

# **Provisional agenda of the Seventieth World Health Assembly and date and place of the 141st session of the Executive Board**

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

### **Provisional agenda of the Seventieth 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 Seventieth World Health Assembly are attached at Annex 1.
2. The Health Assembly, in resolution WHA32.36 (1979), 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 Seventieth World Health Assembly is attached at Annex 2.

### **Date, place and draft provisional agenda of the 141st 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 141st session of the Executive Board on Thursday, 1 June and Friday, 2 June 2017, at WHO headquarters, Geneva.
6. An advance copy of the draft provisional agenda of the 141st 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:

### **Decision 1:**

The Executive Board, having considered the report of the Director-General on the provisional agenda for the Seventieth World Health Assembly,<sup>1</sup> and recalling its earlier decision that the Seventieth World Health Assembly should be held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, opening on Monday, 22 May 2017, and closing no later than Wednesday, 31 May 2017,<sup>2</sup> approved the provisional agenda of the Seventieth World Health Assembly.

### **Decision 2:**

The Executive Board decided that its 141st session should be convened on 1 and 2 June 2017, at WHO headquarters, Geneva.

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<sup>1</sup> Document EB140/44.

<sup>2</sup> See decision EB139(11) (2016).

# **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 139th and 140th sessions**
- 3. Address by Dr Margaret Chan, Director-General**
- 4. Post of Director-General**
- 5. Invited speaker**
- 6. Admission of new Members and Associate Members [if any]**
- 7. Executive Board: election**
- 8. Awards**
- 9. Reports of the main committees**
- 10. 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 22 May 2017.

## COMMITTEE A

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

### 12. Programme and budget matters

12.1 Overview of financial situation: Programme budget 2016–2017

12.2 Proposed programme budget 2018–2019

### 13. Preparedness, surveillance and response

13.1 Health emergencies

- The Independent Oversight and Advisory Committee for the WHO Health Emergencies Programme
- WHO response in severe, large-scale emergencies
- Research and development for potentially epidemic diseases
- Health workforce coordination in emergencies with health consequences

13.2 Review of the scope and criteria of the contingency fund for responding to outbreaks and emergencies

13.3 Antimicrobial resistance

13.4 Poliomyelitis

13.5 Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)

13.6 Review of the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework

### 14. Health systems

14.1 Human resources for health and implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations' High-Level Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth

14.2 Principles for global consensus on the donation and management of blood, blood components and medical products of human origin

14.3 Addressing the global shortage of medicines and vaccines

14.4 Evaluation and review of the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property

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

- 14.5 Follow-up of the report of the Consultative Expert Working Group on Research and Development: Financing and Coordination
- 14.6 Member State mechanism on substandard/spurious/falsely-labelled/falsified/counterfeit medical products
- 14.7 Promoting the health of migrants

## **15. Communicable diseases**

- 15.1 Global vaccine action plan
- 15.2 Global vector control response

## **16. Noncommunicable diseases**

- 16.1 Preparation for the third High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases, to be held in 2018
- 16.2 Draft global action plan on the public health response to dementia
- 16.3 Public health dimension of the world drug problem
- 16.4 Outcome of the Second International Conference on Nutrition
- 16.5 Report of the Commission on Ending Childhood Obesity: implementation plan
- 16.6 Cancer prevention and control in the context of an integrated approach
- 16.7 Strengthening synergies between the World Health Assembly and the Conference of the Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control

## **17. Promoting health through the life course**

- 17.1 Progress in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- 17.2 The role of the health sector in the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management towards the 2020 goal and beyond
- 17.3 Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health (2016–2030): adolescents' health

## **18. Progress reports**

### **Noncommunicable diseases**

- A. WHO global disability action plan 2014–2021: better health for all people with disability (resolution WHA67.7 (2014))

- B. Addressing the challenges of the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety (2011–2020): outcome of the second Global High-level Conference on Road Safety – Time for Results (resolution WHA69.7 (2016))
- C. Towards universal eye health: a global action plan 2014–2019 (resolution WHA66.4 (2013))

#### **Communicable diseases**

- D. Eradication of dracunculiasis (resolution WHA64.16 (2011))
- E. Global strategy and targets for tuberculosis prevention, care and control after 2015 (resolution WHA67.1 (2014))
- F. Global technical strategy and targets for malaria 2016–2030 (resolution WHA68.2 (2015))

