

Provisional agenda (annotated)

- 1. Opening of the session**
- 2. Adoption of the agenda**
- 3. Report by the Director-General**
- 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 thirty-first meeting of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee, which is scheduled to be held from 29 to 31 January 2020.

- 5. Report of the regional committees to the Executive Board**

In decision WHA65(9) (2012), the Health Assembly endorsed the proposal that the chairpersons of the regional committees routinely submit to the Board summary reports of the committees' deliberations. The Board will be invited to consider the recommendations and comments of the regional committees.

Pillar 1: One billion more people benefitting from universal health coverage

- 6. Primary health care**

In response to the request in resolution WHA72.2 (2019) on primary health care, the Director-General will submit a draft operational framework for primary health care. The report will outline the levers of the draft operational framework, including monitoring and evaluation, that are essential to strengthening primary health care implementation towards universal health coverage at country level. The Board will be invited to note the report.

- 7. Follow-up to the high-level meetings of the United Nations General Assembly on health-related issues**

7.1 Universal health coverage: moving together to build a healthier world

In a historic declaration adopted at the United Nations General Assembly in October 2019, world leaders unanimously demonstrated the highest level of political commitment to universal health coverage. The Director-General's report will underline the central importance of primary health care to universal health coverage; the highlights, achievements and challenges identified by WHO's 2019 monitoring report; and the fact that investment in primary health care is an effective, efficient and equitable way to advance universal health coverage and eliminate catastrophic health expenditure. The report will also describe the next steps for WHO, including provision of support for the strengthening of health systems, multisectoral approaches through primary health care, and sustaining progress towards universal health coverage. The Board will be invited to note the report.

7.2 Political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases

In line with decision WHA72(11) (2019), the Director-General will submit a report that will set out a menu of policy options and cost-effective interventions to promote mental health and well-being and planned next steps towards developing a menu of policy options to reduce the number of premature deaths from noncommunicable diseases attributed to air pollution. It will also include a review of progress in implementing the global strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol since its endorsement in 2010 and an outline of the way forward. An additional report will describe the findings of the consultative process on implementation of the global strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol and the way forward. The Board will be invited to note the reports and provide further guidance as appropriate.

8. Global vaccine action plan

In resolution WHA70.14 (2017), the Health Assembly requested the Director-General to report on the achievements made towards the global vaccine action plans' goals and targets for 2020 and the feasibility of, and potential resource requirements for, eradication of measles and rubella. The report will review and present the lessons learned from the global vaccine action plan, which provided an immunization vision and strategy for the decade 2011–2020. The Board will be invited to note the report and provide further guidance on next steps.

9. Accelerating the elimination of cervical cancer as a global public health problem

In line with the request made by the Board in decision EB144(2) (2019), the Secretariat has developed, in consultation with Member States and other stakeholders, a draft global strategy to accelerate the elimination of cervical cancer, with clear goals and targets for the period 2020–2030. The draft strategy is designed to harness proven and effective strategies on vaccination against human papillomavirus, screening for and treatment of pre-cancerous lesions, detection and treatment of invasive cancers, and palliative care in order to eliminate cervical cancer as a public health problem. This effort will support the strengthening of primary health care and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and universal health coverage. The Board will be invited to consider the draft strategy and provide further guidance.

10. Ending tuberculosis

Pursuant to resolutions WHA67.1 (2014) and WHA71.3 (2018), the Director-General will submit two reports on tuberculosis. The first will contain a report on progress in implementing the End TB Strategy and towards its targets for 2030 and 2035 with an assessment of progress in implementing the commitments set forth in the political declaration of the United Nations high-level meeting on ending tuberculosis in 2018. The second report will summarize a comprehensive draft global strategy on tuberculosis research and innovation. The Board will be invited to note the reports, provide further guidance as appropriate, and consider a draft decision.

11. Epilepsy

Following the agreement of the Board at its 144th session to include this item on the provisional agenda of the present session, the Director-General will submit a report summarizing the latest available evidence on the burden of epilepsy, the public health response required at global, regional and national levels, the Secretariat's main activities over recent years, and the way forward. The Board will be invited to note the report and provide further guidance as appropriate.

12. Integrated, people-centred eye care, including preventable blindness and impaired vision

The Director-General will submit a report outlining the rationale for action to integrate the delivery of people-centred eye care services into the health system, to reduce inequities to access these services, and to enable health systems to respond to the projected increase in eye conditions. The report will draw on the recently published *WHO World report on vision*. The Board will be invited to note the report and provide guidance, for instance on the next steps to accelerate the implementation of integrated people-centred eye care.

