

Provisional agenda of the Seventy-third World Health Assembly

Report by 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 Seventy-third 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 Seventy-third 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 Seventy-third World Health Assembly,¹ and recalling its earlier decision that the Seventy-third World Health Assembly should be held at the Palais des Nations and the International Conference Centre in Geneva, opening on the afternoon of Sunday, 17 May 2020, and closing no later than Thursday, 21 May 2020,² approved the provisional agenda of the Seventy-third World Health Assembly.

¹ Document EB146/37.

² See decision EB145(7) (2019).

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 Chairs 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 145th and 146th sessions**
- 3. Address by Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General²**
- 4. Invited speaker(s)**
- 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 Rules 3 and 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 17 May 2020.

² The main address by the Director-General will be delivered during the high-level segment, which is scheduled to take place on Sunday afternoon, 17 May 2020. The Director-General will deliver a shorter address on the morning of 18 May, which will be followed by the general discussion.

COMMITTEE A

10. Opening of the Committee¹

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

11. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board

- 11.1 Primary health care
- 11.2 Follow-up to the high-level meetings of the United Nations General Assembly on health-related issues
 - Universal health coverage: moving together to build a healthier world
 - Political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases
- 11.3 Global vaccine action plan
- 11.4 Accelerating the elimination of cervical cancer as a global public health problem
- 11.5 Ending tuberculosis
- 11.6 Epilepsy
- 11.7 Integrated, people-centred eye care, including preventable blindness and impaired vision
- 11.8 Neglected tropical diseases
- 11.9 Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property

12. WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel

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

13. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board

- 13.1 Independent Oversight and Advisory Committee for the WHO Health Emergencies Programme
- 13.2 WHO's work in health emergencies
- 13.3 Influenza preparedness
- 13.4 Cholera prevention and control

¹ Including election of Vice-Chairs and Rapporteur.

13.5 Poliomyelitis

- Polio eradication
- Polio transition planning and polio post-certification

14. International Health Regulations (2005)

15. Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks

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

16. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board

16.1 Decade of Healthy Ageing

16.2 Maternal, infant and young child nutrition

16.3 Accelerating efforts on food safety

COMMITTEE B

17. Opening of the Committee¹

18. Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan

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

19. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board

Budget matters

19.1 Programme budget 2020–2021

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

Staffing matters

19.3 Human resources: annual report

19.4 Report of the International Civil Service Commission

19.5 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules

¹ Including election of Vice-Chairs and the Rapporteur.

Managerial, administrative and governance matters

19.6 Update on the Infrastructure Fund

19.7 WHO reform

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

19.9 Data and innovation: draft global strategy on digital health

Financial matters

20. WHO programmatic and financial report for 2018–2019, including audited financial statements for 2019

21. 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

22. Special arrangements for settlement of arrears [if any]

23. Scale of assessments

24. Amendments to Financial Regulations and Financial Rules [if any]

25. Assessment of new Members and Associate Members [if any]

Audit and oversight matters

26. Report of the External Auditor

27. Report of the Internal Auditor

28. External and internal audit recommendations: progress on implementation

29. The WHO strategy on research for health

30. Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee

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

32. Matters for information

32.1 Progress reports

A. Global action plan on the public health response to dementia 2017–2025 (decision WHA70(17) (2017))

B. Towards universal eye health: a global action plan 2014–2019 (resolution WHA66.4 (2013))

- C. Eradication of dracunculiasis (resolution WHA64.16 (2011))
- D. Improving the prevention, diagnosis and clinical management of sepsis (resolution WHA70.7 (2017))
- E. Addressing the burden of snakebite envenoming (resolution WHA71.5 (2018))
- F. Strengthening integrated, people-centred health services (resolution WHA69.24 (2016))
- G. Reproductive health: strategy to accelerate progress towards the attainment of international development goals and targets (resolution WHA57.12 (2004))
- H. Health and the environment: road map for an enhanced global response to the adverse health effects of air pollution (decision WHA69(11) (2016))
- I. Female genital mutilation (resolution WHA61.16 (2008))
- J. Public health dimension of the world drug problem (decision WHA70(18) (2017))

ANNEX 2

**PRELIMINARY DAILY TIMETABLE FOR THE
SEVENTY-THIRD WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY¹**

May 2020	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
Sunday 17				
14:00	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 Chairs of the main committees, and establishment of the General Committee	—	—	—
14:30	High-level segment	—	—	—
Upon closure of high-level segment				General Committee
Monday 18				
09:00	— Presidential address 1.4 Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items to the main committees 2. Report of the Executive Board on its 145th and 146th sessions 3. Address by the Director-General — General discussion	—	—	—
		Upon commencement of the General discussion	Upon commencement of the General discussion	—
		10. Opening of the Committee	17. Opening of the Committee	

¹ In view of the exceptionally short duration of the Health Assembly, it is proposed that Committees A and B meet in parallel with the General discussion in plenary.

May 2020	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
Monday 18 (continued)		Pillar 1 11. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board	Pillar 4 19. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board	
14:00
14:30	3. Address by the Director-General – General discussion (continued)	Pillar 1 11. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board (continued)	Pillar 4 19. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board (continued)	Committee on Credentials –
Tuesday 19				
09:00 and 14:30	– Report of Committee on Credentials 5. Admission of new Members and Associate Members [if any] 3. Address by the Director-General – General discussion (continued)	– Upon recommencement of the General discussion Pillar 1 11. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board (continued) 12. WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel	– Upon recommencement of the General discussion 18. Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan Pillar 4 20. WHO programmatic and financial report for 2018–2019, including audited financial statements for 2019	–

