

## **Provisional agenda (annotated)**

### **1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda**

### **2. Report by the Director-General**

### **3. Nomination of the Director-General**

#### 3.1 Nomination for the post

#### 3.2 Draft contract

### **4. 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 fifteenth meeting of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee, which is scheduled to be held on 12 and 13 January 2012.

### **5. WHO reform**

The Board will further consider the topic of WHO reform, with a view to deepening and consolidating the range of work on programme and priority setting, governance, and managerial reform that was agreed on at the special session of the Board held in November 2011. The Board will also provide direction on the aspects of WHO reform to be reported on and considered at the Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly.

### **6. Technical and health matters**

#### 6.1 Prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases

- Outcomes of the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases and the First Global Ministerial Conference on Healthy Lifestyles and Noncommunicable Disease Control

Resolution WHA64.11 requested the Director-General to report to the Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly, through the Board, on the outcomes of the first Global Ministerial Conference on Healthy Lifestyles and Noncommunicable Disease Control and the High-level Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases. The Director-General submits to the Board, for its consideration, reports on the outcomes of these two meetings and observations on their significance for public health policies and implications for the Organization's programmes.

- Implementation of the global strategy for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases and the action plan

In accordance with resolution WHA61.14, the Director-General reports every two years to the World Health Assembly, through the Board, on the progress in implementing the action plan for the global strategy for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases. The Health Assembly in resolution WHA63.14 also requested that progress report to include information on the implementation of the set of recommendations on the marketing of foods and non-alcoholic beverages to children. An account of progress in both areas is provided.

- Implementation of the action plan for the prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment

The Board is invited to consider a report on the progress made in implementing the action plan for the prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment since the endorsement of the action plan in resolution WHA62.1 in May 2009.

## 6.2 Global burden of mental disorders and the need for a comprehensive, coordinated response from health and social sectors at the country level

At the request of a Member State, a report is presented on the current global situation with regard to mental health, outlining the main challenges and priorities in this area and the possible approaches to meeting them. The Board's further guidance is requested.

## 6.3 Nutrition

- Infant and young child nutrition

In 2010 the Health Assembly requested the Director-General to develop a comprehensive implementation plan on infant and young child nutrition. The Board at its 128th session amended the scope of the plan to include maternal nutrition. An outline plan was discussed by the Sixty-fourth World Health Assembly, and in a series of consultations with Member States. The expanded draft of the plan, amended to reflect this input, is presented to the Board for its review. In addition, the Secretariat has prepared the biannual report to the Board on the implementation of the International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes, including the results of surveys undertaken in 2010–2011, illustrating the bottlenecks of implementation, and proposing solutions.

- Nutrition of women in the preconception period, during pregnancy and the breastfeeding period

At the request of a Member State, a report has been prepared to illustrate the impact on maternal health of nutrition issues experienced in the preconception period, and during pregnancy and breastfeeding, and the consequences for infant health. The Board is invited to consider the suggested responses, and the report as a whole, in conjunction with its consideration of the comprehensive implementation plan on maternal, infant and young child nutrition.

## 6.4 Early marriages, adolescent and young pregnancies

At the request of a Member State, a report has been prepared to address the health dimensions of early marriages and adolescent pregnancies, including their consequences at the individual, family, community and societal levels. It provides an overview of the ways in which countries are addressing these important public health issues and the processes and tools that WHO has developed to support countries. The Board is invited to consider the report and advise on further action.

## 6.5 Monitoring of the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals

- Progress in the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals
- Global health goals after 2015

The annual report on the status of progress made is supplemented by information on reduction of perinatal and neonatal mortality and on prevention and treatment of pneumonia as requested in resolutions WHA64.13 and WHA63.24. At the request of a Member State, the report also includes consideration of next steps by the global health community towards goal-setting after 2015.

- Implementation of the recommendations of the Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health

The Board is requested to review an account of the actions taken and progress made in the implementation of the recommendations of the Commission.

## 6.6 Social determinants of health: outcome of the World Conference on Social Determinants of Health (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, October 2011)

The Board is invited to consider an account of progress made in the implementation of resolution WHA62.14 on reducing health inequities through action on the social determinants of health, as well as a summary of the outcome of the recent World Conference on Social Determinants of Health, and its political declaration.

## 6.7 Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)

The report summarizes information received from States Parties on implementation status, as well as WHO activities in this area at both the regional and global levels. The report focuses on the establishment and strengthening of the national core capacities and the management of acute public health risks as well as procedures relating to the approaching target date of June 2012 for national structures and resources to meet the minimum requirements for surveillance and response described in Annex 1 of the Regulations.

## 6.8 Global mass gatherings: implications and opportunities for global health security

The item responds to a request by a Member State. The Board is invited to consider how mass gatherings can strain the planning and response resources of host nations, and related health issues can affect the global community. This report summarizes recent recommendations such as those contained in the Jeddah Declaration on Mass Gatherings Health and highlights opportunities to mitigate risks and increase health security for such events.

