



Preparations for PBAC44, WHA79 & EB159

Member State Information Session

11 May 2026

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Agenda

1. Welcome and introduction
2. Update on arrangements for PBAC44, WHA79 and EB159
3. Walk the Talk
4. Questions and answers
5. AOB

PBAC44: Overview as per C.L.12.2026



World Health Organization

INTERACTIVE DOCUMENT 

Programme, Budget and Administration
Committee of the Executive Board
Forty-fourth meeting

Geneva, 13–15 May 2026

1 April 2026

EBPBAC44/1

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

Document EBPBAC44/1

2. Matters for information or action by the Committee

2.1 Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee: annual report

Document EBPBAC44/2

2.2 WHO's action on United Nations System-wide action plans

- Progress towards achieving the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

Document EBPBAC44/3

2.3 Compliance, risk management and ethics: annual report

Document [EBPBAC44/4](#)

2.4 Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

Document EBPBAC44/5

3. Matters to be considered by the Seventh-ninth World Health Assembly

3.1 Results Report (Programme budget 2024–2025: performance assessment) and financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

Documents A79/13, A79/14 and A79/INF./4

3.2 Financing, implementation and performance framework of the Programme budget 2026–2027

Documents A79/15 and A79/INF./5

Dates: 13-15 May 2026, WHO headquarters

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

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

Agenda:

- 26 items and sub-items, including: 5 that are PBAC-specific; 12 that are matters to be considered by WHA79; and 7 that are matters for review and/or recommendation to EB159
- Items 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 4.5, 4.6 and first bullet under 4.4 proposed for deletion

PBAC44: Discussions and proposed order of items

It is proposed that the agenda items /sub-items be taken be considered **in the order outlined below** 14 discussions; ❖ = 1 discussion

❖ **Item 1** Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

Item 2 Matters for information or action by the Committee

❖ **Sub-Item 2.1** Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee: annual report (It is proposed that discussions under this sub-item focus on matters that do not appear elsewhere on the agenda.

Item 3. Matters to be considered by the Seventy-eighth World Health Assembly

❖ **Sub-Item 3.11** Reform of the global health architecture and the UN80 initiative

It is proposed that the following sub-items be discussed together

❖ **Sub-Items 3.1 and 3.2** Results report (Programme budget 2024–2025: performance assessment) and financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

Financing and implementation of the Programme budget 2026–2027

+ sub-item 3.10 Human Resources - document A79/21 Add.1 on WHO's prioritization and realignment process in 2025–2026



PBAC44: Discussions and proposed order of items

- ❖ **Sub-Item 3.3** Status of collection of assessed contributions, including Member States in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules

It is proposed that the following three sub-items be discussed together

- ❖ **Sub-Items 3.7, 3.8, 3.9**

Report of the External Auditor

Report of the Internal Auditor

External and internal audit recommendations: progress on implementation

Item 4. Matters for review by, and/or recommendation to, the Executive Board

- ❖ **Sub-Item 4.3** Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations

Item 3. Matters to be considered by the Seventy-eighth World Health Assembly

- ❖ **Sub-Item 3.10** Human resources: Annual Report (continued)



PBAC44: Discussions and proposed order of items

Item 2 Matters for information or action by the Committee

It is proposed that the following three sub-items be discussed together

- ❖ **Sub-Items 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4**

- WHO's action on United Nations System-wide action plans
 - Compliance, Risk Management and Ethics: annual report
 - Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit



Item 4 Matters for review by, and/or recommendation to, the Executive Board

- ❖ **Sub-Item 4.1** Report by the Officers of the Executive Board on future modalities of the governance reform pilot
- ❖ **Sub-Item 4.2** Evaluation: annual report
- ❖ **Sub-Item 4.4** Hosted Partnerships (*it is proposed that the two bullet points under this sub-item be discussed together*)

WHA79: Overview



World Health Organization

Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly

Geneva, 18–23 May 2026

19 March 2026

A79/1

Provisional 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 A79/1

2. Report of the Executive Board on its 157th and 158th sessions

Document A79/2

3. Address by Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General

Document A79/3

4. Invited speaker(s)

5. Admission of new Members and Associate Members [if any]

6. Executive Board: election

7. Awards

Document A79/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 18 May 2026.