13. Neglected tropical diseases

The Director-General will submit a report summarizing the current situation and the lessons learned from implementation of the current road map for accelerating work to overcome the global impact of neglected tropical diseases, which comes to an end in 2020. The Board will be invited to note the report and provide guidance on the next steps to advance global action on neglected tropical diseases.

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

In response to the request in decision WHA71(9) (2018), the Director-General will present a report on progress made in implementing that decision. The report will review progress made by the Secretariat in implementing the recommendations of the overall programme review panel. The Board will be invited to note the report.

Pillar 2: One billion more people better protected from health emergencies

15. Public health emergencies: preparedness and response

15.1 Independent Oversight and Advisory Committee for the WHO Health Emergencies Programme

The Chair of the Independent Oversight and Advisory Committee for the WHO Health Emergencies Programme will present the Committee's seventh report to the governing bodies. The report will provide the Committee's observations and recommendations based on its review of WHO's work in major outbreaks and other health emergencies during the period May–December 2019.

15.2 WHO's work in health emergencies

Pursuant to requests in resolution EBSS3.R1 (2015) and decision WHA68(10) (2014), this report will provide: an update on all Public Health Emergencies of International Concern, WHO Grade 3 and United Nations Inter-Agency Standing Committee Level 3 emergencies in which WHO took action in 2019 (up to October); a description of the work WHO is undertaking at global, regional and country levels to prepare for, prevent, detect and respond to health emergencies, including WHO's role as health cluster lead; and an update on the progress made to improve research and development for potentially epidemic diseases. The Board will be invited to note the report.

15.3 Influenza preparedness

Pursuant to decision WHA72(12) (2019), the Director-General will submit a report on measures taken to increase global preparedness for a robust response to the next influenza pandemic. The report will cover the development and launch of the new Global Influenza Strategy 2019–2030, recent work of the Global Influenza Programme and the Global Influenza Surveillance and Response System to strengthen preparedness capacities, and updates on actions taken to implement decision WHA72(12). The Board will be invited to note the report and provide guidance in specific areas.

15.4 The public health implications of implementation of the Nagoya Protocol

This report, submitted pursuant to decision WHA72(13) (2019), will provide an update on the Secretariat's work to provide information on current pathogen-sharing practices and arrangements, the implementation of access and benefit-sharing measures, and the potential public health outcomes and other implications. The Board will be invited to note the report and consider the proposed next steps for implementing decision WHA72(13).

15.5 Cholera prevention and control

Pursuant to resolution WHA71.4 (2018), this report will provide an update on the global cholera situation and progress in recent efforts made in cholera prevention and control. The Board will be invited to note the report.

16. Poliomyelitis

16.1 Polio eradication

The report will provide a status update on polio eradication, summarizing programmatic, epidemiological and financial challenges to securing a lasting polio-free world through full implementation of the Polio Endgame Strategy 2019–2023. It will empathize that, in particular, efforts must focus on intensified and new tools and approaches to urgently addressing the evolving epidemiology of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2. The Board will be invited to note the report.

16.2 Polio transition planning and polio post-certification

Pursuant to decision WHA70(9) (2017), the report will provide a status update on the implementation of the Strategic Action Plan on Polio Transition 2019–2023, with a focus on summarizing progress with priority country action plans. The Board will be invited to note the report.

Pillar 3: One billion more people enjoying better health and well-being

17. Decade of Healthy Ageing

Pursuant to resolution WHA69.3 (2016) adopting the Global strategy and action plan on ageing and health, a proposal for a Decade of Healthy Ageing 2020–2030 has been prepared with inputs from organizations in the United Nations system, international organizations and non-State actors. The Director-General's report will summarize the draft proposal, which extends the action plan to 2030 with strengthened multisectoral action and multistakeholder engagement. It will detail the vision, action areas, activities and their enablers, and a framework to track progress. The Board will be invited to consider a draft decision.

18. Maternal, infant and young child nutrition

In response to the request in resolution WHA71.9 (2018), the report will illustrate the progress in the implementation of the comprehensive implementation plan on maternal, infant and young child nutrition, endorsed in 2012, and towards the achievement of the global nutrition targets. It will also provide an update on the implementation of the International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes and WHO's recommendations on marketing of complementary foods. The Board will be invited to provide guidance and consider a draft decision.

19. Accelerating efforts on food safety

In following up on the First International Food Safety Conference and the International Forum on Food Safety and Trade (both held in early 2019), the Director-General will submit a report on the WHO's ongoing actions on food safety. The Board will be invited to note the report and to provide guidance on the Organization's response to foodborne diseases.

