persons registering as part of Member States.
 - However, in view of the space restriction, two persons per each Member State may be present in the meeting room where the PBAC is convened.

EB158: Overview as per C.L.40.25



- Registration for EB158 can be initiated as of 22 December 2025 by going to the following landing page: <https://events.who.int/EB158>; online registration through CVENT should be completed by 23 January.
- Registration confirmations and other event participation communications to come from no-reply@whomeetings.who.int
- No limit on the number registering as part of Member State delegations. Two persons per Member State may be present in the meeting room due to space restriction.
- Review the C.L.40.25 for full details (registration, credentials, access to WHO, visas, etc.).
- Member States credentials to be uploaded online directly.

EB158: Overview as per C.L.40.25



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Ref.: C.L.40.2025

... The Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) has the honour to communicate to Members of the Organization, in accordance with Rules 5 and 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the provisional agenda and provisional annotated agenda for the **158th session of the Executive Board, which will be held in person from Monday, 2 to Saturday 7 February 2026**,¹ commencing at 09:30 (CET) at WHO headquarters, Geneva.

There is no limitation applying to the number of persons registering as part of Member States and Associate Members' delegations. However, in view of the space restrictions two persons per each Member State may be present in the meeting room where the Executive Board is convened.

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In accordance with resolution WHA49.9 (1996), and to support the aim of achievement of SDG 5 (Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls), the Director-General invites Member States to consider that gender balance be applied to their delegations.

The Code of Conduct to prevent harassment, including sexual harassment at WHO events, is available at the following link: [Code of Conduct to prevent harassment, including sexual harassment, at WHO events](#).

... Documents for the 158th session of the Executive Board can be accessed on the Internet through the WHO website (<https://apps.who.int/gb/gov/>) as they become available and practical information for delegates is attached. Member States are reminded that, as agreed by the Executive Board at its 143rd session, governing body meetings are paperless.

The Director-General of the World Health Organization takes this opportunity to renew to Members of the Organization the assurance of his highest consideration.

GENEVA, 8 December 2025

¹ See Executive Board decision EB157(10) (2025).

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- C.L.40.25 on EB158 was sent out on Monday 8 December.
- Dates: 2-7 February 2026 (6 days, including Saturday).
- EB158 will be held in person.
- Working hours (CET):
 - Monday 2 Feb: 09:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30
 - Tuesday 3 Feb onwards: 10:00-13:00 and 14:30-17:30

EB158: Overview

- The provisional agenda for EB158 and all other meeting documents are on the WHO website as they become available in the six official UN languages.
- There are 53 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
 - **Provide health** (10 discussions)
 - **Protect health** (6 discussions)
 - **Promote health** (5 discussions)
 - **Power and performance** (17 discussions)
 - Closure of session

Cost and time-savings



- Minimal number of evening sessions
- Posting real-time PBAC recommendations of the screen at the conclusion of each item to accelerate the preparation of the report
- Reduced speaking times, with the possibility of switching off microphones if speaking times are exceeded
- Arrangements for posting written statements on the website
- Starting and finishing meetings on time
- Projection of the speakers' list on the screen
- Possibility of using electronic voting

Speaking times

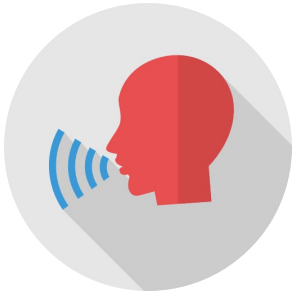
The following speaking times are proposed:

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

PBAC

- PBAC members: **2 minutes**
- Member States not represented on the PBAC: **1 minute**
- Group statements: **3 minutes**



Written statements



- Member States and Associate Members are invited to submit written statements for posting on the website in accordance with the guidelines for written statements in decision EB149(3) - *up to 7 days in advance of the opening of the session, i.e. from 26 January.*
- In accordance with the guidelines, statements may be provided in any of the six WHO official languages and should be limited to 500 words for individual statements and 800 words for group statements.
- Member States and Associate members are requested to submit their statements to statements@who.int , clearly indicating the relevant agenda item or sub-item in the subject line.

Updated Informal Briefing Note – preview



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DRAFT INFORMAL BRIEFING NOTE ON PBAC43 (28-30 January 2026) AND EB158 (2-7 February 2026)

43rd meeting of the Programme Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board

