World Health Organization

Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly

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15 May 2026

Preliminary daily timetable for the Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly

1. In 1979, the Thirty-second World Health Assembly, in resolution WHA32.36, decided that the Executive Board "shall fix a preliminary daily timetable for the Health Assembly's consideration of its agenda and the General Committee shall review and approve this timetable, subsequently revising it if and when required". At its 158th session (in February 2026), the Board considered a previous version of a preliminary daily timetable for the Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly,[1] a revision of which is submitted herewith (see Annex) to the General Committee. The timetable has been drawn up on the assumption that the Health Assembly will wish to limit the time allowed to each speaker (Rule 55 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly). The timetable should be considered as indicative since the actual timing of items and subitems will depend on how the work of the Health Assembly proceeds.

2. The Board decided that the Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly should open on Monday, 18 May 2026, and close no later than Saturday, 23 May 2026.[2]

[1] Document EB158/47, Annex 2.

[2] Decision EB158(24) (2026); see also decision EB157(11) (2025).

Annex

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May 2026	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
Monday 18				
09:00	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			
	High-level welcome			
Upon closure of the High-level welcome	–	–	–	General Committee
14:30	– Presidential address	–	–	–
	1.4 Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items to the main committees			
	2. Report of the Executive Board on its 157th and 158th sessions			
	3. Address by Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General			
	– General discussion		–	–
17:00	4. Invited speaker(s)			
18:30		10. Opening of the Committee		
		Protect health		
		13. Public Health emergencies: preparedness and response		
		If time permits:		
		Provide health		
		11. Recommitting to accelerate progress towards malaria elimination		
		12. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board		

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Tuesday 19				
09:00	3. Address by Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General – General discussion (continued)	**Protect health** 13. Public Health emergencies: preparedness and response (continued) 14. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board	–	–
14:00	–		–	Committee on Credentials
14:30	3. Address by Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General – General discussion (continued)		–	–
Wednesday 20				
09:00	– Report of the Committee on Credentials 5. Admission of new Members and Associate Members [if any] 7. Awards 3. Address by Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General – General discussion (continued)	**Protect health** 14. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board (continued)		–
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14:30		**Provide health** 11. Recommitting to accelerate progress towards malaria elimination 12. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board (continued)	16. Opening of the Committee 17. Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan If time permits: **Power and performance** 18. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board and the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board	
17:30	–	–	–	General Committee (list for election Executive Board)

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Thursday 21 09:00 and 14:30	–	**Provide health** 12. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board (continued) **Promote health** 15. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board	**Power and performance** 18. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board and the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board (continued) 19. Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee	–
Friday 22 09:00 and 14:30	6. Executive Board: election	**Promote health** 15. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board (continued)	**Power and performance** 20. Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations 21. Agreements with intergovernmental organizations [if any] 22. Matters for information: progress reports	–
Saturday 23 09:00 and 14:30	8. Reports of the main committees 9. Closure of the Health Assembly	– Finalization of resolutions/decisions and reports	– Finalization of resolutions/decisions and reports	–