

## **Provisional agenda of the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly and date, place and draft provisional agenda of the 137th session of the Executive Board**

### **Report of the Director-General**

#### **Provisional agenda of the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly**

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-eighth 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-eighth World Health Assembly is attached at Annex 2.

#### **Date, place and draft provisional agenda of the 137th session of the Executive Board**

4. Article 26 of the Constitution of WHO provides that “The Board shall meet at least twice a year and shall determine the place of each meeting.” Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board provides that the Board “shall determine at each session the time and place of its next session”.
5. It is proposed to convene the 137th session of the Executive Board on Wednesday, 27 May and Thursday, 28 May 2015, at WHO headquarters, Geneva.
6. An advance copy of the draft provisional agenda of the 137th session of the Executive Board is provided at Annex 3, for the information of Member States.

## **ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

7. The Executive Board may wish to adopt the following draft decisions:

The Executive Board, having considered the report of the Director-General on the provisional agenda for the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly,<sup>1</sup> and recalling its earlier decision that the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly should be held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, opening on Monday, 18 May 2015, and closing no later than Tuesday, 26 May 2015,<sup>2</sup> approved the provisional agenda of the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly.

The Executive Board decided that its 137th session should be convened on 27 and 28 May 2015, at WHO headquarters, Geneva.

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<sup>1</sup> Document EB136/42.

<sup>2</sup> See decision EB135(8).

# **Draft provisional agenda<sup>1</sup>**

## **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 135th and 136th 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**

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<sup>1</sup> 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 18 May 2015.

## COMMITTEE A

### 10. Opening of the Committee<sup>1</sup>

### 11. WHO reform

- 11.1 Overview of reform implementation
- 11.2 Framework of engagement with non-State actors
- 11.3 Method of work of the governing bodies

### 12. Programme and budget matters

- 12.1 Implementation and financing of Programme budget 2014–2015: update
- 12.2 Proposed programme budget 2016–2017
- 12.3 Strategic budget space allocation

### 13. Noncommunicable diseases

- 13.1 Outcome of the Second International Conference on Nutrition
- 13.2 Maternal, infant and young child nutrition: development of the core set of indicators
- 13.3 Update on the Commission on Ending Childhood Obesity
- 13.4 Follow-up to the 2014 high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly to undertake a comprehensive review and assessment of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases
- 13.5 Global status report on violence and health
- 13.6 Global burden of epilepsy and need for a coordinated action at the country level to address its health, social and public knowledge implications

### 14. Promoting health through the life course

- 14.1 Monitoring the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals
- 14.2 Adolescent health
- 14.3 Women and health: 20 years of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action

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<sup>1</sup> Including election of Vice-Chairmen and the Rapporteur.

14.4 Contributing to social and economic development: sustainable action across sectors to improve health and health equity (follow-up of the 8th Global Conference on Health Promotion)

14.5 Health and the environment

- Addressing the health impact of air pollution
- Climate and health: outcome of the WHO Conference on Health and Climate

## **15. Preparedness, surveillance and response**

15.1 Antimicrobial resistance

15.2 Poliomyelitis

15.3 Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)

## **16. Communicable diseases**

16.1 2014 Ebola virus disease outbreak

16.2 Malaria: draft global technical strategy: post 2015

16.3 Dengue: prevention and control

16.4 Global vaccine action plan

## **17. Health systems**

17.1 Strengthening emergency and essential surgical care and anaesthesia as a component of universal health coverage

17.2 WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel

17.3 Substandard/spurious/false-labelled/falsified/counterfeit medical products

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

17.5 Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property

17.6 Blood and other medical products of human origin

## 18. Progress reports

### Noncommunicable diseases

- A. Comprehensive mental health action plan 2013–2020 (resolution WHA66.8)
- B. Comprehensive and coordinated efforts for the management of autism spectrum disorders (resolution WHA67.8)
- C. Disabling hearing loss (resolution WHA48.9)

