

Provisional agenda (annotated)

- 1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Report by the Director-General**
- 3. Report of the regional committees to the Executive Board**

The Board will be invited to consider the recommendations and comments of the regional committees in the reports submitted pursuant to decision WHA65(9) (2012).

- 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-seventh meeting of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee, which is scheduled to be held from 25 to 27 January 2023.

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

- 5. Universal health coverage**

- Reorienting health systems to primary health care as a resilient foundation for universal health coverage and preparations for a high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on universal health coverage

In preparation for the 2023 high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on universal health coverage,¹ The Director-General will submit a report on progress in the implementation of the 2019 political declaration. The report acknowledges the unprecedented challenges that all countries are facing from the pandemic, conflicts, economic and energy constraints, sociopolitical mistrust, climate change and meeting the health needs of the world's now 8 billion people. It outlines evidence-based strategic priorities to inform the high-level meeting and support the progressive realization of universal health coverage and health for all, which are essential to recovery and building back better. As set out in document A75/8, a shared strategic priority is to reorient health systems to primary health care as the foundation for universal health coverage. The Board will be invited to note the report and to provide guidance on next steps.

- 6. Political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, and mental health**

In response to decisions WHA72(11) (2019) and WHA75(11) (2022), as well as to resolutions WHA66.10 (2013), WHA74.4 (2021) and WHA74.5 (2021), the Director-General will submit a consolidated report on progress on the 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 across several priority areas. Annexed to the report will be a draft

¹ See the Note for the Record of the meeting of the Director-General with the Officers of the Executive Board on 14 October 2022 (https://apps.who.int/gb/gov/en/chair-and-officers-of-the-executive-board_en.html).

updated menu of policy options and cost-effective interventions for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases (Appendix 3 of WHO's global action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases). The Board will be invited to note the report and its annex and to consider a draft decision with a recommendation for the Health Assembly to adopt the draft updated set of policy options.

7. Substandard and falsified medical products

Pursuant to resolution WHA65.19 (2012), the Director-General will transmit a report on the outcomes of the tenth and eleventh plenary meetings of the Member State mechanism on substandard and falsified medical products. The report will include a review of the progress made in implementing eight activities prioritized for the period of 2022–2023 that align to WHO's strategy to prevent, detect and respond to substandard/falsified medical products and a recommendation that an independent evaluation of the mechanism take place. The Board will be invited to consider a draft decision recommending to the Health Assembly an independent evaluation of the Member State mechanism.

8. Strengthening rehabilitation in health systems

The Board will be invited to note a report submitted by the Director-General on rehabilitation in health systems. In its discussions it will be further invited to provide guidance on strengthening rehabilitation in health systems and universal health coverage and as part of the emergency preparedness agenda, and on the Secretariat's mandate to continue working with Member States, international organizations and other relevant stakeholders in strengthening rehabilitation in health systems.

9. Draft global strategy on infection prevention and control

Pursuant to resolution WHA75.13 (2022), the Director-General will submit an executive summary of the draft global strategy on infection prevention and control in health and long term care settings. The Board will be invited to consider a draft decision recommending the adoption of the draft strategy by the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly.

10. Global road map on defeating meningitis by 2030

Pursuant to resolution WHA73.9 (2020), the Director-General will submit a report to the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly, through the Executive Board at its 152nd session, reviewing the global meningitis situation and assessing efforts made in meningitis prevention and control. The Executive Board will be invited to note the report and to provide further guidance on the Secretariat's approach.

11. Standardization of medical devices nomenclature

Pursuant to decision WHA75(25) (2022), and in alignment with resolution WHA60.29 (2007), this report will provide details of the Secretariat's activities on the collection and integration of information related to medical devices in WHO platforms, and related activities to support this process. The Board will be invited to note the report and to provide guidance on the proposed way forward as set out in the report.

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

12. Public health emergencies: preparedness and response

12.1 Strengthening WHO preparedness for and response to health emergencies

- Strengthening the global architecture for health emergency preparedness, response and resilience

At the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly, the Director-General set out ten proposals to strengthen the global architecture for health emergency preparedness, response, and resilience. This report presents an overview of the state of consultations on the proposals, and outlines next steps. The Board will be invited to note the report and to provide further guidance.

- Strengthening clinical trials to provide high-quality evidence on health interventions and to improve research quality and coordination

This report will outline the steps taken by the Secretariat to date to operationalize resolution WHA75.8 (2022). The Board will be invited to note the report and to provide guidance on the proposed actions as set out in the document.

