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## Sixty-third World Health Assembly

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### Programme of meetings for Thursday, 20 May 2010

Time	Plenary <i>Assembly Hall</i>	Committee A <i>Room XVIII</i>	Committee B <i>Room XVII</i>
09:00		Eighth meeting	Fourth meeting
14:30		Ninth meeting	Fifth meeting
17:00	Seventh meeting		
Immediately after plenary adjourns		Tenth meeting	Sixth meeting

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### Informal consultation

*Public health, innovation and intellectual property: global strategy and plan of action*

The meeting of the drafting group will be held on Thursday 20 May, from 10:00 to 13:00 in Room XII.

### 127th session of the Executive Board, Saturday 22 May 2010

The 127th session of the Executive Board will be held at the Palais des Nations in Salle XVII. The Executive Board will open on Saturday 22 May 2010 at 9:30. Please note the following administrative arrangements:

<b>Credentials:</b>	Delegates are reminded to send their credentials to the Office of the Governing Bodies (Fax No. 022 791 4173), as soon as possible.
<b>Documents:</b>	Specific pigeon holes for Executive Board Members' documentation are located next to the documents desk between doors 13 and 15 at the Palais des Nations.
<b>Registration:</b>	Badges for Members of the Board, their alternates and advisers, and representatives of Member States and organizations invited to attend, will be issued at the registration desk between doors 13 and 15 at the Palais, on Thursday, 20 and Friday 21 May from 8:00 to 17:30.

## I. Programme of work of the Health Assembly

Thursday, 20 May 2010

**Eighth meeting of Committee A**

**Room XVIII –09:00**

– **Draft third report of Committee A**

Document (Draft) A63/63 containing one resolution entitled:

- *Advancing food safety initiatives*

**Item 11 (continued) Technical and health matters**

Item 11.10 – Strategies to reduce the harmful use of alcohol

Documents EB126/2010/REC/1, resolution EB126.R11 and A63/13

Item 11.20 (continued) – Counterfeit medical products

Documents A63/23, A63/INF.DOC./3, A63/A/Conf.Paper No.4 Rev.1, A63/A/Conf.Paper No.4 Add.1, A63/A/Conf.Paper No.5, A63/A/Conf.Paper No.5 Add.1, A63/A/Conf.Paper No.7 and A63/A/Conf.Paper No.7 Add.1

Item 11.9 (continued) – Prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases: implementation of the global strategy

Documents A63/12, A63/A/Conf.Paper No.1 and A63/A/Conf.Paper No.1 Add.1

Item 11.11 – Tuberculosis control

- Progress and long-term planning
  - Prevention and control of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis and extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis
- Document A63/14

Item 11.12 – Viral hepatitis

Documents EB126/2010/REC/1, resolution EB126.R16 and A63/15

**Fourth meeting of Committee B**

**Room XVII – 09:00**

– **Draft first report of Committee B**

Document (Draft) A63/62 containing eight resolutions entitled:

- *Financial report and audited financial statements for the period 1 January 2008 – 31 December 2009*
- *Scale of assessments 2010–2011*
- *Safety and security of staff and premises*
- *The Capital Master Plan*
- *Report of the External Auditor*
- *Salaries of staff in ungraded posts and of the Director-General*
- *Partnerships*
- *Agreements with intergovernmental organizations*

and one decision entitled:

- *Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee*

**Item 11 (continued)    Technical and health matters** (*Subitems transferred from Committee A*)

- Item 11.14 (continued) – Chagas disease: control and elimination  
Documents A63/17, A63/17 Add.1, EB124/2009/REC/1, resolution EB124.R7 and A63/B/Conf.Paper No.1
- Item 11.15 (continued) – Global eradication of measles  
Document A63/18
- Item 11.16 – Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks  
Document A63/19
- Item 11.17 – Availability, safety and quality of blood products  
Documents EB126/2010/REC/1, resolution EB126.R14 and A63/20
- Item 11.18 – Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management  
Documents EB126/2010/REC/1, resolutions EB126.R12 and EB126.R13 and A63/21