#### **Promoting health through the life course**

- G. Working towards universal coverage of maternal, newborn and child health interventions (resolution WHA58.31 (2005))
- H. Newborn health (resolution WHA67.10 (2014))
- I. Female genital mutilation (resolution WHA61.16 (2008))
- J. Public health impacts of exposure to mercury and mercury compounds: the role of WHO and ministries of public health in the implementation of the Minamata Convention (resolution WHA67.11 (2014))
- K. Strategy for integrating gender analysis and actions into the work of WHO (resolution WHA60.25 (2007))

#### **Health systems**

- L. Progress in the rational use of medicines (resolution WHA60.16 (2007))
- M. Regulatory system strengthening for medical products (resolution WHA67.20 (2014))
- N. Strengthening emergency and essential surgical care and anaesthesia as a component of universal health coverage (resolution WHA68.15 (2015))

#### **Preparedness, surveillance and response**

- O. Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks (resolution WHA60.1 (2007))
- P. Enhancement of laboratory biosafety (resolution WHA58.29 (2005))

## 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 2016
  - 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 2018–2019
  - 21.5 Assessment of new Members and Associate Members [if any]
  - 21.6 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: annual report
    - Criteria and principles for secondments from nongovernmental organizations, philanthropic foundations and academic institutions
  - 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, legal and governance matters**

24.1 Overview of WHO reform implementation

24.2 Governance reform: follow-up to decision WHA69(8) (2016)

24.3 Engagement with non-State actors

24.4 Evaluation

24.5 Agreements with intergovernmental organizations [if any]

24.6 Supplementary funding for real estate and longer-term staff liabilities

24.7 Appointment of the External Auditor

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



## ANNEX 2

**PRELIMINARY DAILY TIMETABLE FOR THE  
SEVENTIETH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY**

May 2017	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
<b>Monday 22</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 and allocation of items to the main committees 2. Report of the Executive Board on its 139th and 140th sessions	—	—	—
13:30	5. Invited speaker  ...	—  ...	—  ...	Committee on Credentials  ...
14:30	3. Address by the Director-General — General discussion	—	— —	— —
17:00	— Report of Committee on Credentials 6. Admission of new Members and Associate Members	11. Opening of the Committee 4. Post of Director-General 13. Preparedness, surveillance and response —	—	—

May 2017	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
	[if any]			
<b>Tuesday 23</b>				
09:00	3. Address by the Director-General – General discussion (continued)	13. Preparedness, surveillance and response (continued)	–	–
11:30	4. Post of Director-General  ...	...	...	...
14:30	Private meeting 4. Post of Director-General (continued)  Public meeting 4. Post of Director-General (continued)	–  –	–  –	–  –
<b>Wednesday 24</b>				
09:00 and 14:30	3. Address by the Director-General  – General discussion (continued)	13. Preparedness, surveillance and response (continued) 14. Health systems	–	–
17:30	–	–	–	General Committee (list for election, Executive Board)
<b>Thursday 25</b>				
09:00 and 14:30	–	12. Programme and budget matters 14. Health systems (continued)	19. Opening of the Committee 20. Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan 21. Financial matters 22. Audit and oversight matters	–

May 2017	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
<b>Friday 26</b>  09:00 and 14:30	8. Awards 7. Executive Board: election 9. Reports of the main committees –	–  14. Health systems (continued) 15. Communicable diseases	–  23. Staffing matters 24. Management legal and governance matters	–  –
<b>Saturday 27</b>  09:00	–	15. Communicable diseases (continued) 16. Noncommunicable diseases	–	–
<b>Monday 29</b>  09:00 and 14:30	–  –	16. Noncommunicable diseases (continued) 17. Promoting health through the life course –	25. Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations – Finalization of resolutions and reports	–  –
<b>Tuesday 30</b>  09:00 and 14:30	–	18. Progress reports	–	–
<b>Wednesday 31</b>  09:00 and 14:30	9. Reports of the main committees (continued) 10. Closure of the Health Assembly	– Finalization of resolutions and reports	–	–



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**ANNEX 3**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**  
**141st session**  
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**EB141/1 (draft)**

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## **Draft provisional agenda**

- 1. Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur**
- 2. Opening of the session**
- 3. Adoption of the agenda**
- 4. Outcome of the Seventieth World Health Assembly**
- 5. Report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board**
- 6. Technical and health matters**
  - 6.1 Eradication of malaria
- 7. Management and financial matters**
  - 7.1 Evaluation: annual report
  - 7.2 Membership of the Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee [if any]
  - 7.3 Proposals for WHO to host formal partnerships [if any]
  - 7.4 Committees of the Executive Board: filling of vacancies
  - 7.5 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****11. Closure of the session**

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