Date: Opens on 18 May and closes no later than 23 May

Working hours: 09:00-12:00 and 14:30-17:30 (CEST)

Provisional Agenda: The Agenda is available on the WHO website and contains approximately 68 items and sub-items.

Webcast: Public meetings of the WHA will be webcast live on the WHO website: Plenary meetings, Committees A and B.

Venue: Plenary and Committee B will be held in the Assembly Hall at UNOG. Committee A will be held in the Auditorium at WHO Headquarters. A shuttle service will run between the two locations.

A walk through the first day



Monday 18 May

- Item 1. Opening of the Assembly.
- Item 1.1. Appointment of the Committee on Credentials.
- Item 1.2. Election of the President.
- Item 1.3. Election of the five Vice-Presidents, the Chairs of the main committees, and establishment of the General Committee.
- High-level welcome

Following conclusion of the High-level welcome, the Assembly will suspend proceedings, and the General Committee will convene to make recommendations to the Health Assembly on the supplementary agenda and the programme of work of the Health Assembly.

A walk through the first day

Monday 18 May



- The Health Assembly will reconvene in Plenary to take up the following items:
 - Presidential address
 - Item 1.4 Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items to the main committees
 - Item 2. Report of the Executive Board on its 157th and 158th sessions
 - Item 3. Address by Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General
 - General discussion - Speakers list can be accessed on governance page at [WHO Reporting](#)
- **Committee A** will convene upon the commencement of the General discussion in Plenary and begin with Sub-item 13.3 Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the WHO Pandemic Agreement

Draft resolutions and decisions



Deadline: Delegations wishing to have draft resolutions and draft decisions considered by the Health Assembly are invited to introduce their draft at least 15 days before the opening of the Health Assembly and, in any event, not later than the first day of the Health Assembly, in accordance with Rule 49 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly

Please send any proposals to governanceunit@who.int no later than 18:00 on Monday 18 May

Co-sponsorship: At the time of submission of a newly proposed resolution or decision, cosponsorship may be confirmed and conveyed through an email to cosponsorship@who.int. Once a conference paper proceeds to production, new co-sponsors can only be announced from the floor during the session of the Assembly when the respective item is open for discussion. Co-sponsorship announced from the floor will be recorded in the official record.

WHA79: Committee A - 13 discussions envisaged ♦ = 1 discussion

Provide health

(6 discussions)

♦ *The following item and sub-item will be taken together:*

Item 11 Recommitting to accelerate progress towards malaria elimination

Sub-Item 12.3 Communicable diseases

- Immunization Agenda 2023
- Road map for neglected tropical diseases 2021-2030
- End TB Strategy **D**

♦ *The following item and sub-item will be taken together:*

Sub-item 12.1 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 **R D D**

Sub-item 12.2 Mental health



WHA79: Committee A

Provide health (cont.)

- ❖ **Sub-item 12.4** Universal health coverage R R R R
 - Draft global strategy for integrated emergency, critical and operative care, 2026–2035 D
 - Increasing availability, ethical access and oversight of transplantation of human cells, tissues and organs D
 - Rare diseases
- ❖ *The following sub-items will be taken together:*
 - Sub-Item 12.5** Primary healthcare
 - Sub-Item 12.8** Report of the Expert Advisory Group on the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel R
- ❖ *The following sub-items will be taken together:*
 - Sub-Item 12.7** Substandard and falsified medical products
 - Sub-Item 12.9** Draft updated global action plan on antimicrobial resistance D
- ❖ *The following sub-items will be taken together:*
 - Sub-Item 12.6** Health in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
 - Sub-Item 12.10** Harmonization of regulatory approaches, governance and standards for data, digital health and artificial intelligence in the health sector



WHA79: Committee A

Protect health

(5 discussions)



❖ **Sub-Item 13.3** Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the WHO Pandemic Agreement **R**

❖ *The following sub-items will be taken together*

Sub-Item 13.1 Report of the Independent Oversight and Advisory Committee for the WHO Health Emergencies Programme

Sub-Item 13.2 Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)

❖ *The following sub-items will be taken together*

14.1 WHO's work in health emergencies

14.2 Strengthening the evidence base for public health and social measures

❖ **14.3** Poliomyelitis

❖ **14.4** Implementation of resolution WHA75.11 (2022)

Promote health

(2 discussions)