**Ninth meeting of Committee A**

**Room XVIII –14:30**

**Item 11 (continued)    Technical and health matters**

- Item 11.3 (continued) – Public health, innovation and intellectual property: global strategy and plan of action  
Documents A63/6, A63/6 Add.1 and A63/6 Add.2
- Item 11.4 (continued) – Monitoring of the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals  
Documents EB126/2010/REC/1, resolution EB126.R4, A63/7, A63/A/Conf.Paper No.2 Rev.1, A63/A/Conf.Paper No.2 Add.1 and A63/A/Conf.Paper No.8
- Item 11.5 (continued) – International recruitment of health personnel: draft global code of practice  
Documents A63/8 and A63/INF.DOC./2
- Item 11.6 (continued) – Infant and young child nutrition  
Documents EB126/2010/REC/1, resolution EB126.R5, A63/9 and A63/A/Conf.Paper No.9

**Fifth meeting of Committee B**

**Room XVII – 14:30**

**Item 17 (continued)    Staffing matters**

- Item 17.1 (continued) – The election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization  
Document A63/39

**Item 11 (continued)    Technical and health matters** (*Subitems transferred from Committee A*)

- Item 11.19 – WHO's role and responsibilities in health research  
Documents A63/22, A63/22 Add.1 and EB124/2009/REC/1, resolution EB124.R12
- Item 11.21 – Human organ and tissue transplantation  
Documents A63/24, A63/24 Add.1 and EB124/2009/REC/1, resolution EB124.R13

- Item 11.22 – Strengthening the capacity of governments to constructively engage the private sector in providing essential health-care services  
Documents A63/25, A63/25 Corr.1 and A63/25 Add.1
- Item 11.23 – Treatment and prevention of pneumonia  
Documents EB126/2010/REC/1, resolution EB126.R15 and A63/26

<b>Seventh plenary meeting</b>	<b>Assembly Hall – 17:00</b>
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**Item 7 Awards**

**Item 6 Executive Board: election**

Document A63/61

**Item 8 (continued) Reports of the main committees**

- **Second report of Committee A**  
Document A63/59 containing one resolution entitled:
  - *Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan*
- **First report of Committee B**  
Document A63/62 containing eight resolutions entitled:
  - *Financial report and audited financial statements for the period 1 January 2008 – 31 December 2009*
  - *Scale of assessments 2010–2011*
  - *Safety and security of staff and premises*
  - *The Capital Master Plan*
  - *Report of the External Auditor*
  - *Salaries of staff in ungraded posts and of the Director-General*
  - *Partnerships*
  - *Agreements with intergovernmental organizations*
 and one decision entitled:
  - *Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee*
- **Third report of Committee A**  
Document A63/63 containing one resolution entitled:
  - *Advancing food safety initiatives*

<b>Tenth meeting of Committee A (evening session)</b>	<b>Room XVIII – Immediately after plenary adjourns</b>
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**Item 11 (continued) Technical and health matters**

- Item 11.7 – Birth defects  
Documents EB126/2010/REC/1, resolution EB126.R6 and A63/10 and A63/A/Conf.Paper No.10

**Item 11** (continued)    **Technical and health matters** (*Subitems transferred from Committee A*)

Item 11.24

– Progress reports

Document A63/27

- A. Poliomyelitis: mechanism for management of potential risks to eradication (resolution WHA61.1)
- B. Control of human African trypanosomiasis (resolution WHA57.2)
- C. Reproductive health: strategy to accelerate progress towards the attainment of international development goals and targets (resolution WHA57.12)
- D. Rapid scaling up of health workforce production (resolution WHA59.23)
- E. Strengthening nursing and midwifery (resolution WHA59.27)
- F. Sustaining the elimination of iodine deficiency disorders (resolution WHA60.21)
- G. Multilingualism: implementation of action plan (resolution WHA61.12)
- H. Health of migrants (resolution WHA61.17)
- I. Climate change and health (resolution WHA61.19)
- J. Primary health care, including health system strengthening (resolution WHA62.12)

**Friday, 21 May 2010****Eleventh meeting of Committee A****09:00**

Finalization of resolutions and reports

**Seventh meeting of Committee B****09:00**

Finalization of resolutions and reports

**Twelfth meeting of Committee A****14:30**

Finalization of resolutions and reports

**Eight meeting of Committee B****14:30**

Finalization of resolutions and reports

**Eighth plenary meeting****Immediately following the closure of Committees A and B****Item 8** (continued)    **Reports of the main committees****Item 9**    **Closure of the Health Assembly**

## II. Report of meetings

### Sixth plenary meeting

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In the chair: Mr Mondher Zenaïdi (Tunisia)  
President of the Sixty-third World Health Assembly

- Report of the Committee on Credentials

The President presented the report of the Committee on Credentials (document A63/60) which was approved by the Health Assembly.

