

# **Provisional agenda of the Seventy-fourth 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-fourth World Health Assembly are attached in 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-fourth World Health Assembly is attached in 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-fourth World Health Assembly,<sup>1</sup> and recalling its earlier decision that the Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly should be held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, opening on Monday, 24 May 2021, and closing no later than Tuesday, 1 June 2021,<sup>2</sup> approved the provisional agenda of the Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly.

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<sup>1</sup> Document EB148/41.

<sup>2</sup> See decision EB147(7) (2020).

# **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 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 147th and 148th sessions, and on its special session on the COVID-19 response**
- 3. Address by Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General<sup>2</sup>**
- 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**

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<sup>1</sup> 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 24 May 2021.

<sup>2</sup> The main address by the Director-General will be delivered during the high-level segment, which is scheduled to take place on Monday, 24 May 2021.

## COMMITTEE A

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

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

##### **Budget matters**

### 11. Proposed programme budget 2022–2023

- Sustainable financing

### 12. WHO results framework: an update

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

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

#### 13.1 Global action on patient safety

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

- Oral health

#### 13.3 Expanding access to effective treatments for cancer and rare and orphan diseases, including medicines, vaccines, medical devices, diagnostics, assistive products, cell- and gene-based therapies and other health technologies; and improving the transparency of markets for medicines, vaccines, and other health products

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

#### 13.5 Antimicrobial resistance

#### 13.6 Substandard and falsified medical products

#### 13.7 Standardization of medical devices nomenclature

#### 13.8 Immunization Agenda 2030

#### 13.9 Integrated people-centred eye care, including preventable vision impairment and blindness

### 14. Health in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

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

**15. Health workforce**

- Working for health: five-year action plan for health employment and inclusive economic growth (2017–2021)
- Global Strategic Directions for Nursing and Midwifery

**Pillar 2: One billion more people better protected from health emergencies****16. Public health emergencies: preparedness and response**

## 16.1 COVID-19 response

## 16.2 Independent Oversight and Advisory Committee for the WHO Health Emergencies Programme

## 16.3 WHO's work in health emergencies

- Strengthening WHO's global emergency preparedness and response
- Strengthening preparedness for health emergencies: implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)

## 16.4 Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)

**17. Mental health preparedness for and response to the COVID-19 pandemic****18. The public health implications of implementation of the Nagoya Protocol****19. Enhancement of laboratory biosafety****20. Poliomyelitis**

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

**Pillar 3: One billion more people enjoying better health and well-being****21. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board**

## 21.1 Social determinants of health

**22. Committing to implementation of the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health (2016–2030)****23. WHO global plan of action to strengthen the role of the health system within a national multisectoral response to address interpersonal violence, in particular against women and girls, and against children**

## COMMITTEE B

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

### 25. 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

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

#### Managerial, administrative and governance matters

#### 26.1 Update on the Infrastructure Fund

- Update on information management and technology
- Geneva buildings renovation strategy

#### 26.2 WHO transformation

#### 26.3 WHO reform

- WHO reform: governance
- WHO reform: World health days
- Review of entitlements of members of the Executive Board
- WHO reform: involvement of non-State actors in WHO's governing bodies

#### 26.4 Global strategies and plans of action that are scheduled to expire within one year

- WHO global disability action plan 2014–2021: better health for all people with disability
- The global health sector strategies on, respectively, HIV, viral hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections, for the period 2016–2021

#### 26.5 Process for the election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization

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

**Staffing matters**

26.6 Human resources: annual report

26.7 Report of the International Civil Service Commission

26.8 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules [if any]

**27. Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee****28. Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board****29. Financial matters**

29.1 WHO programme and financial reports for 2020–2021, including audited financial statements for 2020

29.2 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

29.3 Special arrangements for settlement of arrears [if any]

29.4 Scale of assessments 2022–2023

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

29.6 Assessment of new Members and Associate Members [if any]

**30. Audit and oversight matters**

30.1 Report of the External Auditor

30.2 Report of the Internal Auditor

30.3 External and internal audit recommendations: progress on implementation

**31. Management and legal matters**

31.1 International Agency for Research on Cancer: amendments to Statute

31.2 Agreements with intergovernmental organizations [if any]

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

**33. Updates and future reporting**

- Emergency care systems for universal health coverage: ensuring timely care for the acutely ill and injured
- Rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease
- WHO global strategy on health, environment and climate change: the transformation needed to improve lives and well-being sustainably through healthy environments
- The role of the health sector in the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management towards the 2020 goal and beyond

