

## **Provisional agenda of the Seventy-sixth 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-sixth 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-sixth 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-sixth World Health Assembly,<sup>1</sup> and recalling its earlier decision that the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly should be held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, opening on Sunday, 21 May 2023, and closing no later than Tuesday, 30 May 2023,<sup>2</sup> approved the provisional agenda of the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly.

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<sup>1</sup> Document EB152/41.

<sup>2</sup> See decision EB151(11) (2022).

# **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 151st and 152nd sessions**
- 3. Address by Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General**
- 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 21 May 2023.

## COMMITTEE A

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

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

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

#### 11.1 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

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

- Draft updated menu of policy options and cost-effective interventions for the prevention and control of noncommunicable disease

#### 11.3 Substandard and falsified medical products

#### 11.4 Strengthening rehabilitation in health systems

#### 11.5 Draft global strategy on infection prevention and control

#### 11.6 Global road map on defeating meningitis by 2030

#### 11.7 Standardization of medical devices nomenclature

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

### 12. Public health emergencies: preparedness and response

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

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

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

#### 13.1 Strengthening WHO preparedness for and response to health emergencies

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

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

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

#### 13.2 WHO's work in health emergencies

- Implementation of resolution WHA75.11 (2022)

#### 13.3 Global Health for Peace Initiative

#### 13.4 Poliomyelitis

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

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

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

##### 14.1 Well-being and health promotion

##### 14.2 Ending violence against children through health systems strengthening and multisectoral approaches

##### 14.3 Social determinants of health

##### 14.4 The highest attainable standard of health for persons with disabilities

##### 14.5 United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition (2016–2025)

##### 14.6 Behavioural science for better health

## COMMITTEE B

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

### 16. 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

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

#### Budget and finance matters

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

17.2 Proposed programme budget 2024–2025

17.3 Scale of assessments for 2024–2025

17.4 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules

17.5 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

#### Management matters

17.6 Prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment

#### Update on the Infrastructure Fund

17.7 Geneva buildings renovation strategy

#### Governance matters

17.8 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
- Secretariat implementation plan on reform
- Sustainable financing: feasibility of a replenishment mechanism, including options for consideration

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

17.9 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
- WHO traditional medicine strategy 2014–2023

17.10 WHO reform

- WHO presence in countries, territories and areas

### **Staffing matters**

17.11 Human resources

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

17.13 Report of the International Civil Service Commission

17.14 Reform of the global internship programme

## **18. Update on the Infrastructure Fund**

18.1 Update on information management and technology

## **19. Staffing matters**

19.1 Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

19.2 Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee

## **20. Participation of Member States in WHO meetings**

- Voluntary Health Trust Fund for small island developing States (terms of reference)
- Current practices for funding participation of Member States in WHO meetings

## **21. Budget and financial matters**

21.1 WHO programmatic and financial report for 2022–2023, including audited financial statements for 2022

21.2 Special arrangements for settlement of arrears [if any]

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

21.4 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules

## **22. Agreements with intergovernmental organizations [if any]**

**23. Audit and oversight matters**

23.1 Report of the External Auditor

23.2 Report of the Internal Auditor

23.3 External and internal audit recommendations: progress on implementation

23.4 Appointment of the External Auditor

**24. Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations****25. Matters for information**

25.1 Progress reports

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

- A. Strengthening local production of medicines and other health technologies to improve access (resolution WHA74.6 (2021))
- B. Health in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (resolution WHA69.11 (2016) and decision WHA70(22) (2017))
- C. Global action on patient safety (resolution WHA72.6 (2019) and decision WHA74(13) (2021))
- D. Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property (resolution WHA75.14 (2022))
- E. Antimicrobial resistance (resolution WHA72.5 (2019))
- F. Eleventh revision of the International Classification of Diseases (resolution WHA72.15 (2019))
- G. Eradication of dracunculiasis (resolution WHA64.16 (2011))

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

- H. The World Together: Establishment of an intergovernmental negotiating body to strengthen pandemic prevention, preparedness and response (decision SSA2(5) (2021))
- I. Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks (resolution WHA60.1 (2007))

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

- J. The role of the health sector in the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management towards the 2020 goal and beyond (decision WHA74(25) (2021))
- K. WHO global strategy on health, environment and climate change: the transformation needed to improve lives and well-being sustainably through healthy environments (decision WHA74(24) (2021))
- L. Decade of Healthy Ageing 2020–2030 (decision WHA73(12) (2020))
- M. Water, sanitation and hygiene in health care facilities (resolution WHA72.7 (2019))
- N. Prevention of deafness and hearing loss (resolution WHA70.13 (2017) and decision WHA74(17) (2021))
- O. Plan of action on climate change and health in small island developing States (decision WHA72(10) (2019) and paragraph 29 of A72/16 (2019))
- P. Global action plan on the public health response to dementia (decision WHA70(17) (2017))
- Q. Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health (2016–2030) (WHA74(17) (2021)).