The President informed the Health Assembly that formal credentials have been received from the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the United Arab Emirates. In accordance with previous practice, the President has examined these credentials and found them to be in conformity with the Rules of Procedure of the Health Assembly. The President recommended that the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the United Arab Emirates be accepted as having formal credentials. The Health Assembly approved the President's recommendation.

### Item 8

#### Reports of the main committees

##### – First report of Committee A (document A63/58)

The first report of Committee A was introduced and the following resolution contained in the document was adopted:

- *Pandemic influenza preparedness: sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits*

The first report of Committee A was approved by the Health Assembly.

### Fifth meeting of Committee A

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Chairman: Dr Masato Mugitani (Japan)

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#### Draft second report of Committee A

The Chairman invited the Rapporteur (Dr Praveen Mishra [Nepal]) to read out the second draft report of Committee A, document (Draft) A63/59, containing one resolution entitled:

- *Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan*

The resolution was approved and the second draft report of Committee A was adopted.

### Item 11 (continued)

#### Technical and health matters

#### Item 11.6

- Infant and young child nutrition

The Chairman drew the Committee's attention to documents A63/9, draft resolution EB126.R5 contained in document EB126/2010/REC/1 and gave the floor to the representative of the Executive Board for introductory remarks.

Thirty-five delegations participated in the debate on this item, nine of which requested amendments to the draft resolution EB126.R5. The Chairman then gave the floor to a representative of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the observer from Chinese Taipei and two nongovernmental organizations made statements.

The Chairman then gave the floor to the Secretariat who responded to issues raised. It was agreed that the agenda item remain open and be considered at a subsequent meeting of Committee A once a revised version of the draft resolution, taking into account the proposed amendments, is available to the Committee members.

Item 11.7

- Birth defects

The Chairman drew the Committee's attention to documents A63/10 and to draft resolution EB126.R6 contained in document EB126/2010/REC/1

The representative of the Executive Board introduced this subitem, after which three delegations took the floor, two of which requested amendments to the draft resolution. Consideration of this item will resume at the next meeting of Committee A.

#### **First meeting of Committee B**

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Chairman: Dr Wimal Jayantha (Sri Lanka)

#### **Item 12**

##### **Opening of the Committee**

- Including election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur

In accordance with Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the Committee elected Dr George J. Komba-Kono (Sierra Leone) and Dr Nasr El Sayed (Egypt) as Vice-Chairmen, and Dr Arne-Petter Sanne (Norway) as Rapporteur.

#### **Item 14**

##### **Programme and budget matters**

Item 14.1

- Programme budget 2008–2009: performance assessment

The Chairman opened the subitem and gave the floor to the Chair of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee (PBAC) of the Executive Board to inform the Committee of the PBAC's discussion held on 14 May 2010. The Chairman invited comments from the floor. Four delegations took the floor during the debate. The Secretariat responded to the questions raised. The Committee noted the report.

Item 14.2

- Eleventh General Programme of Work, 2006–2015

The Chair of the PBAC was invited to inform the Committee on the PBAC discussion on this subitem. The Committee adopted the report.

#### **Item 15**

##### **Financial matters**

Item 15.1

- Financial report and audited financial statements for the period 1 January 2008 – 31 December 2009

The Chair of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board was invited to inform the Committee of the PBAC's discussion on this subitem. The Chairman invited comments from the floor. Three delegations took the floor during the debate. The Secretariat responded to the questions raised. The Committee approved the draft resolution contained in document A63/51 Rev.1.

- Item 15.2 – 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

The Chairman informed the Committee that Equatorial Guinea and Djibouti have paid their contributions and are no longer affected by Article 7 for arrears. The Secretariat informed the Committee that Côte d'Ivoire made payment and accordingly amendments should be made to the report. One delegation took the floor. The Committee adopted the draft report as amended.

- Item 15.4 – Scale of assessments 2010–2011

The Chairman opened the item and invited comments from the floor. The Committee approved the draft resolution contained in document A63/31.

- Item 15.6 – Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules

The Chair of the PBAC informed the Committee of the PBAC discussion on this subitem. The Committee noted report contained in document A63/34.

