



WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD
109th Session
Agenda item 7.4

EB109/32
17 January 2002

Future sessions: provisional agenda for the Fifty-fifth World Health Assembly

Report of the Director-General

1. According to Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Health Assembly, the Executive Board shall prepare the provisional agenda of each regular session of the Health Assembly after consideration of proposals submitted by the Director-General. Proposals from the Director-General for the provisional agenda of the Fifty-fifth World Health Assembly are attached at Annex 1.
2. In addition, the Director-General received two sets of proposals from Member States under Rule 5(d) of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly. The Board has already decided, when adopting its own agenda on Monday, 14 January 2002, not to consider one of them under the present agenda item. The other, from Bulgaria, Czech Republic and Slovenia, is to include an item on control of neurocysticercosis.
3. 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”. A draft preliminary daily timetable for the Fifty-fifth World Health Assembly is attached at Annex 2.
4. The Director-General proposes for the round tables the theme of **risks to health**, also the subject of *The world health report 2002*. It is also suggested that this should be the topic of statements made in plenary.

ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

5. The Executive Board may wish to adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board, having considered the report of the Director-General on the provisional agenda for the Fifty-fifth World Health Assembly,¹ and recalling its earlier decision that the Fifty-fifth World Health Assembly should be held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, opening on Monday, 13 May 2002, and closing no later than Saturday, 18 May 2002,² approved the provisional agenda of the Fifty-fifth World Health Assembly. It also recommended that the

¹ Document EB109/32.

² See decision EB108(11).

theme for the round tables should be risks to health, that the round tables be conducted in accordance with the procedures outlined,¹ and that participation in the round tables should be open to ministers of health or to those designated to personally represent them in policy discussions.

¹ Document EB107/21.



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FIFTY-FIFTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY
Geneva, Switzerland
13-18 May 2002

A55/1

Provisional agenda

PLENARY

1. **Opening of the Assembly¹**
2. **Reports of the Executive Board on its 108th and 109th sessions**
3. **Address by Dr Gro Harlem Brundtland, Director-General**
4. **Invited speaker**
5. **Admission of new Members and Associate Members [if any]**
6. **Executive Board: election**
7. **Awards**
8. **PAHO centenary**
9. **Reports of the main committees**
10. **Closure of the Assembly**

ROUND TABLES

11. **Round tables: Risks to health**

¹ 1.1 Appointment of the Committee on Credentials
1.2 Election of the Committee on Nominations
1.3 Reports of the Committee on Nominations

- Election of the President
- Election of the five Vice-Presidents, the Chairmen of the main committees, and establishment of the General Committee

1.4 Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items to the main committees.

COMMITTEE A

12. Opening of the Committee¹

13. Technical and health matters

13.1 Report of the WHO Commission on Macroeconomics and Health

13.2 WHO's contribution to achievement of the goals of the Millennium Declaration

13.3 The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

13.4 HIV/AIDS

13.5 Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization

13.6 Eradication of poliomyelitis

13.7 WHO medicines strategy

13.8 Infant and young child nutrition

- Childhood nutrition and progress in implementing the International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes
- Global strategy for infant and young child feeding

13.9 Diet, physical activity and health

13.10 Dengue prevention and control

13.11 Deliberate use of biological and chemical agents to cause harm

13.12 Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks

13.13 The role of contractual arrangements in improving health systems' performance

¹ Including election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur.

COMMITTEE B

14. Opening of the Committee¹

15. Financial matters

- 15.1 Financial report on the accounts of WHO for 2000-2001, report of the External Auditor, and comments thereon made on behalf of the Executive Board; report of the Internal Auditor
- 15.2 Status of collection of assessed contributions, including Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution
- 15.3 Miscellaneous income
- 15.4 Real Estate Fund
- 15.5 Assessment of new Members and Associate Members [if any]
- 15.6 Assessments for 2003
- 15.7 Amendments to the Financial Regulations [if any]

16. Staffing matters

- 16.1 Human resources: annual report
- 16.2 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules
- 16.3 Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee

17. Review of working methods of the Executive Board

18. Health conditions of, and assistance to, the Arab population in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine

19. Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations

- International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

¹ Including election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur.

ANNEX 2

**PRELIMINARY DAILY TIMETABLE FOR THE
FIFTY-FIFTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY**

May 2002	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
Monday 13				
10:00	1. Opening of the Assembly 1.1 Appointment of Committee on Credentials 1.2 Election of Committee on Nominations	-	-	
10:30	[suspension]	-	-	Committee on Nominations
11:00	1.3 Reports of the Committee on Nominations	-	-	
11:30	-	-	-	General Committee
14:30	– Presidential address 1.4 Adoption of agenda	-	-	
15:00	2. Chairman, Executive Board 3. Director-General 4. Invited speaker	-	-	
Tuesday 14				
9:00	10. Round tables ...	- ...	-
14:30	– General discussion	12. Opening of the Committee 13. Technical and health matters	-	Committee on Credentials

May 2002	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
Wednesday 15				
9:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Report of Committee on Credentials 5. Admission of new Members and Associate Members [if any] – General discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 13. Technical and health matters (continued) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ...
14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – General discussion (continued) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Technical and health matters (continued) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 14. Opening of the Committee 15. Financial matters 	
17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Committee (list for election, Executive Board)
Thursday 16				
9:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Technical and health matters (continued) ... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15. Financial matters (continued) ... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ...
14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Technical and health matters (continued) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16. Staffing matters 	
17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Awards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 	

May 2002	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
Friday 17				
9:00	6. Executive Board: election 8. Reports of the main committees -	- 13. Technical and health matters (continued) ...	16. Staffing matters (continued)
14:30	-	13. Technical and health matters (continued)	17. Review of working methods of the Executive Board 18. Health conditions of, and assistance to, the Arab population in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine	
Saturday 18				
9:00	8. Reports of the main committees (continued) 9. Closure of the Assembly		19. Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations	

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