- Proportional division of funds for the Partnership Contribution of the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework for the sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits

Consistent with section 6.14.5 of the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness (PIP) Framework for the sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits, and based on the advice of the PIP Advisory Group, the report by the Director-General will propose that for the period 2023–2030, the current proportional division of Partnership Contribution funds (70% for pandemic influenza preparedness measures and 30% for pandemic influenza response activities) should continue. The Board will be invited to note the report and to consider a draft decision.

12.2 WHO's work in health emergencies

The Director-General will submit a report that provides updates on all public health emergencies of international concern, Grade 3 and United Nations Inter-Agency Standing Committee Level 3 emergencies in which WHO took action in 2022 (up to September) and on the progress made to improve research and development for potentially epidemic diseases; and describes the work WHO is undertaking at global, regional and country levels in order to prepare for, prevent, detect and respond to health emergencies. The Board will be invited to note the report.

- Implementation of resolution WHA75.11 (2022)

The Director-General will submit a report that describes the Secretariat's activities in response to the requests in resolution WHA75.11 (2022), and that includes an assessment of the health situation of the population of Ukraine, as well as regional and wider health impacts. The Board will be invited to note the report and to provide guidance as set out in the document.

12.3 Global Health for Peace Initiative

Pursuant to decision WHA75(24) (2022), the Director-General will submit a report on the results of consultations of Member States and Observers on the implementation of the proposed ways forward contained in document EB150/20, and the development of a road map for the Global Health for Peace Initiative. The Board will be invited to note the report and to recommend action to the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly as set out in the document.

13. Poliomyelitis

13.1 Poliomyelitis eradication

The Director-General will submit a report on the implementation of the Polio Eradication Strategy 2022–2026, including progress on interrupting both wild poliovirus and circulating vaccine-derived polioviruses, and an update on the financing situation at the end of 2022. The Board will be invited to note the report and to focus its discussions on concrete ways to ensure the full implementation and resourcing of the Polio Eradication Strategy 2022–2026.

13.2 Polio transition planning and polio post-certification

Pursuant to decision WHA70(9) (2017), the Director-General will provide a status update on the implementation of WHO's Strategic Action Plan on Polio Transition for the period 2019–2023, with a focus on its mid-term evaluation and progress and challenges at the country level. The Board will be invited to note the report and provide guidance on moving forward the polio transition agenda.

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

14. Well-being and health promotion

Pursuant to resolution WHA75.19 (2022), this report describes the background and development process of the draft WHO framework on achieving well-being. The draft framework incorporates health promotion approaches and tools for Member States and partners in their efforts to address major global challenges related to environment, public health, social, economic and political instability affecting the health and well-being of populations. The Board will be invited to note the report and to provide guidance on the further development of the draft framework.

15. Ending violence against children through health systems strengthening and multisectoral approaches

Pursuant to resolution WHA74.17 (2021), the Director-General will submit a report outlining progress in ending violence against children through health systems strengthening and multisectoral approaches, including capacity-building measures and legal reforms in countries, the development of guidance materials, high-level advocacy and the establishment of the Global Initiative to Support Parents. The Board will be invited to note the report and to provide guidance as set out in the document.

16. Social determinants of health

In response to requests made in resolution WHA74.16 (2021), the Director-General will submit a report describing the content of the draft WHO World Report on the Social Determinants of Health Equity and a draft operational framework for measuring, assessing and addressing the social determinants of health and health inequities, along with support provided to countries to address the social determinants of health equity in order to moderate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and other crises. The Board will be invited to note the report and to provide guidance as set out in the document.

17. The highest attainable standard of health for persons with disabilities

In response to resolution WHA74.8 (2021), the Director General will submit a report summarizing the WHO Global Report on Health Equity for Persons with Disabilities and outlining additional actions taken by the Secretariat to implement the resolution. The Board will be invited to note the report and to provide guidance as set out in the document.

18. United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition (2016–2025)

This report will provide an overview of the implementation of the United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition (2016–2025). It will summarize work to date and progress in reaching global targets and commitments made in relation to the Second International Conference on Nutrition. It will also outline new contributions and commitments from Member States and different actors and propose a set of actions to accelerate efforts towards the global nutrition targets. The Executive Board will be invited to note the report and to provide guidance on the proposed way forward.

19. Behavioural science for better health

This report will provide an overview of progress made in implementing the behavioural sciences for better health initiative. It contains additional information to supplement the report submitted by the Secretariat to the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly in May 2022 and proposes a set of priorities for 2023. The Board will be invited to note the report and to provide guidance on the proposed way forward.

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

20. Budget and finance matters

20.1 Financing and implementation of the Programme budget 2022–2023 and outlook on financing of the Programme budget 2024–2025

The Director-General will submit a report on the financing and implementation of the Programme budget 2022–2023 and provide an update on the financial situation for the Programme budget 2024–2025. The Board will be invited to note the report.