Pillar 4: More effective and efficient WHO providing better support to countries

20. Data and innovation: draft global strategy on digital health

In response to the requests in resolution WHA71.7 (2018), the Director-General will submit a draft global strategy on digital health. The report will outline the purpose, vision, framework for action, and implementation, with strategic objectives, including the development of partnerships at all levels. It will also describe an action plan, which includes monitoring and evaluation. The Board will be invited to consider a draft decision on the draft global strategy on digital health.

21. Budget and finance matters

21.1 Programme budget 2020–2021

In response to the request in resolution WHA72.1 (2019) the Director-General will submit the measurement framework for the Thirteenth General Programme of Work, 2019–2023, including plans for methods of measuring outputs. The Board will be invited to note the reports and provide strategic advice on finalizing the measurement framework.

The Director-General will also submit a report on the resource mobilization strategy, for the Board's consideration.

21.2 Financing and implementation of the Programme budget 2018–2019 and outlook on financing of the Programme budget 2020–2021

The Director-General will submit a report on the financing and implementation of the Programme budget 2018–2019 and the outlook for the financing of the Programme budget 2020–2021, which the Board will be invited to note.

21.3 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules [if any]

22. Governance matters

22.1 WHO reform

As agreed by the Executive Board at its 145th session, the Secretariat organized a web consultation with non-State actors to seek their views on their involvement in WHO governance in order to elaborate proposals for the governing bodies on that involvement. The report will describe the outcome of the consultation and outline options for involving non-State actors in WHO governance, including the organization of an informal meeting between Member States and non-State actors. The Board will be invited to note the report and to decide if and when the proposed new approach should be tested and evaluated before permanent changes are considered.

Further to the Board's request in decision EB144(3) (2019), the Director-General will submit several recommendations drawn up after an informal consultation with Member States on governance reform in September 2019, aimed at reducing the number of items on governing body agendas, and consolidating and managing reporting requirements on similar subjects. The report will also describe an approach to regional inputs into global strategies and action plans. The Board will be invited to consider a draft decision.

In line with the Board's request at its 145th session, the Director-General will submit revised draft guidelines for Member States to post written statements for governing body sessions on the WHO website. The Board will be invited to consider the revised draft guidelines and also, subject to any further guidance it may wish to provide, consider a draft decision regarding their application on a trial basis.

22.2 Engagement with non-State actors

This item comprises the following two subitems.

- Report on the implementation of the Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors

In accordance with resolution WHA69.10 (2016) and subparagraph 68(a) of the Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors, the Director-General will submit an annual report on WHO's implementation of the Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors. It will exemplify engagements with non-State actors and describe implementation of the Framework. The Board will be invited to note the report.

- Non-State actors in official relations with WHO

In line with the provisions of the Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors, the Executive Board is mandated, through its Programme, Budget and Administration Committee, to consider applications for admittance of non-State actors into official relations and to review collaboration with one third of the non-State actors in official relations in order to decide whether to maintain their official relations. The Board will be invited to note the report and to consider a draft decision.

22.3 World health days

The Board at its 144th session noted a report on world health days. It also agreed that the Secretariat would finalize a study on the cost-effectiveness of and rules for world health days and would submit a feasible proposal to the Board at a future session. The Director-General's report will outline such a proposal. The Board will be invited to note the report and provide comments on the proposed approach.

22.4 Provisional agenda of the Seventy-third World Health Assembly and date and place of the 147th session of the Executive Board

23. Management matters

23.1 Evaluation: update and proposed workplan for 2020–2021

The Evaluation Office's report will describe progress in implementing the evaluation workplan for the biennium 2018–2019 and set out the proposed evaluation workplan for the biennium 2020–2021. The latter incorporates both the corporate and decentralized evaluations planned and developed through consultation at senior management level across the Organization and discussed with the Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee. The Board will be invited to note the report and approve the proposed workplan.

The Board will also be invited to note a report on a review of 40 years of primary health care implementation at country level produced in response to a request by the Board at its 142nd session.

The Evaluation Office will further submit a report on the initial evaluation of the implementation of the Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors for the Board's consideration.

23.2 Evaluation of the election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization

The Board at its 144th session decided to postpone discussion of the item on the evaluation of the election of the Director-General to its 146th session and requested the Secretariat to organize informal consultations during the intersessional period. Accordingly, the Secretariat convened two informal consultations in relation to this matter. The Chairperson's summary report on the outcome of the informal consultations and the proposed way forward will be transmitted to the Board for its consideration. The Board will be invited to consider possible adjustments to the election process for the Director-General and a draft decision to that effect.