1. The 43rd meeting of PBAC will open at 9:30 CET on 28 January 2026 at WHO HQ and will continue until 30 January 2026. The proposed working hours are 9:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30 CET. The provisional agenda and meeting documents for the 43rd meeting of the PBAC are available on the WHO website at: [PBAC43](#). The provisional agenda contains hyperlinks to meeting documents.
2. **Agenda management:** there are 20 items and sub-items on the agenda. There are 2 PBAC specific documents including:
 - [EBPBAC43/1](#) Provisional Agenda
 - EBPBAC43/2 Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee.
3. It is proposed that the agenda items /sub-items be taken in the order outlined below. Please note that the following items will be proposed for deletion and are therefore not included in the list: items 3.2 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules [if any]; and 3.15 Independent Expert Oversight and Advisory Committee: membership renewal [if any].
(15 discussions; ♦ = 1 discussion)
 - ♦ **Item 1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda**
 - Item 2. Matters for information or action by the committee**
 - ♦ **Item 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*)
 - Item 3. Matters for review by, and/or recommendation to, the Executive Board**
 - ♦ **Item 3.1** Financing and implementation of the Programme budget 2024–2025 and outlook on the Programme budget 2026–2027
 - ♦ **Item 3.3** Governance reform
 - Member State-led governance reform
 - Template and recommended timeline for proposing resolutions and decisions
 - ♦ **Item 3.3** Governance reform
 - Secretariat Implementation Plan on reform
 - Cost recovery mechanisms for voluntary contributions
 - Implementation of the process for handling and investigating potential allegations against WHO Directors-General
 - ♦ **Item 3.4** Reform of the global health architecture and the UN80 initiative
 - ♦ **Item 3.5** Proposed amendments to the process for the selection of the external auditor
 - ♦ **Item 3.6** Evaluation: update and proposed workplan for 2026–2027
 - ♦ **Item 3.7** Prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment
 - ♦ **Item 3.8** Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations

- Updated version will be shared this week
- 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
- Expected resolutions are indicated by 
- Expected decisions are indicated by 

10 expected decisions/resolutions (proposed by Member States)

Expected EB158 agenda item	Resolution (R)/ Decision (D) topic or title	Member State lead(s)
Item 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	Global action to advance health equity for people with hemophilia and other bleeding disorders (R)	Armenia
	Steatotic liver disease: a missing piece in the global NCD response (R)	Egypt
Item 9: Universal Health Coverage	Precision medicine: a path toward personalized and equitable care (R)	Egypt
	Strengthening equitable access to diagnostic imaging through teleradiology (R)	Egypt
	Reducing the burden of stroke: strengthening prevention, acute care, rehabilitation and health system readiness (R)	Egypt
	Advancing Smart Pharmacovigilance as an essential tool for robust, sustainable, resilient and responsive health systems, for everyone, everywhere (R)	Tanzania, Egypt

10 expected decisions/resolutions (proposed by Member States) cont.

Expected EB158 agenda item	Resolution (R)/ Decision (D) topic or title	Member State lead(s)
Item 13: Report of the Expert Advisory Group on the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel	Report of the Expert Advisory Group on the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel (D)	Philippines, Germany
Item 21: Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem	Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem (R)	Qatar
Item 23: Wellbeing and health promotion	Corporal punishment of children: a global public health concern (R)	Costa Rica, Kenya
	Radiation and health: strengthening global protection, preparedness, and response (R)	Iraq, Egypt

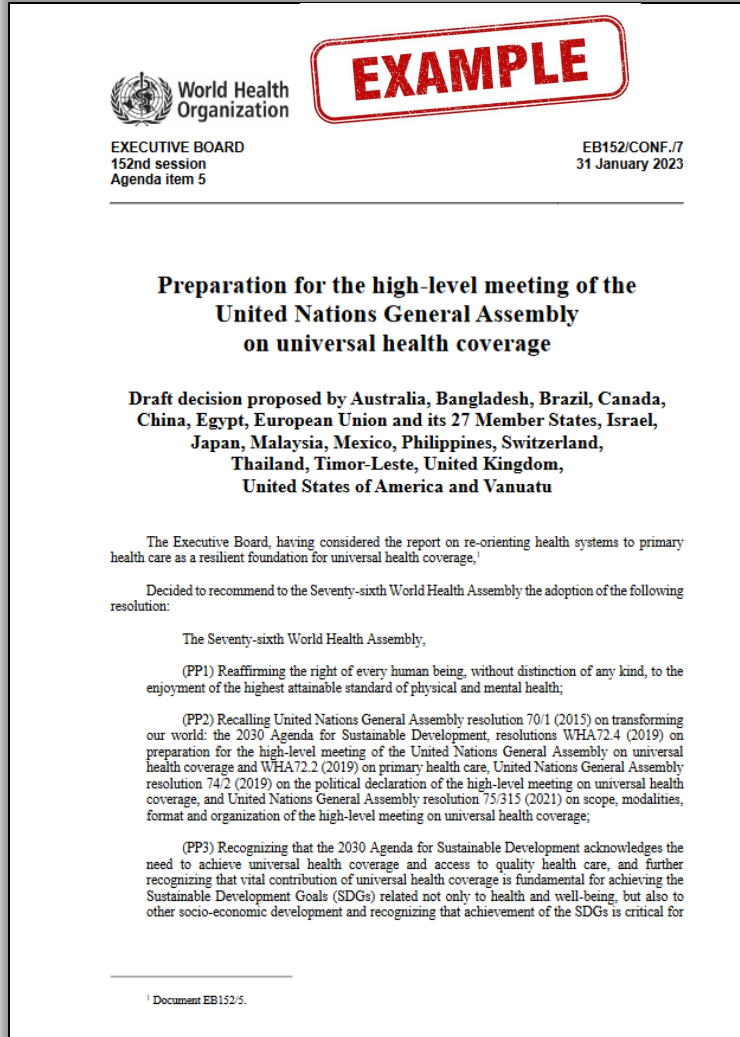
Status update on decisions/resolutions (proposed by Member States)