❖ *The following sub-items will be taken together*

Sub.Item 15.1 Strengthening rehabilitation in health systems

Sub.Item 15.3 The health of Indigenous Peoples D

Sub.Item 15.4 Maternal, infant and young child nutrition

❖ *The following sub-items will be taken together*

Sub-Item 15.2 Well-being and health promotion R

- Outcome of the WHO Commission on Social Connection

Sub-Item 15.5 Draft strategy on the economics of health for all D

WHA79: Committee B – 11 discussions envisaged ♦ = 1 discussion

On Wednesday 20 May at 14:30:

♦ The following item and sub-items will be taken together

Item 17 Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan

Sub-Item 17.1 Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan

Sub-Item 17.2 Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem R

Power and Performance

10 discussions envisaged noting that Member States will be invited to focus discussion on the PBAC report and recommendations of the PBAC; ♦ = 1 discussion

♦ The following sub-items to be taken together

Sub-Item 18.1 Results report 2024 (Programme budget 2024–2025: performance assessment) Financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 D

Sub-Item 18.2 Financing and implementation of the Programme budget 2026–2027

- Reporting on operational efficiencies

+ Sub-Item 18.14 Human Resources - document A79/21 Add.1 on WHO's prioritization and realignment process in 2025–2026



WHA79: Committee B



❖ *The following sub-items to be taken together:*

Sub-Item 18.3 Status of collection of assessed contributions, including Member States in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution **R**

Sub-Item 18.4 Special arrangements for settlement of arrears [if any]; and

Sub-Item 18.5 Assessment of new Members and Associate Members [if any]

Sub-Item 18.6 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules [if any]

❖ *The following sub-items to be taken together*

Sub-Item 18.7 Report of the External Auditor **D**

Sub-Item 18.8 Report of the Internal Auditor

Sub-Item 18.9 External and internal audit recommendations: progress on implementation

Sub-Item 18.10 Proposed amendments to the process for the selection of the External Auditor **D**

WHA79: Committee B



❖ *The following sub-items to be taken together:*

Sub-Item 18.11 Prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment

Sub-Item 18.12 Governance reform

- Secretariat implementation plan on reform

Sub-Item 18.13 Update on the Infrastructure Fund

- Geneva buildings renovation strategy
- Update on information management and technology

❖ *The following sub-items to be taken together:*

Sub-Item 18.14 Human resources: annual report (continued)

R

Sub-Item 18.15 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules

Sub-Item 18.16 Report of the International Civil Service Commission

D

Item 19 Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee

WHA79: Committee B



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

❖ *The following item and sub-items will be taken together*

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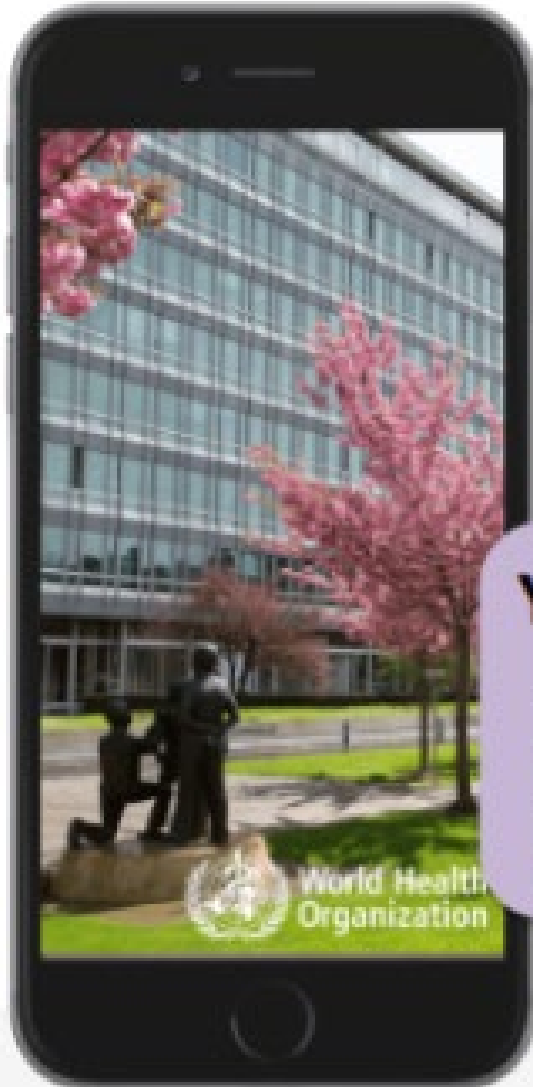
Sub-Item 20.1 Reform of the global health architecture and the UN80 Initiative D

❖ **Sub-Item 20.2** Communications of the United Nations Secretary-General as depositary of the Constitution of the World Health Organization D

❖ **Item 22 Matters for information**

Progress reports - Three discussions: (i) Provide Health; (ii) Protect Health & Power and Performance; and (iii) Promote Health.