20.2 Proposed programme budget 2024–2025

The Director General will submit the first draft of the proposed Programme budget 2024–2025. The Executive Board will be invited to discuss the full draft of the proposed programme budget 2024–2025 and provide guidance for finalization for the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly. Intersessional sessions with Member States are expected between January and April 2023 to present updates as needed.

20.3 Thirteenth General Programme of Work, 2019–2025

In response to a request in resolution WHA75.6 (2022), the Director-General will submit the outcome of Member State consultations on the extension of the Thirteenth General Programme of Work, 2019–2023 to 2025. The consultations focused on: (a) aligning the priorities and triple billion strategy of the Thirteenth General Programme of Work with the programme budget for 2024–2025, and incorporating lessons from the pandemic to accelerate progress to reach the health-related Sustainable Development Goals; (b) using a data- and evidence-driven delivery approach to identify high impact interventions that can drive faster progress at global, regional and country level; (c) strengthening country capacity and promoting integrated platforms to inform national priorities; and (d) applying the results framework as an accountability tool for reporting results and using the impact measurement to monitor the triple billion targets and health-related Sustainable Development Goals, and review plans to improve data and health information systems in countries. The Board will be invited to consider and adopt the outcome of the consultation.

20.4 Scale of assessments 2024–2025

The Director-General will submit the report on the scale of assessments for the financial period 2024–2025, unchanged from the scale currently in use by WHO for 2023, together with a draft resolution recommending adoption of the scale by the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly.

20.5 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules

The Director-General will submit the report on amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules, together with a draft resolution confirming the amendments to the Financial Rules by the Executive Board and recommending adoption of the changes to the Financial Regulations by the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly.

21 Management matters

21.1 Prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment

The Secretariat will provide an update on the implementation of the Management Response Plan on the prevention and response to sexual exploitation, abuse, and harassment; outline the remaining challenges, and outline the WHO three-year strategy for zero tolerance for sexual misconduct for 2023–2025. The Board will be invited to note the report and to provide further guidance as set out in the document.

22 Update on the Infrastructure Fund

- Geneva buildings renovation strategy

The report by the Director-General on the Geneva Buildings renovation strategy provides an update on progress with the construction and renovation projects. The report also includes an overview of the financial status of the project and that of the real estate component of the Infrastructure Fund. The Board will be invited to note the report.

23 Governance matters

23.1 Matters emanating from the Working Group on Sustainable Financing:

- Report of the Agile Member States Task Group on Strengthening WHO's Budgetary, Programmatic and Financing Governance

The Member States Task Group will submit its report on strengthening WHO's budgetary, programmatic and financing governance to analyse challenges in governance for transparency, efficiency, accountability and compliance. The report will include recommendations for long-term improvements considered by the Task Group to the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly, through the Executive Board at its 152nd session and the thirty-seventh meeting of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee. The Board will be invited to discuss the report and to provide recommendations as needed.

- Secretariat implementation plan on reform

Complementary to the report of the Member States Task Group mandated by the Executive Board at its 151st session, the Secretariat's implementation plan on reform, mandated through decision WHA75(8) (2022) on sustainable financing, will be presented. The implementation plan includes progress to date on reforms as well as a preliminary timeline and the resources required for the implementation of additional reforms, including but not limited to budgetary, programmatic, finance, governance and accountability reforms within the remit of the Secretariat. The Board will be invited to endorse the implementation plan.

- Sustainable financing: feasibility of a replenishment mechanism, including options for consideration

The report will provide an assessment of the feasibility of a potential WHO replenishment as requested by the Health Assembly in decision WHA75(8) (2022) on Sustainable financing, endorsing the recommendations of the Member State Working Group on Sustainable Financing (Appendix 2 to document A75/9). This report outlines the Secretariat's review of the feasibility of a WHO replenishment in line with the six principles adopted in decision WHA75(8) (2022). The review included consultation with Member States through the work of the Agile Member State Task Group and benchmarking of a set of replenishments within and beyond the global health arena. The Board will be invited to discuss the report and provide further guidance.

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

- WHO global action plan on promoting the health of refugees and migrants, 2019–2023

As requested in decision WHA73(15) (2020) on WHO reform: governance, regarding global strategies or action plans that are scheduled to expire within one year, the Director-General will submit a report on the implementation of the global action plan on promoting the health of refugees and migrants 2019–2023. The Board will be invited to note the report and to consider the way forward as the current plan of action concludes in 2023.