- Item 15.7 – Safety and security of staff and premises and the Capital Master Plan

The Chairman invited the Chair of the PBAC to inform the Committee of the PBAC discussion on the safety and security of staff. Two delegations took the floor and the Secretariat responded to questions raised. The Committee approved the draft resolution contained in document A63/35.

The Chair of the PBAC then informed the Committee of the PBAC discussion on the Capital Master Plan. One delegation took the floor. The Committee approved the draft resolution contained in document A63/36.

## **Item 16                    Audit and oversight matters**

- Item 16.1 – Report of the External Auditor

The Chairman invited the Chair of the PBAC to inform the Committee of the PBAC discussion on this subitem, followed by the External Auditor. Two delegations took the floor. The Secretariat responded to questions raised and the Committee approved the draft resolution contained in document A63/56 Rev.1.

- Item 16.2 – Report of the Internal Auditor

The Chairman invited the Chair of the PBAC to inform the Committee of the PBAC discussion on this subitem. Two delegations took the floor. The Secretariat responded to questions raised and the Committee noted the report contained in document A63/38.

## **Item 17                    Staffing matters**

- Item 17.1 – The election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization

The Chairman opened the item and invited comments from the floor. Two delegations took the floor and the Secretariat responded to questions raised after which four delegations took the floor. The discussion of this subitem will resume at the next meeting of Committee B.



## Sixth meeting of Committee A

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Chairman: Dr Masato Mugitani (Japan)

### **Item 11 (continued) Technical and health matters**

#### **Item 11.20 Counterfeit medical products**

The Chairman opened the subitem and drew the Committee's attention to draft resolutions contained in documents A63/A/Conf.Paper No.4 Rev.1, A63/A/Conf.Paper No.5 and A63/A/Conf.Paper No.7. Twenty-seven delegations took the floor after which the observer from Chinese Taipei and three nongovernmental organizations made statements.

The debate on this subitem continued involving the Secretariat and 26 delegations.

Failing a consolidated view on how to take this agenda subitem, the meeting was adjourned.

## Second meeting of Committee B

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Chairman: Dr Wimal Jayantha (Sri Lanka)

### **Item 17 (continued) Staffing matters**

#### **Item 17.2 – Human resources: annual report**

Five delegations participated to the debate on this subitem. The Secretariat responded to questions raised. The Committee noted the report in document A63/40.

#### **Item 17.3 – Report of the International Civil Service Commission**

The Chairman opened the subitem and gave the floor to one delegation. The Committee noted the report in document A63/41.

#### **Item 17.4 – Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules**

The Chairman opened the subitem and gave the floor to one delegation. The Committee approved draft resolution EB126.R10.

#### **Item 17.6 – Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee**

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited the Committee to consider the appointment of one member and one alternate member the WHO Staff Pension Committee. The Committee approved the nomination of Dr A.A. Yoosuf (Maldives) as member, and Mr Rolando Chacon (Guatemala) as alternate member to the WHO Staff Pension Committee for a three-year term until May 2013.

### **Item 18 Management and legal matters**

#### **Item 18.1 – Partnerships**

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited comments from the floor. Eleven delegations took the floor. The Secretariat read out the proposed amendments and the draft resolution A63/44 was approved as amended.

#### **Item 18.2 – Method of work of the governing bodies**

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited comments from the floor. Two delegations took the floor. The Secretariat responded to questions raised. The Committee noted the report contained in document A63/45.

- Item 18.3 – Agreements with intergovernmental organizations
- The Chairman opened the subitem and gave the floor to two delegations. The Secretariat responded to questions raised. The Committee approved the draft resolution contained in document A63/46.
- Item 19 Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations**
- The Chairman opened the subitem and gave the floor to three delegations. The Committee noted the report contained in document A63/47
- Item 11 (continued) Technical and health matters** (*Subitems transferred from Committee A*)
- Item 11.13 – Leishmaniasis control
- The Chairman opened the subitem and gave the floor to five delegations. The Secretariat responded to questions raised. The Committee noted the report in document A63/16.
- Item 11.14 – Chagas disease: control and elimination
- Seven delegations participated to the debate on this item, four of whom proposed amendments. The Secretariat responded to questions raised. The Chairman suggested that the agenda item remain open and be considered at a subsequent meeting of Committee B once a revised version, taking into account the proposed amendments, is available to Committee members.
- Item 11.15 – Global eradication of measles
- The Chairman opened the item and invited comments from the floor. Four delegations took the floor. The discussion of this subitem will resume at the next meeting of Committee B. The meeting was adjourned.