## 6.9 Pandemic influenza preparedness: sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits: report on the work of the Advisory Group

In accordance with the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework for the sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits required (section 7.2.6), the Director-General presents a report to the Board on the work carried out by the Advisory Group.

## 6.10 Poliomyelitis: intensification of the global eradication initiative

The report provides an overview of progress using the milestones of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative Strategic Plan 2010–2012, outlining risks to eradication, risk-mitigation strategies, and the roadmap for the development and finalization of a polio “endgame” strategy. The Board is invited to consider the report and a draft resolution.

#### 6.11 Elimination of schistosomiasis

In response to a request by a Member State, the Secretariat has prepared a report which reviews the current global epidemiological situation for schistosomiasis, the feasibility of elimination, and the measures that would need to be taken to bring this about. The Board is invited to consider the report and a draft resolution.

#### 6.12 Draft global vaccine action plan: update

The Board is invited to review an information document that highlights progress in developing the Decade of Vaccines draft action plan, including the draft vision statement, and details of the four work streams in the action plan, in preparation for a substantive review by the Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly.

#### 6.13 Substandard/spurious/falsely-labelled/falsified/counterfeit medical products: report of the Working Group of Member States

A second meeting of the Working Group of Member States on Substandard/Spurious/Falsely-Labelled/Falsified/Counterfeit Medical Products was held 25–28 October 2011 in order for the Working Group to complete its work. The report contains specific recommendations by the Working Group for the consideration of the Board and the Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly in line with decisions WHA63(10) and WHA64(10).

#### 6.14 Consultative expert working group on research and development: financing and coordination

The report provides an account to the Board of the progress made by the Consultative Expert Working Group on Research and Development Financing and Coordination in taking forward the work of the Expert Working Group on Research and Development Financing. The Board is invited to consider a summary of the outcome of the meetings held to date, and of the group's call for submission of proposals for research and development financing and coordination.

#### 6.15 WHO's response, and role as the health cluster lead, in meeting the growing demands of health in humanitarian emergencies

At the request of a Member State, the Secretariat provides an overview of the evolution of humanitarian systems and performance since the humanitarian reform process and the cluster approach were launched in 2005, and a proposal of how WHO will meet the growing demands of health in humanitarian emergencies. The Board is invited to provide guidance.

### **7. Financial matters**

#### 7.1 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules [if any]

### **8. Staffing matters**

#### 8.1 Appointment of the Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean

The document contains the Regional Committee's proposal to the Board for the appointment of the Regional Director.

## 8.2 Human resources: annual report

The report describes the latest developments and achievements concerning human resources at WHO. Statistics are provided on the staffing situation as at 31 July 2011 as a preview to the final report that will be presented to the Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly.

## 8.3 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.

## 8.4 Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations

## 8.5 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-fifth World Health Assembly.

# 9. Management matters

## 9.1 Election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization: report of the working group

The working group scheduled its second meeting for 21–24 November in order to complete its work. A report on the outcome of its deliberations will be presented to the Board.

## 9.2 Membership of the Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee

The paper outlines options for the renewal of the terms of office of two of the members of the Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee. The Board is requested to discuss the arrangements outlined and decide on renewal.

## 9.3 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, the review of nongovernmental organizations in provisional official relations, and the review of collaboration between WHO and one third of the organizations in official relations during the period 2009–2011. The report also contains the views of the Standing Committee on the participation of nongovernmental organizations in intergovernmental meetings.

- Foundations and awards

The Board will consider the reports of the selection panels for the following prizes to be awarded in 2012: 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, 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.

- 9.4 Provisional agenda of the Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly and date and place of the 131st session of the Executive Board

## **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 a report on meetings of expert committees and study groups, including a summary of the recommendations contained in the reports of expert committees and observations on their significance for public health policies and implications for the Organization's programmes.

### 10.2 Progress reports

#### **Health systems and research**

- A. Health system strengthening (resolutions WHA64.9, WHA64.8, WHA63.27, WHA62.12 and WHA60.27)
- B. WHO's role and responsibilities in health research (resolution WHA63.21)
- C. Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property (resolution WHA61.21)

#### **Disease eradication, prevention and control**

- D. Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks (resolution WHA60.1)
- E. Eradication of dracunculiasis (resolution WHA64.16)
- F. Chagas disease: control and elimination (resolution WHA63.20)
- G. Viral hepatitis (resolution WHA63.18)
- H. Prevention and control of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis and extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis (resolution WHA62.15)
- I. Cholera: mechanisms for control and prevention (resolution WHA64.15)
- J. Control of human African trypanosomiasis (resolution WHA57.2)
- K. Global health sector strategy on HIV/AIDS, 2011–2015 (resolution WHA64.14)
- L. Prevention and control of sexually transmitted infections: global strategy (resolution WHA59.19)

**Other**

- M. Reproductive health: strategy to accelerate progress towards the attainment of international development goals and targets (resolution WHA57.12)
- N. Advancing food safety initiatives (resolution WHA63.3)
- O. Climate change and health (resolutions EB124.R5 and WHA61.19)
- P. Partnerships (resolution WHA63.10)

**11. Closure of the session**

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