- WHO traditional medicine strategy 2014–2023

Pursuant to decision WHA75(19) (2022), the Director-General will submit a final report on progress made in implementation of the WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy 2014–2023. The report will provide an assessment of the strategy, covering Secretariat actions, successes recorded, challenges faced, lessons learned and the way forward. The Board will be invited to note the report and to consider the way forward as the current strategy concludes in 2023.

23.3 WHO reform

- Involvement of non-State actors in WHO's governing bodies

This report provides an update on the on how to make the involvement of non-State actors in WHO's governing bodies more meaningful. In accordance with decision EB150(12) (2022), an informal Health Assembly pre-meeting with non-State actors will be organized annually. The report proposes to continue the practice of constituency statements by non-State actors for certain agenda items. The Board will be invited to note the report and to consider a draft decision.

- WHO presence in countries, territories and areas

In line with decision WHA69(8) (2016), this information document provides an update on the preparation of the 2023 Country Presence Report and highlights the main findings of the country presence report prepared in 2021. The Board will be invited to note the report and provide guidance on the preparation of future reports.

23.4 Engagement with non-State actors

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

In accordance with resolution WHA69.10 (2016) and the Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors (subparagraph 68(a)), the Director-General will submit the seventh annual report on WHO's implementation of the Framework, illustrating engagements with entities and reporting on the different aspects of the implementation of the Framework at the three levels of the Organization. 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, defer the review or discontinue their official relations. The Board will be invited to note the report and to consider a draft decision.

23.5 Provisional agenda of the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly and date and place of the 153rd session of the Executive Board

The Board will consider a draft decision on the date and place of the 153rd session of the Executive Board.

- Considerations for possible electronic voting at future governing bodies meetings

The future availability of integrated electronic voting systems at WHO headquarters and the United Nations Palais des Nations warrants a discussion by the Board on whether to recommend their use by WHO governing bodies. Considerations include financial costs, security, consistent availability, and the potential impact that using such systems could have on the conduct of meetings of the WHO governing bodies, such as decision-making by consensus within the governing bodies. The Board will be invited to discuss the report and to provide further guidance.

24 Committees of the Executive Board

24.1 Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee

- Membership [if any]

24.2 Foundation committees and selection panels

The Director-General will submit reports summarizing the outcomes of the meetings of the selection panels for the prizes to be awarded in 2023.

24.3 Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response

The Board will receive the report of the first meeting of the first Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response. The Board will be invited to note the report.

25 Staffing matters

25.1 Appointment of the Regional Director for the Americas

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.

25.2 Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations

In a statement to the Board, the representative of the staff associations of WHO, IARC, PAHO and UNAIDS will highlight the views of the members on issues currently seen as of great importance for the Organization.

25.3 Report of the Ombudsman

Since 2018, all ombudsmen across WHO have issued a combined annual report of their activities to the Board. The Ombudsman will present a report drafted after consultation with regional ombudsmen that describes their activities since the previous report. The report will also outline the most relevant systemic issues identified during that period. A separate report will provide an update on the administration's response to the recommendations made in previous reports.

25.4 Human resources

The Director-General will submit an update to the human resources annual report for 2021 noted by the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly in May 2022. The report will summarize workforce data and describe activities conducted under the human resources strategy and within the major transformation workstreams. The Board will be invited to note the report.

The Director-General will also submit a report outlining the actions taken to reform the WHO Office for Internal Oversight Services, in the light of the recommendations of the external audit on the handling of sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment cases by the Office for Internal Oversight Services and the Department of

Compliance, Risk Management and Ethics, and the guidance provided on this matter by the thirty-sixth meeting of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee and the Executive Board at its 151st session.

25.5 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 submitted for the Board to consider their submission to the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly. The Board will be invited to note the report and consider a draft resolution.

25.6 Report of the International Civil Service Commission

The Director-General will transmit the Commission's report and recommendations to the Board. The Secretariat will provide the Board with a verbal summary of the salient points. The Board will be invited to note the report.

25.7 Reform of the global internship programme

This report outlines the progress made in achieving the targets set out in resolution WHA71.13 (2018) on reform of the global internship programme and the future steps planned.

25.8 Implementation of the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy, including the WHO policy on disability

In response to resolution WHA74.8 (2021) and as requested by the Executive Board at its 146th Session,¹ the Director-General will present the progress WHO has made on the implementation of the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy from 2019 to mid-2022. The Board will be invited to note the report.

26 Report on meetings of expert committees and study groups

- Expert advisory panels and committees and their membership

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 provide details of both meetings and membership in respect of expert committees that met in 2022.

27 Closure of the session

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¹ Document EB146/2020/REC/2, summary record of the first meeting.