

Provisional agenda (annotated)

- 1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Report by the Director-General**
- 3. Report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board**

The Board will receive at the opening of its session the report of the thirteenth meeting of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee which is scheduled to be held on 13 and 14 January 2011.

- 4. Technical and health matters**

- 4.1 Pandemic influenza preparedness: sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits

The Open-Ended Working Group of Member States on Pandemic Influenza Preparedness: sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits will meet in December 2010. A report on this meeting and other technical consultations undertaken to support the Group's work will be made to the Sixty-fourth World Health Assembly, through the Executive Board, as decided in resolution WHA63.1.

- 4.2 Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)

The Secretariat report under this item summarizes information received from States Parties and presents WHO activities in this area, including those relating to pandemic (H1N1) 2009. In addition, the IHR Review Committee will report on the work conducted prior to the substantive report for the Sixty-fourth World Health Assembly.

- 4.3 Public health, innovation and intellectual property

Consultative Expert Working Group on Research and Development: Financing and Coordination

The Director-General will propose a composition of the Consultative Expert Working Group to the Board for approval, drawing on the roster of experts whose details, following consultation with Regional Committees, have been submitted to the Director-General through the respective Regional Directors, and taking into account regional representation according to the composition of the Executive Board, gender balance and diversity of expertise, and the Regional Committees' recommendations.

4.4 Health-related Millennium Development Goals

WHO's role in the follow-up to the high-level plenary meeting of the sixty-fifth session of the United Nations General Assembly on the review of the Millennium Development Goals (September 2010)

The report includes information on the progress made in the implementation of resolutions WHA63.15 and WHA63.24, the latter of which expanded the coverage of the annual report on the monitoring of the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals to include an account of progress towards achievement of Millennium Development Goal 4 to reduce child mortality: prevention and treatment of pneumonia. At the request of a Member State, the report also presents an overview of WHO's engagement in the high-level plenary meeting on the review of the Millennium Development Goals and the follow-up activities, describing the key health outcomes, implications for WHO and for countries, and required actions to achieve the Goals in the next five years.

4.5 Health system strengthening

The review will include a summary of current debate on national and global approaches to national health policies, strategies and plans, and the role of such dialogue in the achievement of better health outcomes and the mobilization and alignment of resources behind country priorities. The report will cover the building blocks for health systems including, at the request of a Member State, a review of early progress made in the implementation of the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel.

4.6 Global immunization vision and strategy

Resolution WHA61.15 requests the Director-General to report on progress made towards achievement of global immunization goals. The report describes the implementation of the Global Immunization Vision and Strategy 2006-2015 and gives an outline of efforts made by WHO, UNICEF, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and other stakeholders to launch a 2011–2020 Decade of Vaccines and Immunization. The Board is invited to consider endorsement of the new initiative's process and scope.

4.7 Draft WHO HIV/AIDS strategy 2011–2015

Following the request to the Director-General in resolution WHA63.19 to submit a WHO HIV/AIDS strategy for 2011–2015, a broad consultation process has informed a draft global health sector strategy for HIV/AIDS structured around four main goals: improving HIV outcomes; improving broader health outcomes; strengthening health systems; and creating supportive environments. The Board is invited to consider the draft strategy.

4.8 Substandard/spurious/falsely-labelled/falsified/counterfeit medical products

The Sixty-third World Health Assembly decided, inter alia, in WHA63(10) to establish a time-limited and results-oriented working group on substandard/spurious/falsely-labelled/falsified/counterfeit medical products. The outcome of the working group's meeting held in December will be reported.

4.9 Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks

The report summarizes the discussions and conclusions of the annual meeting of the Advisory Committee on Variola Virus Research. This includes the major review undertaken in 2010, as requested in resolution WHA60.1.

4.10 Cholera: mechanism for control and prevention

The 127th Executive Board discussed the item and a draft resolution and agreed to defer further consideration to its 128th session. This report provides information on the magnitude of cholera as a public health problem, and the role that lack of access to safe water and sanitation play as underlying factors. Efficient control measures including oral cholera vaccines are described. The report calls for a coordinated multidisciplinary approach to prevention, preparedness and response, together with an efficient surveillance system. The Board is invited to consider the draft resolution.