WHA79 Mobile Phone App



The World Health Assembly application allows you to receive updates on the WHA79 programme of work and access documentation directly on your mobile device. Scan the QR code below or search for “**WHO Meetings**” in the Apple or Google Stores on your phone.

Your mobile companion

- Up to date meeting information
- Access to documents
- Live video and updates
- Stay informed of changes and events

Please note that if you have a version of the WHA app from previous years you should uninstall that as it will no longer be used.



Registration for all constitutional meetings

Online registration is required through the CVENT platform. Advance copies of credentials communicated by other means will not be taken into consideration for registration purpose (registration through CVENT only).



Registration opened on 15 April 2026 and can be initiated by going to the following links:

<https://events.who.int/PBAC44> ([deadline 8 May 2026](#)) **Extended to 11 May 2026**

<https://events.who.int/WHA79> ([deadline 10 May 2026](#)) **Extended to 15 May 2026**

<https://events.who.int/EB159> ([deadline 22 May 2026](#))

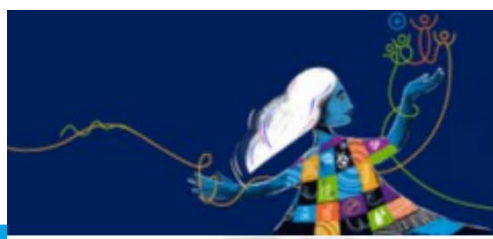
Each participant is invited to register her/himself. There is no single focal point for registrations.

The Award Ceremony

Wednesday 20 May

- **Public Health Awards Ceremony in Plenary (09:00):** five prizes presented to six laureates as per [EB158/50](#).
 1. Sasakawa Health Prize
 2. United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Prize
 3. State of Kuwait “His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah Prize for the Promotion of Healthy Ageing”
 4. Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health
 5. Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion





A call for applications was released in February 2026:

- Over **60 applications from Member States, IGOs and NSAs** from Monday to Friday lunchtime.
- Events held both at WHO Headquarters and at the Palais des Nations.
- The list of WHA79 Official Side Events is [available](#).

Next Steps

Payments

- Invoicing for confirmed slots is being finalized.
- Organizers must complete payment within 5 working days of invoice receipt.

Guidance & Logistics

- Information on room allocation is included in the list.
- Organizers are encouraged to review the side event preparation [guidelines](#) regularly for updates. Regular emails sent to focal points with information on registration, room set-up, and key services.
- Please send your room set-up information through the form, which was sent.
- Official side events will appear in the [list of meetings of WHA79](#).
- Organizers are responsible for sending invitations for and promoting their own events.



Registration and attendance

- In-person: WHA delegates (Member States, IGOs, NSAs in Official Relations) may attend official side events on a first come first served basis.
- A number of events are hybrid or webstreamed as indicated in the list. Please contact the organizer.
- Regarding panelists, or attendees that may not be WHA delegates, organizers may apply for a limited amount of special guest badges by submitting the list and will then receive the registration link. Please review the guidelines for details. It shall be done as early as possible and no later than three days before your event.



Branding & Offsite Events

- WHA79 Official Side Event branding may be used (banner circulated to organizers)
- WHO may be listed as co-sponsor only if formally agreed and does not provide financing.



Documents

Please send presentations, statements and lists of speakers 24 hours before the event to: interpret@who.int

WHA79 Travel Expense Reimbursement

In accordance with resolution WHA50.1 (1997), special consideration will be given to delegates whose countries are classified as least developed countries by the United Nations.

WHO will cover the cost of an economy/tourist airfare by the most direct route to Geneva for one delegate of such countries. However, following the rules set forth by the World Health Assembly, WHO will not be able to provide per diem or any other non-airfare expenditures.

Please note that reimbursement will be made in Geneva, upon presentation of the air ticket and the invoice.

- The reimbursement desk will be located at the Mezanine area at WHO HQ.

