

Provisional agenda for the Sixty-first World Health Assembly

Report of the Director-General

1. According to Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the World 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 Sixty-first World Health Assembly are attached at Annex 1.
2. 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 Sixty-first World Health Assembly is attached at Annex 2.

ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

3. 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 Sixty-first World Health Assembly,¹ and recalling its earlier decision that the Sixty-first World Health Assembly should be held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, opening on Monday, 19 May 2008, and closing no later than Saturday, 24 May 2008,² approved the provisional agenda of the Sixty-first World Health Assembly.

¹ Document EB122/22.

² See decision EB121(10).



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SIXTY-FIRST WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY
Geneva, Switzerland
19-24 May 2008

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Provisional agenda

Plenary

1. Opening of the Assembly

- 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

2. Reports of the Executive Board on its 121st and 122nd sessions

3. Address by Dr Margaret Chan, Director-General

4. Invited speaker

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

6. Executive Board: election

7. Awards

8. Reports of the main committees

9. Closure of the Assembly

COMMITTEE A

10. Opening of the Committee¹

11. Technical and health matters

- 11.1 Pandemic influenza preparedness: sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits
- 11.2 Poliomyelitis: mechanism for management of potential risks to eradication
- 11.3 Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks
- 11.4 Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)
- 11.5 Prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases: implementation of the global strategy
- 11.6 Public health, innovation and intellectual property: draft global strategy and plan of action
- 11.7 Global immunization strategy
- 11.8 Female genital mutilation
- 11.9 Health of migrants
- 11.10 Strategies to reduce the harmful use of alcohol
- 11.11 Progress reports on technical and health matters
 - A. Control of human African trypanosomiasis (resolution WHA57.2)
 - B. Strengthening nursing and midwifery (resolution WHA59.27)
 - C. International trade and health (resolution WHA59.26)
 - D. Health promotion in a globalized world (resolution WHA60.24)
 - E. Reproductive health: strategy to accelerate progress towards the attainment of international development goals and targets (resolution WHA57.12)
 - F. Infant and young child nutrition: biennial progress report (resolution WHA58.32)

¹ Including election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur.

COMMITTEE B

12. Opening of the Committee¹

13. Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan

14. Programme budget and financial matters

14.1 Programme budget 2006–2007: performance assessment

14.2 Financial report and audited financial statements for the period
1 January 2006–31 December 2007

14.3 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

14.4 Special arrangements for settlement of arrears [if any]

14.5 Assessment of new Members and Associate Members [if any]

14.6 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules [if any]

15. Audit and oversight matters

15.1 Report of the External Auditor to the Health Assembly

15.2 Report of the Internal Auditor

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. Management matters

Method of work of the Health Assembly

¹ Including election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur.

18. **Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations**
 - United Nations reform process and WHO's role in harmonization of operational development activities at country level
19. **International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC): amendments to Statute**
20. **Outcome of the second session of the Conference of the Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control**

ANNEX 2

**PRELIMINARY DAILY TIMETABLE FOR THE
SIXTY-FIRST WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY**

May 2008	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
Monday 19				
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 2. Reports of the Executive Board on its 121st and 122nd sessions 3. Director-General 4. Invited speaker — General discussion	10. Opening of the Committee 11. Technical and health matters	— —	
Tuesday 20				
09:00	— General discussion (continued) ...	11. Technical and health matters (continued) ...	—
14:30	— General discussion (continued)	11. Technical and health matters (continued)	—	Committee on Credentials

May 2008	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
Wednesday 21				
09:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Report of Committee on Credentials 5. Admission of new Members and Associate Members [if any] – General discussion (continued) ... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 11. Technical and health matters (continued) ... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – –
14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – General discussion (continued) – 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Technical and health matters (continued) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 12. Opening of the Committee 13. Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan: progress report 14. Programme budget and financial matters 	
17:30	–	–	–	General Committee (list for election, Executive Board)
Thursday 22				
09:00	–	11. Technical and health matters (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15. Audit and oversight matters 16. Staffing matters 	

14:30	–	11. Technical and health matters (continued)	17. Management matters	
17:00	7. Awards	–	–	

May 2008	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
Friday 23				
09:00	6. Executive Board: election 8. Reports of the main committees —	11. Technical and health matters (continued)	18. Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations. 19. International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC): amendments to Statute	

14:30	—	11. Technical and health matters (continued)	20. Outcome of the Second session of the Conference of the Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control	
Saturday 24				
09:00	8. Reports of the main committees (continued) 9. Closure of the Assembly	—	—	

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