

Provisional agenda (annotated)

Special session of the Executive Board on the Ebola emergency 10:00–13:00 and 15:00–18:00 Executive Board Room, WHO headquarters

Objectives

The special session has the following objectives:

- to review the current state of the Ebola response and make recommendations on further steps to stop the Ebola epidemic.
- to discuss strengthening WHO's capacity to prepare for and respond to future large-scale and sustained outbreaks and emergencies.

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Morning session	
09h30 – 10h00	Welcome coffee
10h00 – 13h00	Current context and challenges; stopping the epidemic; and preparedness in non-affected countries and regions
	<p>The Chairman of the Executive Board will open the meeting. The Director-General will provide opening remarks on the context for the meeting and its intended objectives. There will be invited speakers.</p> <p>The Secretariat will provide a presentation on stopping the Ebola epidemic and on preparedness in non-affected countries and regions. Member States will have the opportunity to provide comments as well as recommendations. It is expected that discussions will cover areas such as: coordination at global, regional and national levels; communication and community engagement; health care workers; funding the response to the epidemic; vaccines and therapeutics; global solidarity; preparedness, surveillance and core capacities under the International Health Regulations (2005); and health systems recovery and strengthening.</p>

Afternoon session	
15h00 – 17h30	Ensuring WHO's capacity to prepare for and respond to future large-scale and sustained outbreaks and emergencies
	This session will provide an opportunity for examination of issues regarding ensuring WHO's capacity to prepare and respond to future large scale and sustained outbreaks and emergencies. The Secretariat will present proposals for improving and enhancing WHO's capacity in this regard. Member States will have the opportunity to provide comments and recommendations. It is expected that discussions will cover areas such as: the impact of the outbreak and WHO's response on WHO reform, particularly in the areas of human and financial resources for responding to emergencies; operations and logistics management; the role of the International Health Regulations (2005); and a possible review of the international response and WHO's response to the Ebola crisis.
17h30 – 18h00	Recommendations and decisions
	The special session of the Executive Board will consider the adoption of resolutions containing, as appropriate, recommendations to be implemented with immediate effect, as well as recommendations to be further considered by the Executive Board at its 136th session, for approval by the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly.

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