The process of reimbursement takes at least 24 hours therefore requests made after Wednesday 20 May 2026 afternoon will not be taken into consideration.

WHA79 Strategic Dialogues

The Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly will feature three strategic roundtables, held Tuesday through Thursday (19–21 May). These sessions will be held from 13:00 to no later than 14:15 CEST in the EB Room, located in Building A at WHO Headquarters.

	Title	Responsible Division
	From COVID-19 Lessons to Action: The Evolution of the WHO Health Emergencies Programme	WHE
	It takes a village: An Integrated and Intersectoral Response to NCDs and Mental health	PPC
	Addressing Health Mis & dis information – Protecting Scientific Data Integrity	SCI

WHA79: Shuttle Services between WHO HQ and UNOG Building A

A shuttle service will be available to transport delegates between WHO HQ and UNOG:

- **WHO HQ:** The Shuttle stop, for drop-off and pick-up will be located on parking P15 bis, near the cafeteria terrace. To facilitate access, delegates wearing a WHA badge will be able to enter the WHO premises through the terrace and cafeteria.
- **UNOG:** The shuttle stop for drop-off and pick-up will be in front of door 14, the VIP entrance of Building A, which is located at the rear of the Assembly Hall.

Each journey between the two campuses will not exceed 10 minutes, and the drop-off points are located near the meeting rooms. This will be a reinforced, nonstop shuttle service with a maximum five-minute interval between departures from each location. Departures will be further accelerated during critical times to ensure participants can join the start of sessions and side events promptly.

WHA79: How to book rooms for bilateral meetings

Bilateral meeting rooms will be made available on both campus, UNOG and WHO HQ. Each delegation has the option to book a bilateral meeting room for a **maximum of one hour** per day. A request should be sent to cmpmail@who.int.

- **At UNOG:** Due to the ongoing renovation work a limited number of meeting rooms will be made available for bilateral meetings. These will be located in the Concordia area.
- **At WHO HQ:** A greater number of available rooms will provide us with considerably enhanced flexibility. These will be distributed mainly throughout Building A at WHO Headquarters.

When submitting your requests, it is recommended that you indicate your chosen campus: UNOG or WHO HQ.

WHA79: Car Parks at UNOG and WHO Campuses

A very limited number of parking spaces is available for delegates' cars with "Health Assembly" stickers, on a first-come, first-served basis. The spaces are in reserved areas in car park P10, near Door 40, at the Palais des Nations .

Requests on the part of Permanent Missions for **temporary ground passes for their drivers and for access authorization for rental or replacement vehicles** must be sent through a note verbale to the United Nations Office at Geneva Identification and Garage Management Unit (ID Unit). The note verbale must include a copy of the vehicle registration documents (*carte grise*) as well as a copy of each temporary driver's passport or ID card, and the following details:

- name of the driver (first and last name as written on the passport/ID card)
- number plate of vehicle
- make of vehicle
- type of vehicle
- colour of vehicle.

The note verbale can be sent to the ID Unit via fax to +41 22 917 04 94 or to the ID Unit's direct email (unogid@unog.ch).

The temporary ground passes for rental vehicle and driver issued by UNOG ID Unit **are valid for the access at UNOG and WHO campuses** during WHA 79.

Code of Conduct

Participants are expected to abide by WHO's standards of conduct and to remain mindful that the requirements to prevent harassment and sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment, at WHO events apply. Kindly refer to the *Code of conduct to prevent harassment, including sexual harassment, at WHO events* and the *WHO policy on preventing and addressing sexual misconduct*.

Any related concerns should be raised through the WHO integrity hotline (<https://www.who.int/about/ethics/integrity-hotline>).

WHO has zero tolerance for any form of sexual misconduct and for inaction against it. For more information, please visit the Secretariat's dedicated web page: <https://www.who.int/about/ethics/code-of-conduct-at-who-events>.