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

- R. Global strategy on digital health (decision WHA73(28) (2020))



## ANNEX 2

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

May 2023	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
<b>Sunday 21</b>				
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
<b>Monday 22</b>				
09:00 and 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 151st and 152nd sessions 3. Address by the Director-General – General discussion	–	–	–
		Upon commencement of the General discussion		

May 2023	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
14:00		<p>10. Opening of the Committee</p> <p><b>Pillar 2</b></p> <p>12. Public health emergencies: preparedness and response</p> <p>12.1 The Independent Oversight and Advisory Committee for the WHO Health Emergencies Programme</p> <p>12.2 Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)</p> <p>13. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board</p> <p>13.1 Strengthening WHO preparedness for and response to health emergencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening the global architecture for health emergency preparedness, response and resilience</li> <li>• Strengthening clinical trials to provide high-quality evidence on health interventions and to improve research quality and coordination</li> </ul>		Committee on Credentials

May 2023	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
<b>Tuesday 23</b>  09:00 and 14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Report of Committee on Credentials</li> <li>5. Admission of new Members and Associate Members [if any]</li> <li>4. Invited speaker(s)</li> <li>3. Address by the Director-General</li> <li>– General discussion (continued)</li> </ul>	<b>Pillar 2</b> 13. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board (continued) 13.2 WHO's work in health emergencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of resolution WHA75.11 (2022)</li> </ul> 13.3 Global Health for Peace Initiative 13.4 Poliomyelitis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poliomyelitis eradication</li> <li>• Polio transition planning and polio post-certification</li> </ul>		
<b>Wednesday 24</b>  09:00 and 14:30		<b>Pillar 1</b> 11. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board 11.1 Universal health coverage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> </ul>	15. Opening of the Committee 16. Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan  <b>Pillar 4</b> 17. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board 17.1 Financing and implementation of the Programme budget 2022–2023 and outlook on financing of the Programme budget 2024–2025 17.2 Proposed programme budget 2024–2025	

May 2023	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
17:30		<p>11.2 Political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, and mental health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft updated menu of policy options and cost-effective interventions for the prevention and control of noncommunicable disease</li> </ul> <p>11.3 Substandard and falsified medical products</p>		General Committee (list for election, Executive Board)
<b>Thursday 25</b> 09:00 and 14:30		<p><b>Pillar 1</b></p> <p>11. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board (continued)</p> <p>11.4 Strengthening rehabilitation in health systems</p> <p>11.5 Draft global strategy on infection prevention and control</p> <p>11.6 Global road map on defeating meningitis by 2030</p> <p>11.7 Standardization of medical devices nomenclature</p>	<p><b>Pillar 4</b></p> <p>17. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board (continued)</p> <p>17.3 Scale of assessments 2024–2025</p> <p>17.4 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules</p> <p>17.5 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</p>	

May 2023	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
<b>Friday 26</b>  09:00 and 14:30	7. Awards 6. Executive Board: election	<b>Pillar 3</b>  14. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board 14.1 Well-being and health promotion 14.3 Social determinants of health	17. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board (continued) 17.6 Prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment 17.7 Geneva buildings renovation strategy 17.8 Matters emanating from the Working Group on Sustainable Financing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report of the Agile Member States Task Group on Strengthening WHO's Budgetary, Programmatic and Financing Governance</li> <li>• Secretariat implementation plan on reform</li> <li>• Sustainable financing: feasibility of a replenishment mechanism, including options for consideration</li> </ul>	
<b>Saturday 27</b>  09:00 and 14:30		<b>Pillar 3</b>  14. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board (continued) 14.5 United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition (2016–2025) 14.6 Behavioural science for better health	20. Participation of Member States in WHO meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voluntary Health Trust Fund for small island developing States (terms of reference)</li> <li>• Current practices for funding participation of Member States in WHO meetings</li> </ul>	

May 2023	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
			17.11 Human resources 17.12 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules [if any] 17.13 Report of the International Civil Service Commission 17.14 Reform of the global internship programme 19. Staffing matters 19.1 Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board 19.2 Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee 18. Update on the Infrastructure Fund 18.1 Update on information management and technology 17.9 Global strategies and plans of action that are scheduled to expire within one year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WHO global action plan on promoting the health of refugees and migrants, 2019–2023</li> <li>• WHO traditional medicine strategy 2014–2023</li> </ul> 17.10 WHO reform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WHO presence in countries, territories and areas</li> </ul>	
<b>Monday 29</b>  09:00 and 14:30		<b>Pillar 3</b> 14. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board (continued) 14.4 The highest attainable standard of health for	21. Budget and financial matters 21.1 WHO programmatic and financial report for 2022–2023, including audited	

May 2023	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
		<p>persons with disabilities</p> <p>14.2 Ending violence against children through health systems strengthening and multisectoral approaches</p>	<p>financial statements for 2022</p> <p>21.2 Special arrangements for settlement of arrears [if any]</p> <p>21.3 Assessment of new Members and Associate Members [if any]</p> <p>21.4 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules</p> <p>22. Agreements with intergovernmental organizations [if any]</p> <p>23. Audit and oversight matters</p> <p>23.1 Report of the External Auditor</p> <p>23.2 Report of the Internal Auditor</p> <p>23.3 External and internal audit recommendations: progress on implementation</p> <p>23.4 Appointment of the External Auditor</p> <p>24. Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations</p> <p>25. Matters for information</p> <p>25.1 Progress reports</p>	
<p><b>Tuesday 30</b></p> <p>09:00 and 14:30</p>	<p>8. Reports of the main committees (continued)</p> <p>9. Closure of the Health Assembly</p>	<p>– Finalization of resolutions/decisions and reports</p>	<p>– Finalization of resolutions/decisions and reports</p>	

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