4.11 Malaria

This report reviews the progress made in malaria control and elimination over the past decade, and charts a course for sustaining and expanding these gains from 2011–2015 while taking into account potential threats to success and new opportunities for action. The document includes a draft resolution for consideration.

4.12 Eradication of dracunculiasis

At the request of a Member State, a report is presented on the status of eradication of dracunculiasis, providing information on the situation in the four countries in which the disease is still endemic. The Board is invited to consider a draft resolution.

4.13 Leprosy (Hansen disease)

The Executive Board at its 126th session considered a report and draft resolution on the subject. It agreed to take up the subject again at its 128th session after the Expert Committee on Leprosy had been convened. The Secretariat will present the findings, recommendations and advice of the Expert Committee.

4.14 Prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases

WHO's role in the preparation, implementation and follow-up to the high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases (September 2011)

The United Nations General Assembly decided, inter alia, in resolution A/64/265 to convene a high-level meeting on noncommunicable diseases in 2011. The resolution requires the Assembly to hold consultations on the scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting and requests the Secretary General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its Sixty-fifth session on the global status of noncommunicable diseases. The report describes WHO's plan for participation in and contribution to the preparations for the high-level meeting, including the co-organization of an international ministerial conference on noncommunicable diseases and healthy lifestyles in Moscow, as well as other implementation activities. Discussion of this topic by the Board also forms part of the consultative preparations.

4.15 Infant and young child nutrition: implementation plan

The paper presents the outline of a comprehensive implementation plan on infant and young child nutrition and describes the process for developing the plan as a central component of a global, multisectoral nutrition framework, as requested in resolution WHA63.23.

4.16 Child injury prevention

The Board discussed the item at its 127th session, including the text of a draft resolution, and agreed to defer further consideration to its 128th session. The report and the draft resolution are re-presented for consideration.

4.17 United Nations Decade for Action for Road Safety: draft action plan

In March 2010, in resolution A/64/255, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed the period 2011–2020 as the Decade of Action for Road Safety, envisaging a significant role for WHO. The Secretariat report describes the main elements of a draft plan of action for the Decade. The Board is invited to consider the draft plan.

5. The future of financing for WHO

The Director-General undertook to report to the Board the views of Member States on issues raised following the informal consultation on the Future of Financing for WHO in January 2010. The report will synthesize responses to the web consultation conducted between April and October as well as discussions held during the meetings of the Regional Committees in 2010. The January consultation acknowledged that the future of WHO's financing has to be based on an understanding of WHO's changing role and the nature of its core business. The report will therefore highlight areas of consensus and divergence in relation to priority setting, core business, and WHO's governance role in global health.

6. Programme and budget matters

6.1 Programme budget 2008–2009: performance assessment

As requested by the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee at its twelfth meeting, the performance assessment of Programme budget 2008–2009 will be discussed further in relation to the Proposed programme budget for 2012–2013.

6.2 Implementation of Programme budget 2010–2011: update

The report provides an account of progress in implementation of the Programme budget 2010–2011.

6.3 Medium-term strategic plan 2008–2013 and Proposed programme budget 2012–2013

The document presents the Proposed programme budget for 2012–2013 and highlights amendments proposed to the Medium-term strategic plan 2008–2013.

7. Financial matters

7.1 Scale of assessments for 2012–2013

The Board is invited to consider the scale of assessments and a draft resolution recommending the adoption by the Sixty-fourth World Health Assembly of the current scale for the 2012–2013 period.

7.2 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules

Following the endorsement by the Sixtieth World Health Assembly of WHO's adoption of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards, changes are proposed to the frequency of external audit. The Board is requested to consider the proposed changes to the Financial Regulations and a draft resolution recommending the adoption of those changes.

8. Management matters

8.1 Election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization

The item is included at the request of a Member State on behalf of the Member States of the African Region. The scope of the report to be prepared for this item will cover all aspects of the nomination and election of the Director-General, describe the modalities of the nomination and election process, and identify possible barriers, as well as steps to improve the fairness and transparency of the process.

8.2 Reports of committees of the Executive Board

- Standing Committee on Nongovernmental Organizations

During its session the Board will receive the report of the Standing Committee on Nongovernmental Organizations, which contains, inter alia, the Committee's recommendations on requests from organizations for admission into official relations with WHO, and the review of collaboration between WHO and one third of the organizations in official relations during the period 2008–2010.