Walk The Talk

The event timings on Sunday 17 May are:

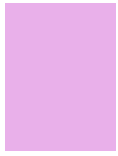
- 8am: event starts in Place des Nations
- 9am: official opening, including DG speech
- 9.30/45am: family photo, start of 3-4 km return walk to WHO
- 10.30am-11am: return to Place des Nations/event closing ceremony

More information can be found on the:

- WHO website** Walk the Talk Geneva 2026 (click [here](#))
- Event registration** page WHO's Walk The Talk Registration Form (click [here](#))

T-shirts will be available for collection on Thursday and Friday from 9:00-5:00

LEGEND



Stage
(8x6m)

s Sound Area (3x3)

v VIP tent (3x3)

■ Access VIP zone, check (3x3)

 Samaritains (2x 3x3)

BOOTHS

3 WHO Assistive Technology (Kylie, Karen)

4 WHO FCTC (Jiasi)

5 EU? (Antje)

6 St Jude (Bente)

7 WHO Youth Council (Dorine)

8 PMNCH (David Gomez Cabon)

9 G4 Alliance

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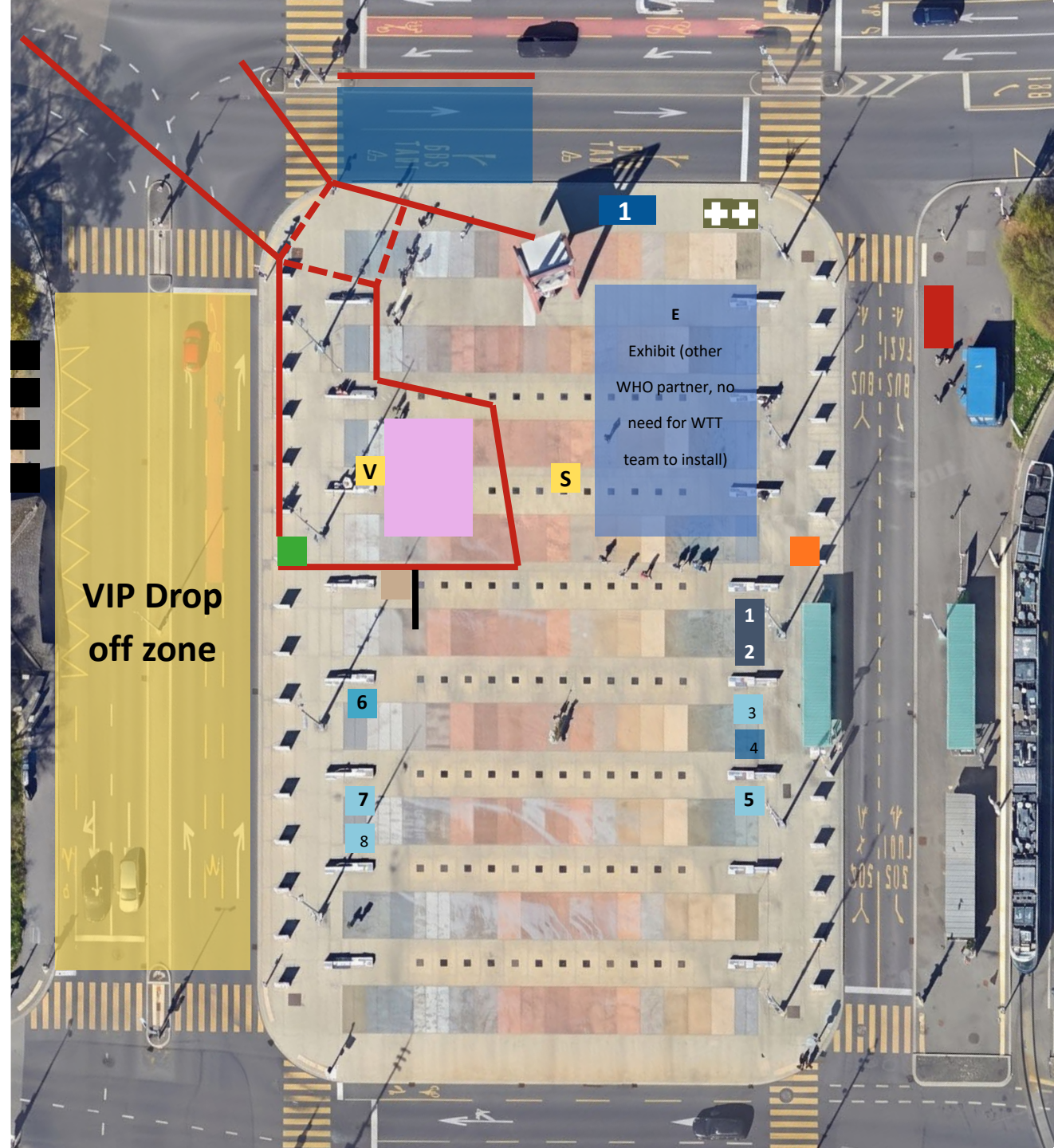
Electricity

