

Provisional agenda for the Sixty-sixth 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-sixth World Health Assembly are attached at Annex 1.
2. The 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”.
3. A draft preliminary daily timetable for the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly is attached at Annex 2.

ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

4. 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-sixth World Health Assembly,¹ and recalling its earlier decision that the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly should be held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, opening on Monday, 20 May 2013, and closing no later than Tuesday, 28 May 2013,² approved the provisional agenda of the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly.

¹ Document EB132/36.

² See decision EB131(10).

**SIXTY-SIXTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY
Geneva, Switzerland
20–28 May 2013**

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Draft provisional agenda¹

PLENARY

- 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 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. Report of the Executive Board on its 131st and 132nd 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 Health Assembly**

¹ In accordance with Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the provisional agenda (providing document numbers) will be dispatched, together with the notice of convocation, not less than 60 days before 20 May 2013.

COMMITTEE A

10. Opening of the Committee¹

11. WHO reform

12. Programme and budget matters

12.1 Implementation of Programme budget 2012–2013: update

12.2 Draft twelfth general programme of work

12.3 Proposed programme budget 2014–2015

13. Noncommunicable diseases

13.1 Draft comprehensive global monitoring framework and targets for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases

13.2 Draft action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases 2013–2020

13.3 Draft comprehensive mental health action plan 2013–2020

13.4 Draft action plan for the prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment 2014–2019

13.5 Disability

14. Promoting health through the life course

14.1 Monitoring the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals

- Health in the post-2015 development agenda

14.2 Follow-up actions to recommendations of the high-level Commissions convened to advance women's and children's health

14.3 Social determinants of health

15. Preparedness, surveillance and response

15.1 Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)

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

15.3 Poliomyelitis: intensification of the global eradication initiative

¹ Including election of Vice-Chairmen and the Rapporteur.

16. Communicable diseases

16.1 Global vaccine action plan

16.2 Neglected tropical diseases

17. Health systems

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

17.2 Follow-up of the report of the Consultative Expert Working Group on Research and Development: Financing and Coordination

17.3 Universal health coverage

17.4 The health workforce: advances in responding to shortages and migration, and in preparing for emerging needs

17.5 eHealth and health Internet domain names

18. Progress reports**Noncommunicable diseases**

A. Strengthening noncommunicable disease policies to promote active ageing (resolution WHA65.3)

B. Global strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol (resolution WHA63.13)

C. Sustaining the elimination of iodine deficiency disorders (resolution WHA60.21)

Preparedness, surveillance and response

D. Strengthening national health emergency and disaster management capacities and the resilience of health systems (resolution WHA64.10)

E. Climate change and health (resolution EB124.R5)

Communicable diseases

F. Malaria (resolution WHA64.17)

G. Eradication of dracunculiasis (resolution WHA64.16)

H. Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks (resolution WHA60.1)

Health systems

- I. Patient safety (resolution WHA55.18)
- J. Drinking-water, sanitation and health (resolution WHA64.24)
- K. Workers' health: global plan of action (resolution WHA60.26)
- L. Strategy for integrating gender analysis and actions into the work of WHO (resolution WHA60.25)
- M. Progress in the rational use of medicines (resolution WHA60.16)
- N. Health policy and systems research strategy

COMMITTEE B**19. Opening of the Committee¹****20. Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan****21. Financial matters**

- 21.1 Financial report and audited financial statements for the period
1 January 2012–31 December 2012
- 21.2 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
- 21.3 Special arrangements for settlement of arrears [if any]
- 21.4 Scale of assessments for 2014–2015
- 21.5 Assessment of new Members and Associate Members [if any]
- 21.6 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules

22. Audit and oversight matters

- 22.1 Report of the External Auditor
- 22.2 Report of the Internal Auditor

¹ Including election of Vice-Chairmen and the Rapporteur.

23. Staffing matters

- 23.1 Human resources: annual report
- 23.2 Report of the International Civil Service Commission
- 23.3 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules
- 23.4 Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board
- 23.5 Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee

24. Management and legal matters

- 24.1 Follow-up of the report of the Working Group on the Election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization
- 24.2 Real estate
- 24.3 Agreements with intergovernmental organizations
- 24.4 Reassignment of South Sudan from the Eastern Mediterranean Region to the African Region

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

ANNEX 2

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

May 2013	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
Monday 20				
10:00	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 Chairmen of the main committees, and establishment of the General Committee	—	—	—
10:30	—	—	—	General Committee
11:30	— Presidential address 1.4 Adoption of the agenda 2. Report of the Executive Board on its 131st and 132nd sessions ...	— ...	— ...	— ...
14:30	3. Address by the Director-General — General discussion	— 10. Opening of the Committee 13. Noncommunicable diseases	—	—

May 2013	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
Tuesday 21				
09:00	3. Address by the Director-General – General discussion (continued) ...	11. WHO reform 12. Programme and budget matters ...	– ...	– ...
14:30	4. Invited speaker 3. Address by the Director-General – General discussion (continued)	– 12. Programme and budget matters (continued)	– –	– Committee on Credentials
Wednesday 22				
09:00 and 14:30	– Report of Committee on Credentials 5. Admission of new Members and Associate Members [if any] –	– 13. Noncommunicable diseases (continued) 14. Promoting health through the life course	– 19. Opening of the Committee 20. Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan	– –
17:30	–	–	–	General Committee (list for election, Executive Board)
Thursday 23				
09:00 and 14:30	–	14. Promoting health through the life course (continued) 15. Preparedness, surveillance and response	21. Financial matters	–
17:00	7. Awards	–	–	–

May 2013	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
Friday 24				
09:00 and 14:30	6. Executive Board: election 8. Reports of the main committees –	– 16. Communicable diseases 17. Health systems	– 22. Audit and oversight matters 23. Staffing matters	– –
Saturday 25				
09:00	–	17. Health systems (continued)	–	–
Monday 27				
09:00 and 14:30	– –	18. Progress reports –	24. Management and legal matters 25. Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations – Finalization of resolutions and reports	– –
Tuesday 28				
09:00 and 14:30	– 8. Reports of the main committees (continued) 9. Closure of the Assembly	– Finalization of resolutions and reports	–	–

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