**34. Matters for information****34.1 Progress reports****Pillar 1: One billion more people benefitting from universal health coverage**

- A. Sustainable health financing structures and universal coverage (resolution WHA64.9 (2011))
- B. Prevention of deafness and hearing loss (resolution WHA70.13 (2017))
- C. Promoting the health of refugees and migrants (decision WHA72(14) (2019))
- D. Eradication of dracunculiasis (resolution WHA64.16 (2011))
- E. Progress in the rational use of medicines (resolution WHA60.16 (2007))

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- F. Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks (resolution WHA60.1 (2007))

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- G. Water, sanitation and hygiene in health care facilities (resolution WHA72.7 (2019))
- H. Plan of action on climate change and health in small island developing States (decision WHA72(10) (2019))

## ANNEX 2

**PRELIMINARY DAILY TIMETABLE FOR THE  
SEVENTY-FOURTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY**

May 2021	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
<b>Monday 24</b>				
09:30	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	—	—	—
Upon closure of high-level segment				General Committee
14:30	... — Presidential address 1.4 Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items to the main committees 2. Report of the Executive Board on its 147th and 148th sessions, and on its special session on the COVID-19 response 3. Address by the Director-General — General discussion	... —  Upon commencement of the General discussion  10. Opening of the Committee	... —  —	... —  —



May 2021	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
<b>Monday 24</b> (continued)				
		<b>Pillar 1</b> 13. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board		
<b>Tuesday 25</b>				
09:00	3. Address by the Director-General – General discussion (continued)  ...	<b>Pillar 2</b> 16. Public health emergencies: preparedness and response  ...	–  ...	–  ...
14:00				Committee on Credentials
14:30	4. Invited speaker(s) 3. Address by the Director-General – General discussion (continued)	<b>Pillar 2</b> 16. Public health emergencies: preparedness and response (continued) 17. Mental health preparedness for and response to the COVID-19 pandemic	–	–
<b>Wednesday 26</b>				
09:00 and 14:30	– Report of Committee on Credentials 5. Admission of new Members and Associate Members [if any]	<b>Pillar 1</b> 13. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board (continued)	24. Opening of the Committee 25 Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan <b>Pillar 4</b> 26. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board	–
17:30		–	–	General Committee (list for election, Executive Board)

May 2021	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
<b>Thursday 27</b>  09:00 and 14:30		<b>Pillar 4</b> 11. Proposed programme budget 2022–2023 12. WHO results framework: an update <b>Pillar 1</b> 14. Health in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development 15. Health workforce	<b>Pillar 4</b> 26. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board (continued) 27. Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee 28. Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board	—
<b>Friday 28</b>  09:00 and 14:30	6. Executive Board: election 7. Awards	<b>Pillar 2</b> 18. The public health implications of implementation of the Nagoya Protocol 19. Enhancement of laboratory biosafety 20. Poliomyelitis	<b>Pillar 4</b> 29. Financial matters 30. Audit and oversight matters	—
<b>Saturday 29</b>  09:00		<b>Pillar 3</b> 21. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board	<b>Pillar 4</b> 31. Management and legal matters 32. Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations	

May 2021	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
<b>Monday 31</b>  09:00 and 14:30		<b>Pillar 3</b> 22. Committing to implementation of the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health (2016–2030) 23. WHO global plan of action to strengthen the role of the health system within a national multisectoral response to address interpersonal violence, in particular against women and girls, and against children	<b>Pillar 4</b> 33. Updates and future reporting 34. Matters for information	—
<b>Tuesday 1 June</b>  09:00 and 14:30	8 Reports of the main committees (continued) 9. Closure of the Health Assembly	— Finalization of resolutions/decisions and reports	— Finalization of resolutions/decisions and reports	—

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