E Lost Screen Memorial exhibit

■ Toilets

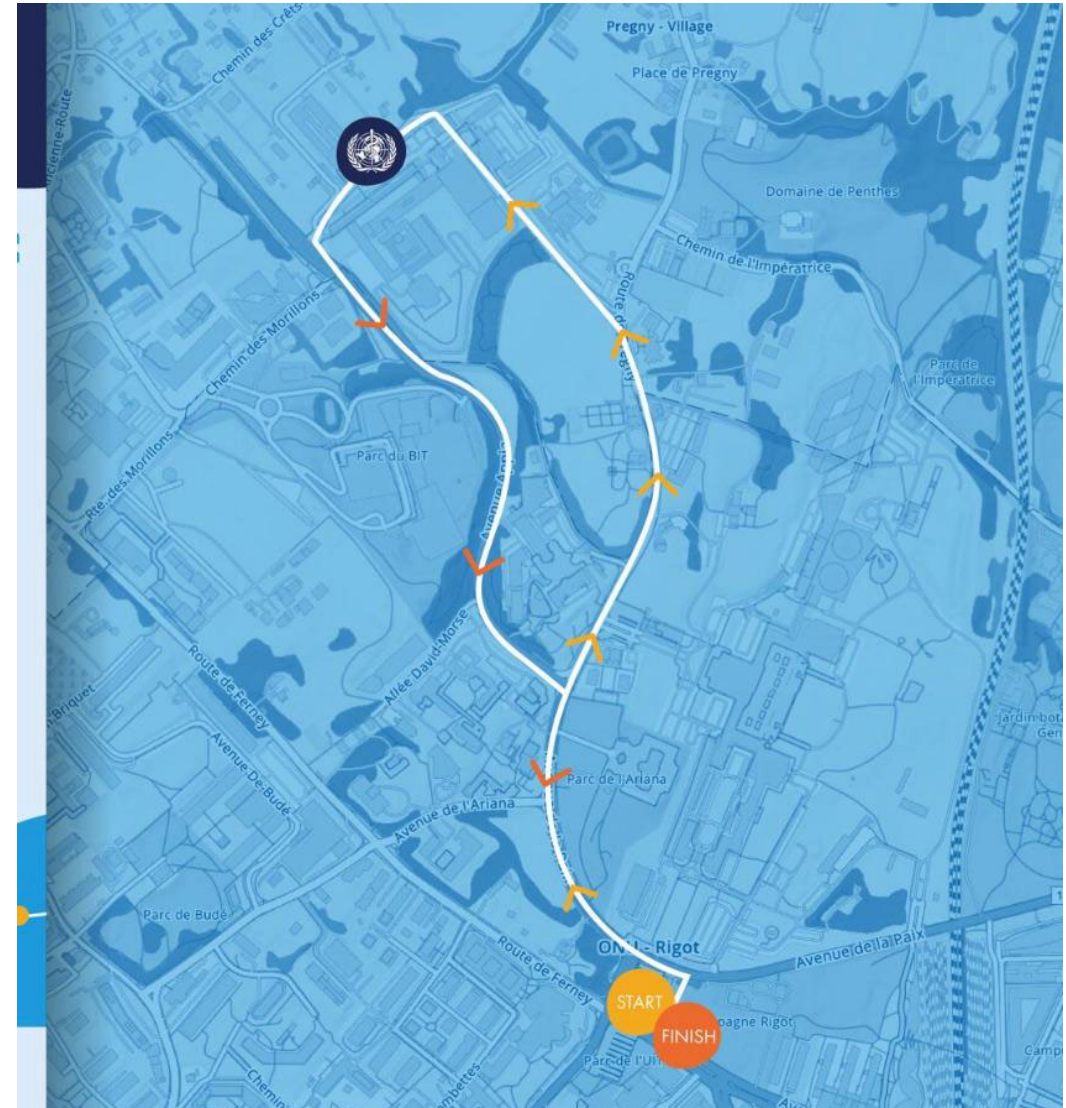
1 Refreshment point (3x6m)

2 Gifts / t-shirts tent (3x6m)



1 Route

3km walk



Thank you



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