#### Seventh meeting of Committee A

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Chairman: Dr Masato Mugitani (Japan)

- Item 11 (continued) Technical and health matters**
- Item 11.7 (continued) – Birth defects
- The Chairman reopened the subitem and drew the Committee's attention to draft resolution EB126.R6 *Birth defects* contained in document EB126/2010/REC/1 and gave the floor to 14 delegations, three of which requested amendments. Consideration of this item will resume pending circulation of the amended draft resolution to the Committee members.
- Item 11.20 (continued) – Counterfeit medical products
- Six delegations requested clarification on the continuation of subitem 11.20. Two delegations proposed that debate on this subitem be suspended as more time was needed for informal consultations. The subitem was suspended.

Item 11.8 – Food safety

The Chairman opened the subitem and drew the Committee's attention to draft resolution EB126.R7 *Advancing food safety initiatives* contained in EB126/2010/REC/1 and gave the floor to the Executive Board for introductory remarks. The Chairman gave the floor to 16 delegations and then to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and to the observer from Chinese Taipei, who made statements. The draft resolution was approved by consensus.

Item 11.9 – Prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases: implementation of the global strategy

The Chairman opened the subitem and drew the Committee's attention to the draft resolution *Marketing of food and non-alcoholic beverages to children* contained in document A63/A/Conf.Paper No.1. Three delegations took the floor, one of whom proposed an amendment. The meeting was adjourned.

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**Third meeting of Committee B**

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Chairman: Dr Wimal Jayantha (Sri Lanka)

**Item 17 (continued) Staffing matters**

Item 17.1 – The election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization

The Chairman reopened the item and invited comments from the floor. Forty-six delegations took part in the debate. The Secretariat responded to questions raised.

The Chairman proposed that this subitem be suspended so that interested delegations could develop a draft resolution for consideration at the fifth meeting of Committee B. The meeting was suspended.

### III. Technical briefing on Millennium Development Goals

The following technical briefing will take place during the Sixty-third World Health Assembly.

**Thursday, 20 May 2010**

**12:15–14:15**

**Room XXIV**

#### **Session 3: Strategies to achieve the MDGs**

*There will be interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish*

The third session will explore ways forward to achieve the MDGs, with particular attention to the role of more coherent and prioritized national health policies, strategies and plans and how WHO can assist countries.

### IV. Other meetings

The Secretariat has been advised that the following meetings will take place during the Sixty-third World Health Assembly:

**Thursday, 20 May 2010**

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08:00–09:00 Room XVI	Meeting of the Ministers of Health of the African Region. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
08:00–09:00 Room VII	Coordination meeting of Member States of the Region of the Americas.
08:00–09:00 Room XXII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the European Union.
08:15–08:45 Room IX	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Eastern Mediterranean Region. <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, English and French.</i>
08:30–09:30 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Western Pacific Region.
12:00–13:15 Room VIII	Briefing on lessons learned in the Philippines on access to medicines and transparency, organized by the delegation of the Philippines.
12:00–14:30 Room IX	The EU role in global health. Organized by the delegation of the European Union and Spain.
12:30–14:30 Room XVI	Panel discussion on 21st century approaches to public health governance. Sponsored by the Public Health Agency of Canada
13:30–14:30 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the South-East Asia Region.
15:00–16:30 Room IV	Consultations on the UN Secretary-General's Joint Action Plan for Maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH). Organized by Norway, PMNCH and World Vision International.
17:30–19:30 Room IX	The endgame for MDGs 4 and 5: a prescription for action. Organized by Save the Children, World Vision, Voluntary Service Overseas and Action for Global Health and OXFAM.

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## Friday, 21 May 2010

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08:00–09:00 Room XVI	Meeting of the Ministers of Health of the African Region. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
08:00–09:00 Room VII	Coordination meeting of Member States of the Region of the Americas.
08:00–09:00 Room XXII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the European Union.
08:15–08:45 Room IX	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Eastern Mediterranean Region. <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, English and French.</i>
08:30–09:30 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Western Pacific Region.
13:30–14:30 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the South-East Asia Region.

## V. Announcements

### Facilities

A business centre for delegates to the Health Assembly is available in Room A.821 for word processing and photocopying needs.

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