23.3 Update on the Infrastructure Fund

- Information management and technology

In response to the request by the Health Assembly in decision WHA70(16) (2017) and that of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board at its twenty-fifth meeting (January 2017), the Director-General will submit an update on progress in information management and technology in WHO. The report will describe the strategy on information management and technology that was revised following implementation of WHO's Thirteenth General Programme of Work, 2019–2023. The realigned strategy focuses on eight key areas, which are underpinned by a set of key initiatives. Updates on the governance structure and the investments by the Infrastructure Fund in information technology will also be presented. The Board will be invited to note the report and provide further guidance.

- Geneva buildings renovation strategy

In response to the reporting request in decision WHA69(18), the Director-General will submit a report with an update on the status of the construction of a new building at headquarters and renovations of the main building, including details of the progress made against previously reported timelines and cost updates. The Board will be invited to note the report and to consider a draft decision.

24. Committees of the Executive Board

24.1 Membership of the Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee

The Director-General will submit a report on the process for selecting two new members of the Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee. The Board will be invited to note the report and to approve the two candidates proposed in an additional report.

24.2 Participation in the Programme Budget and Administration Committee

In response to the Board's request at its 145th session, the Director-General will submit a report on attendance at the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee in an observer capacity, which will include the legal and practical considerations relating thereto. The Board will be invited to provide further guidance thereon and in particular to consider options to address this matter.

24.3 Foundation committees and selection panels

The reports will provide a summary of the meetings of the selection panels and committees of the foundations for the prizes to be awarded in 2020, including the nominations received, recommendations of the panels and/or committees and an amendment to the Statutes of the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Prize.

24.4 Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion

The report will contain a proposal by the Secretariat for the Selection Panel of the Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion to be broadened to include an observer. A revised Statute will be submitted for the consideration of the Board.

25. Staffing matters

25.1 Appointment of the Regional Director for Africa

The Regional Committee's proposal to the Board for the reappointment of the Regional Director will be transmitted to the Board for its consideration. The Board will be invited to consider a draft resolution.

25.2 Appointment of the Regional Director for Europe

The Regional Committee's proposal to the Board for the appointment of the Regional Director will be transmitted to the Board for its consideration. The Board will be invited to consider a draft resolution.

25.3 Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations

25.4 Report of the Ombudsman

25.5 Human resources: update

The Director-General's report will summarize the trends in the workforce and the new operating model for the Organization that aligns the three levels around programmes, emergencies, business operations, and external relations and governance. It will also describe recruitment and selection, the global internship programme, performance management, staff learning and development, career pathways, mobility, and an enabling working environment. The Board will be invited to note the report.

25.6 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules

Amendments to the Staff Rules made by the Director-General will be submitted for confirmation by the Board in accordance with Staff Regulation 12.2. Proposed amendments to the Staff Regulations will be presented for consideration by the Board for submission to the Seventy-third World Health Assembly. The Board will be invited to consider three draft resolutions.

25.7 Report of the International Civil Service Commission

The Director-General will submit a report to the Board for its consideration containing details of the recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission on the issues taken up by the Commission in 2019 to the United Nations General Assembly. The Board will be invited to note the report.

26. Matters for information

26.1 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 will submit 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. The Board will be invited to note the report.

In addition, the Director-General will submit a report on expert advisory panels and their membership, as well as on the meetings of expert committees that met in 2019.

27. Closure of the session

Note:

1. *The Officers of the Executive Board met in Manila on 5 and 6 October 2019, with the Director-General joining them by teleconference. Among other things, the meeting reviewed the draft provisional agenda of the 146th session of the Board to be held in February 2020, in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board.*

2. *The Officers of the Executive Board agreed to recommend the following:*

Changes and one new item proposed by the Secretariat¹

Under Pillar 1: One billion more people benefitting from universal health coverage

- ***to accept*** for addition to the provisional agenda of the 146th session of the Board the item proposed by the Director-General on Universal health coverage: moving together to build a healthier world

Under Pillar 4: More effective and efficient WHO providing better support to countries

- ***to add two bullet points*** under existing item 18.2 – Engagement with non-State actors – as follows: Report on the implementation of the Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors (FENSA); and Non-State actors in official relations with WHO
- ***to change the title*** of existing item 19.3 – Update on the infrastructure fund strategy – to read “Update on the Geneva buildings renovation strategy”

Changes and new items proposed by the Member States¹

Under Pillar 1: One billion more people benefitting from universal health coverage

- ***to merge and integrate into former item 7*** – Follow-up to the political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases – the items proposed by the Governments of Iraq and Thailand on, respectively, Early detection of noncommunicable diseases and their risk factors and Strengthening the control of harmful use of alcohol.
- ***to accept*** for addition to the provisional agenda of the 146th session of the Board the item on Preventable blindness and impaired vision/vision for all, proposed by the Government of Indonesia, and the item on Integrated people-centred eye care – proposed by the Governments of Australia, Austria, Burkina Faso, Indonesia supported by the Member States of the South-East Asia Region, Mexico, Pakistan, Singapore and Tonga – ***merging them in a single standalone item.***

¹ The exact placement of new agenda items under the pillars will be the subject of a review to be undertaken by the Deputy Director-General.