Number of decisions/ resolutions officially submitted online as of 19 January 2026:	2
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Reminder:

- *Proponent Member States are invited to upload consensus text on the [SharePoint](#) platform in the folder “Submission deadline 12 January 2026 – Text officially submitted for consideration at EB158”.*
- *In accordance with decision EB153(2), if such proposals miss the deadlines set out in that timeline, the proposing Member State will share the rationale with all Member States via email regarding the urgency of having the proposal considered in the current cycle and the consequences of delaying its consideration until the following governing bodies cycle.*

Co-Sponsorship of decisions/resolutions

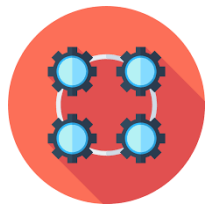


- Proposed decisions/resolutions are prepared as conference papers
- Conference papers include co-sponsors on the document
- The most efficient way to confirm co-sponsorship is for the Member States who submit draft resolutions to include a list of co-sponsors and then copy all co-sponsors on their email to governanceunit@who.int when making their submission – **by 12 January 2026**
- 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

Interpretation for both EB158 and PBAC43

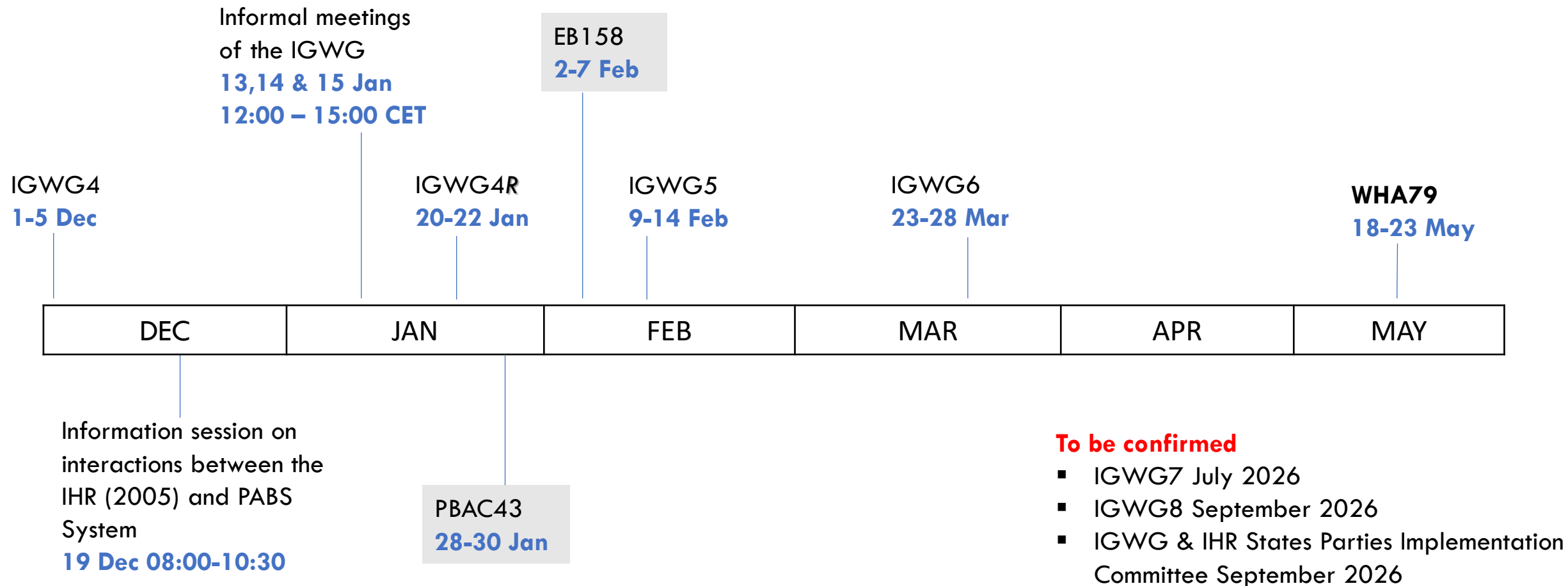


To facilitate accuracy and clarity in interpretation, Member States are kindly requested to send a copy of their statements to interpret@who.int at least 30 minutes in advance. All statements will be treated confidentially and will be checked upon delivery.



IGWG

Intergovernmental Working Group on the WHO Pandemic Agreement



Timeline 2025 – 2026

Official Side Events WHA79

- Official Side Events Initiative expected to be launched ASAP in the coming weeks
- Guidelines will be available shortly on [webpage](#)
- Due to space constraints at the Palais with the closure of building E, it is likely to take advantage of the availability of rooms at WHO Headquarters
- Cost recovery
- Modalities
- Additional details will be available in application form at the latest after EB158



Send any further questions to:

- Governance/programmatic matters: governanceunit@who.int
- Protocol/registration matters: hqgoverningbodies@who.int

Q. Will the slides be shared?

A. Yes