### Communicable diseases

- E. Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks (resolution WHA60.1)
- F. Eradication of dracunculiasis (resolution WHA64.16)
- G. Elimination of schistosomiasis (resolution WHA65.21)
- H. Neglected tropical diseases (resolution WHA66.12)
- I. Prevention and control of sexually transmitted infections: global strategy (resolution WHA59.19)

### Promoting health through the life course

- J. Newborn health (resolution WHA67.10)
- K. Working towards universal coverage of maternal, newborn and child health interventions (resolution WHA58.31)
- L. Implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Commission on Life-Saving Commodities for Women and Children (resolution WHA66.7)

### Health systems

- M. Social determinants of health (resolution WHA65.8)
- N. Sustainable health financing structures and universal coverage (resolution WHA64.9)
- O. Strategy for integrating gender analysis and actions into the work of WHO (resolution WHA60.25)
- P. Progress in the rational use of medicines (resolution WHA60.16)

### Preparedness, surveillance and response

- Q. Pandemic influenza preparedness: sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits (resolution WHA64.5)

## COMMITTEE B

### 19. Opening of the Committee<sup>1</sup>

### 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 ended 31 December 2014
- 21.2 Draft financial strategy for WHO
- 21.3 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
- 21.4 Special arrangements for settlement of arrears [if any]
- 21.5 Scale of assessments for 2016–2017
- 21.6 Assessment of new Members and Associate Members [if any]
- 21.7 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules [if any]

### 22. Audit and oversight matters

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

### 23. Staffing matters

- 23.1 Human resources
- 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

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<sup>1</sup> Including election of Vice-Chairmen and the Rapporteur.

**24. Management and legal matters**

24.1 Evaluation

24.2 Real estate: update on the Geneva buildings renovation strategy

24.3 Appointment of the External Auditor

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



## ANNEX 2

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

May 2015	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
<b>Monday 18</b>				
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 135th and 136th sessions ...	—	—	—
14:30	3. Address by the Director-General — General discussion	—	—	—
		10. Opening of the Committee 16. Communicable diseases		

May 2015	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
<b>Tuesday 19</b>				
09:00	3. Address by the Director-General – General discussion (continued)  ...	11. WHO reform 12. Programme and budget matters  ...	–  ...	–  ...
14:00	–	–	–	Committee on Credentials
14:30	4. Invited speaker 3. Address by the Director-General – General discussion (continued)	– 12. Programme and budget matters (continued)	– –	–
<b>Wednesday 20</b>				
09:00 and 14:30	– Report of Committee on Credentials 5. Admission of new Members and Associate Members [if any]  –	–  16. Communicable diseases (continued) 15. Preparedness, surveillance and response	–  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)
<b>Thursday 21</b>				
09:00 and 14:30	–	15. Preparedness, surveillance and response (continued) 17. Health systems	21. Financial matters	–
17:00	7. Awards	–	–	–

May 2015	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
<b>Friday 22</b>  09:00 and 14:30	6. Executive Board: election 8. Reports of the main committees –	–  14. Promoting health through the life course 13. Noncommunicable diseases	–  22. Audit and oversight matters 23. Staffing matters	–  –
<b>Saturday 23</b>  09:00	–	13. Noncommunicable diseases (continued)	–	–
<b>Monday 25</b>  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	–
<b>Tuesday 26</b>  09:00 and 14:30	–  8. Reports of the main committees (continued) 9. Closure of the Assembly	– Finalization of resolutions and reports	–	–



**World Health  
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**EB136/42  
ANNEX 3**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD  
137th session  
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**EB137/1 (draft)**

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## **Draft provisional agenda**

- 1. Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur**
- 2. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda**
- 3. Outcome of the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly**
- 4. Report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board**
- 5. Financing dialogue**
- 6. Newborn health: draft accountability framework**
- 7. Management and financial matters**
  - 7.1 Committees of the Executive Board: filling of vacancies
  - 7.2 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules [if any]
- 8. Staffing matters**
  - 8.1 Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations
  - 8.2 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules [if any]
- 9. Matters for information: report on meetings of expert committees and study groups**
- 10. Future sessions of the Executive Board and the Health Assembly, and draft provisional agenda of the 138th session of the Executive Board**
- 11. Closure of the session**

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