

Member State information session on:

**Development of a Global Plan of Action for the
Health of Indigenous Peoples (GPoA)**

20 July 2026

Agenda

1. **Opening remarks and presentation of the next steps in the development of the Global Plan of Action for the Health of Indigenous Peoples during 2026** – Ms. Alia El-Yassir, WHO Director, Department of Gender, Rights, Equity & Sexual Misconduct Prevention
2. **Q&A session** – moderated by WHO Secretariat
3. **Closing**

Development of the Global Plan of Action for the Health of Indigenous Peoples

- **The 76th World Health Assembly (May 2023)** adopted Resolution 76.16 on the Health of Indigenous Peoples. The resolution requests the WHO Director-General to develop a *Global Plan of Action for the Health of Indigenous Peoples*.
- **The 158th Executive Board (February 2026)** considered the GPoA under agenda item 24 and adopted decision EB158(10), recommending that WHA79 defer consideration of the draft GPoA to the 80th World Health Assembly in 2027, through the 160th Executive Board session, to allow additional time for further consultations with Member States, Indigenous Peoples, UN and multilateral agencies, civil society, academia and other actors.
- **WHA79 (May 2026)** considered "The health of Indigenous Peoples" under agenda item 15.3 and adopted the decision recommended by the Executive Board.



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Countries participating in this year's World Health Assembly (WHA76) passed a groundbreaking resolution for the health of Indigenous Peoples. The resolution calls on the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) to develop a comprehensive Global Action Plan for the well-being of Indigenous Peoples and present it at the Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly in 2026. The resolution is a historic one, marking the first time the World Health Assembly has passed a resolution specifically addressing the health disparities

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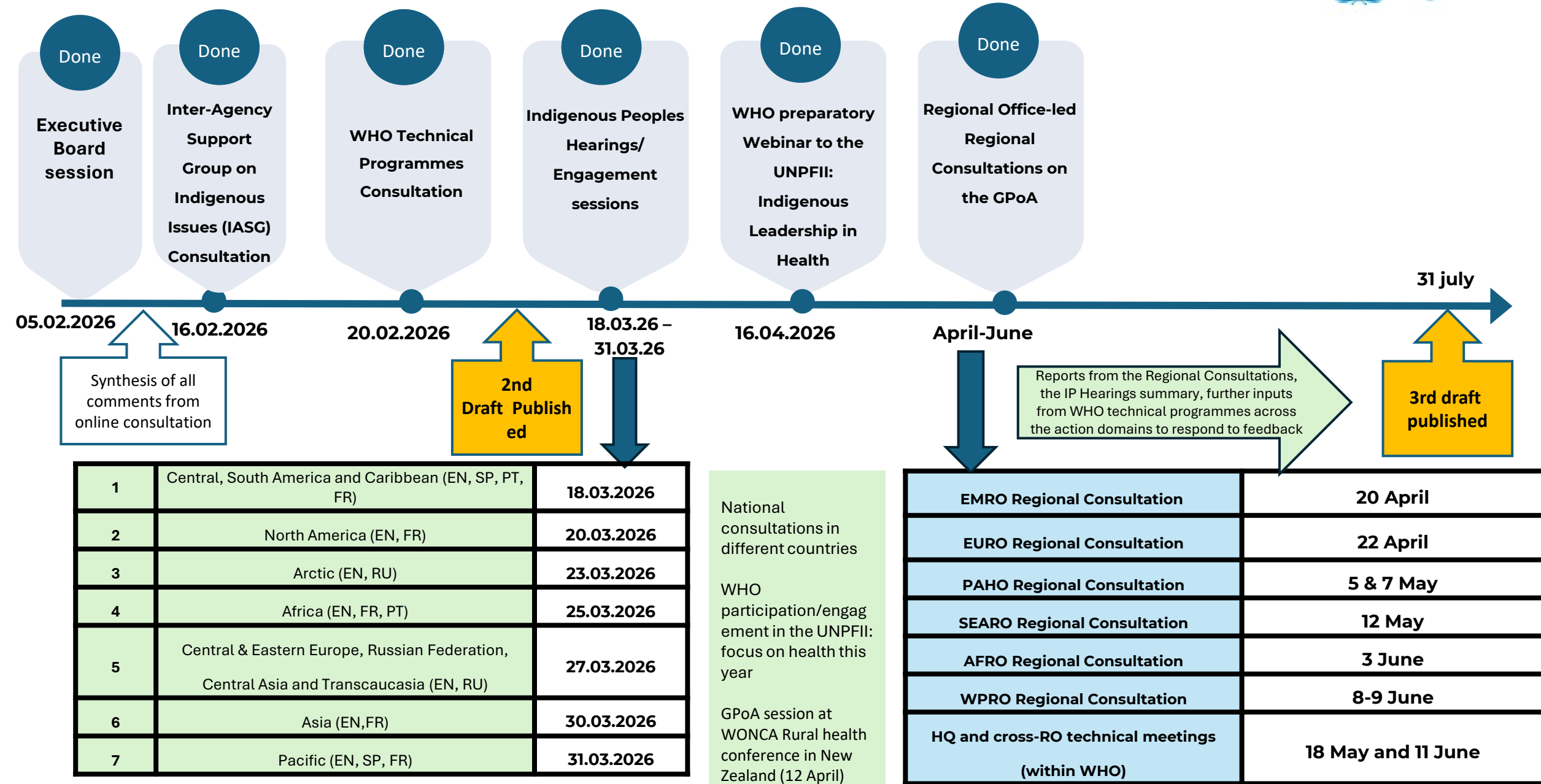
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Resolution A76/A/CONF.1: The health of Indigenous Peoples