- Foundations and awards

The Board will consider the reports of the selection panels for the following prizes to be awarded in 2011: the Ihsan Dogramaci Family Health Foundation Prize, the Sasakawa Health Prize, the United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Prize, the State of Kuwait Prize for Research in Health Promotion, the Jacques Parisot Foundation Fellowship, and the Dr Lee Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health. The Board is invited to approve the report of the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Committee.

8.3 Provisional agenda of the Sixty-fourth World Health Assembly and date and place of the 129th session of the Executive Board

9. Staffing matters

9.1 Human resources: annual report

The report describes the latest developments concerning human resources at WHO. Additionally, statistics are provided on the staffing situation as at 31 July 2010.

9.2 Report of the International Civil Service Commission

The report contains any relevant amendments following the United Nations General Assembly's consideration of International Civil Service Commission recommendations.

9.3 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules

Amendments to the Staff Rules made by the Director-General are submitted for confirmation by the Board in accordance with Staff Regulation 12.2. Proposed amendments to the Staff Regulations are presented for consideration by the Board for submission to the Sixty-fourth World Health Assembly.

9.4 Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations

10. Matters for information

10.1 Reports of advisory bodies

- Expert committees and study groups

In compliance with Regulation 4.23 of the Regulations for Expert Advisory Panels and Committees, the Director-General submits to the Board for its consideration her report on meetings of expert committees and study groups, including a summary of the recommendations contained in the reports of expert committees and her observations on their significance for public health policies and implications for the Organization's programmes.

- Advisory Committee on Health Research

The report provides a summary of the deliberations of the fifty-third session of the Advisory Committee on Health Research.

10.2 Progress reports

- A. The Capital Master Plan (resolution WHA63.7)
- B. Safety and security of staff and premises (resolution WHA63.6)
- C. Poliomyelitis: mechanism for management of potential risks to eradication (resolution WHA61.1)
- D. Prevention and control of influenza pandemics and annual epidemics (resolution WHA56.19)
- E. Onchocerciasis control through ivermectin distribution (resolution WHA47.32)
- F. Climate change and health (resolutions WHA61.19 and EB124.R5)
- G. Improvement of health through sound management of obsolete pesticides and other obsolete chemicals (resolution WHA63.26)
- H. Improvement of health through safe and environmentally sound waste management (resolution WHA63.25)
- I. Working towards universal coverage of maternal, newborn and child health interventions (resolution WHA58.31)
- J. Female genital mutilation (resolution WHA61.16)
- K. Strategy for integrating gender analysis and actions into the work of WHO (resolution WHA60.25)
- L. Progress in the rational use of medicines (resolution WHA60.16)

- M. Implementation by WHO of the recommendations of the Global Task Team on Improving AIDS Coordination among Multilateral Institutions and International Donors (resolution WHA59.12)

11. Closure of the session

Note:

1. At their consultation with the Director-General on 17 September 2010, convened in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Officers of the Board made the following recommendations on the draft provisional agenda that had been transmitted to Member States for comment on 18 June 2010.

To include three new items:

- *Health-related Millennium Development Goals*

WHO's role in the follow-up to the high-level plenary meeting of the sixty-fifth session of the United Nations General Assembly on the review of the Millennium Development Goals (September 2010)

The Officers of the Board further recommended that the reporting on the monitoring of the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals be subsumed within this item.

- *Prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases*

WHO's role in the preparation, implementation and follow-up to the high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases (September 2011)

- *Election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization*

2. The Officers of the Board also made the following recommendations on items proposed by Member States in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board:

- *To defer to the 130th session of the Executive Board the two items: Nutrition of women in the preconception period, during pregnancy and breastfeeding period; and Early marriages, adolescent and young pregnancies.*
- *The item on The future of financing for WHO would move to become a new, discrete item 5, and would include in its scope but not its title the aspect of WHO's role in global health governance.*
- *To include the item Strategies for the safe management of drinking-water for human consumption in the draft provisional agenda of the Sixty-fourth World Health Assembly to facilitate discussion of a draft resolution, the report on the subject having been noted by the Board at its 127th session.*

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