- **not to include** on the provisional agenda of the 146th session of the Board the item proposed by the Government of Iraq on Draft global integrated action plan for combatting means of spreading and communicating the VAPE – including the electronic cigarette with nicotine, on the understanding that the Secretariat would organize an informal briefing, involving the secretariat of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control and technical experts, with aim of presenting the emerging scientific evidence in this area. Ideally, this would be organized to coincide with a break during the Executive Board's 146th session.
- **not to include** on the provisional agenda of the 146th session of the Board the item proposed by the Government of Guyana on Development of a new World Health Assembly resolution for rehabilitation as the subject matter was already being dealt with through the recent mandate provided by resolution WHA71.8 (2018) on improving access to assistive technology and the item on Healthy ageing already on the agenda of the 146th session of the Executive Board.
- **to accept** for addition to the provisional agenda of the 146th session of the Board the item on Road map on neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) 2021–2030, proposed by the Governments of Brazil, Burkina Faso and Togo, and the item on Neglected tropical diseases: extending the strategy to 2030, proposed by the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania on behalf of the 47 Member States of the African Region, the Governments of the United States of America, Costa Rica and Mexico and the European Union and its 28 Member States, **merging them in a single standalone item** on Neglected tropical diseases.
- **not to include** on the provisional agenda of the 146th session of the Board the item proposed by the Government of Sri Lanka on Patient Safety initiatives in achieving Universal Health Coverage as the matter could be taken up with the global patient safety action plan, which is already due to be submitted to the Executive Board at its 148th session in line with the reporting requirements of resolution WHA72.6 (2019).
- **to accept** for addition to the provisional agenda of the 146th session of the Board the item proposed by the Government of Brazil on Global strategy and plan of action public health, innovation and intellectual property.
- **not to include** on the provisional agenda of the 146th session of the Board the item proposed by the Government of Peru on Declare the interest of Member States of WHO in the comprehensive management of drinking water, the subject to be included under reporting on resolution WHA72.7 (2019) on water, sanitation and hygiene in health care facilities.
- **merge and defer** to the 148th session of the Board the items proposed by the Governments of Peru and South Africa on, respectively, Access to medicines and vaccines with emphasis on rare or orphan diseases and Expanding access to effective medical treatments for cancer, including drugs, vaccines, medical devices, diagnostics, assistive products, cell- and gene-based therapies, and other health technologies.
- **not to include** on the provisional agenda of the 146th session of the Board the item proposed by the Government of Peru on Nurturing care as the subject was discussed recently at the Seventy-second World Health Assembly under the item on Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health (2016–2030).

Under Pillar 2: One billion more people better protected from health emergencies

- ***to include within existing item 12.2*** – WHO’s work in health emergencies – reporting on the items proposed by the Governments of Iraq and Russian Federation on, respectively, Rehabilitation of the health system after crisis and WHO’s role as the health cluster lead in humanitarian emergencies.
- ***to accept the request*** from the Governments of United States of America and Brazil that the title of existing item 12.3 be changed to read “Influenza Preparedness.”

Under Pillar 3: One billion more people enjoying better health and well-being

- ***to merge and integrate into existing item 14*** – Decade of Healthy Ageing – the items proposed by the Government of Peru on Focus on the life-course and Life-course of persons between 30 and 59.
- ***to defer*** to the 148th session of the Board the item proposed by the Government of Peru on Social determinants of health so that the necessary preliminary work can be undertaken.
- ***to accept*** for addition to the provisional agenda of the 146th session of the Board the item on Accelerating efforts on food safety proposed by the Governments of the United States of America, Member States of the European Union, Japan, Canada, Australia, Ethiopia, Mexico, and Member States of the Africa Group.

Under Pillar 4: More effective and efficient WHO providing better support to countries

- ***to merge and integrate into existing item 16*** – Data and innovation: global strategy on digital health – the items proposed by the Government of India on Status of the global digital health strategy 2020–2024 and Discussion on the potential of a hosted partnership on digital health in accordance with the World Health Assembly resolution on partnerships (resolution WHA63.10 (2010)).

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