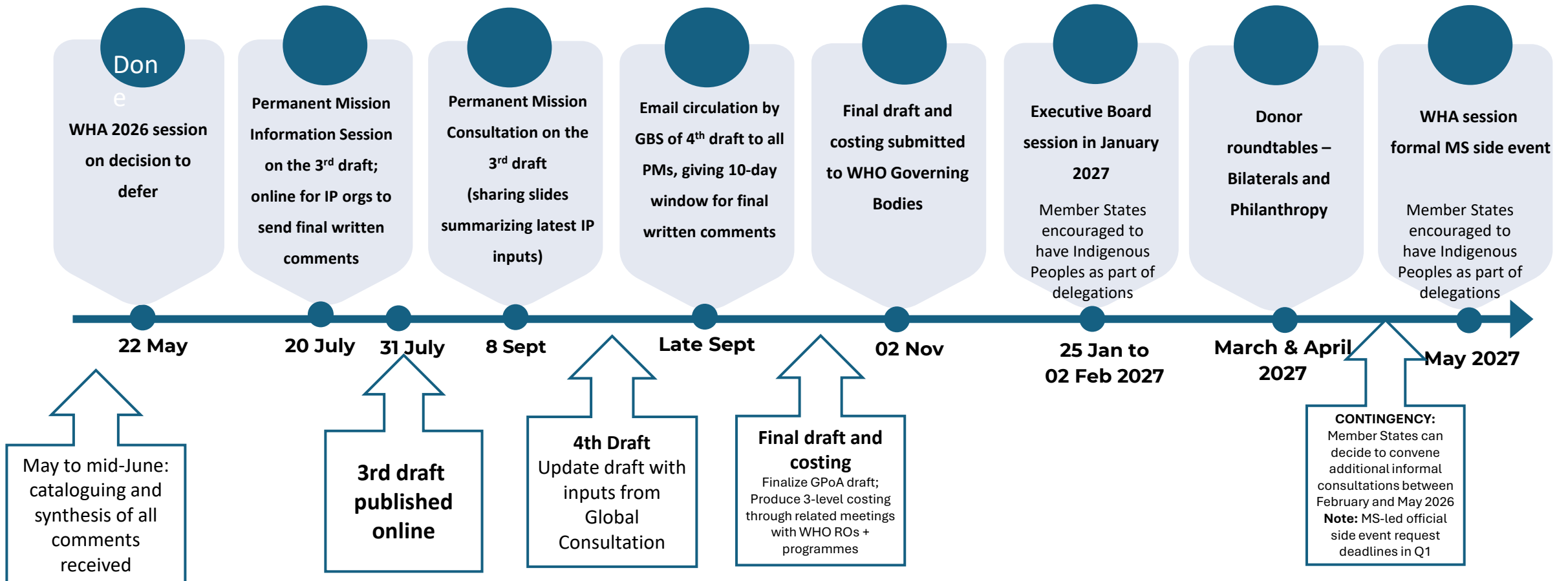
Full Resolution 76.16 is accessible at:

https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA76/A76_R16-en.pdf

GPoA Timeline (Q1-Q2 2026)



Next steps: GPoA timeline (May 2026 to May 2027)



Global Consultation with Permanent Missions on the 3rd Draft GPoA

8 September 2026 | 13:00–15:00 CEST | Hybrid

The Global Consultation will give Member States the opportunity to review and discuss the third draft of the Global Plan of Action for the Health of Indigenous Peoples (GPoA) before WHO prepares the fourth draft for submission to GBS for the WHO EB.

The consultation has been scheduled in September to:

- Give Member States additional time to review the third draft;
- Enable Member States to have adequate time to consult – as appropriate – at national level, across ministries and with Indigenous Peoples' organizations, to develop their positions;
- Gather feedback for incorporation into the fourth draft of the GPoA.

Indigenous Peoples' organizations can send online comments to GEM@who.int, with a deadline of **24 August** so that they can be summarized and included in a slide in the Secretariat's ppt at the Global Consultation.

Q&A

Closing remarks

Through its role as Secretariat of the GPoA, WHO remains committed to its contribution to the advancement of Indigenous Peoples' health globally.

For any questions, concerns or additional comments you wish to share, please email us at: gem@who.int