Provisional agenda (annotated)

1. Election of Chair, Vice-Chairs and Rapporteur

2. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda

3. Outcome of the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly

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-eighth meeting of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee, which is scheduled to be held from Wednesday 17 May to Friday 19 May, 2023.

5. Report of the Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response

   The Board will receive the report of the second meeting of the Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response, which is scheduled to be held on 13 and 14 April 2023.

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

6. Management, governance and financial matters

   6.1 Matters emanating from the Agile Member States Task Group on Strengthening WHO’s Budgetary, Programmatic and Financing Governance

   The Board will consider a report presenting an overview of the recommendations of the Agile Member States Task Group for long-term improvements to be implemented jointly by Member States and the Secretariat, together with an update on the development, overseen by the co-facilitators of the Task Group, of draft decisions and proposals related to four of the Task Group’s recommendations as requested in decision EB152(15) (2023). The Board will be invited to note the report.

   6.2 Implications of decision EB152(29) (2023)

   The Director-General will submit a report on the implications for Observers of constituency statements by non-State actors on limited items during meetings of the governing bodies. The Board will be invited to note the report and provide guidance on any appropriate steps.
6.3 Evaluation: annual report

In line with the current evaluation policy, approved by the Executive Board in decision EB143(9) (2018), an annual report on evaluation will be submitted to the Board through its Programme, Budget and Administration Committee. The report will describe the progress made and challenges encountered in the implementation of the evaluation policy and the Organization-wide evaluation workplan for 2022–2023. The Board will be invited to note the report.

6.4 Hosted partnerships

The Board will consider a report submitted pursuant to decision EB132(10) (2013), in which the Executive Board requested its Programme, Budget and Administration Committee, inter alia, to ensure that the arrangements for hosted health partnerships are regularly reviewed on a case-by-case and timely basis in respect of their contributions to improved health outcomes, WHO’s interaction with individual hosted partnerships, and the harmonization of their work with the work of WHO; and to make recommendations for the consideration of the Board, as appropriate, through a standing item on the subject on the Board’s agenda. The Board will be invited to note the report.

- Proposals for WHO to host formal partnerships [if any]
- Report on hosted partnerships

The Director-General will provide the Board with a general annual update on hosted partnerships. The Board will be invited to note the report.

- Review of hosted partnerships

The Director-General will provide the Board with a report on the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies in the context of the periodic review of arrangements for hosted health partnerships mentioned above. The Board will be invited to note the report.

6.5 Committees of the Executive Board: filling of vacancies

This is a standing item.

6.6 Membership of the Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee [if any]

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

7. Staffing matters

7.1 Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations

This is a standing item.

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

8. Matters for information: report on meetings of 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 to the Board for its consideration his report on meetings of expert committees and
study groups, including a summary of the recommendations contained in the reports of expert committees and his observations on their significance for public health policies and implications for the Organization’s programmes.

9. Future sessions of the Executive Board and the Health Assembly

This is a standing item.

10. Closure of the session

Note:

1. In accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Officers of the Board consulted with the Director-General regarding the draft provisional agenda that had been transmitted to Member States for comment on 6 March 2023. One proposal, from the Government of Paraguay, for an additional item on the health of prison populations, had been received by the deadline of 23 March 2023. The consultation was conducted via e-mail on 29 March 2023.

2. Recognizing that the nature of the proposed additional item meant that it would benefit from more substantive preparation and discussion, the Officers of the Board did not recommend including it on the Provisional agenda of the 153rd session of the Executive Board.