



WHO reform

High-level implementation plan and report

Report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly

1. The eighteenth meeting of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee was held in Geneva on 16 and 17 May 2013 under the chairmanship of Dr Jamal Thabet Nasher (Yemen).¹ The Committee adopted its agenda.²
2. The Committee welcomed the report by the Director-General,³ together with the presentation made by the Secretariat providing an update on the development of the high-level reform implementation plan. Referring to the progress made thus far in implementing reform activities, the Committee noted that further work to strengthen performance measures is critical to the success of the reform effort.
3. The Committee requested additional information on: (i) the implications of the reduction in the reform budget for the delivery of Organizational activities; and (ii) the effect of reform at the regional and country levels. The Committee also commented on the need to strengthen and accelerate work on the different elements of governance reform.
4. The Secretariat confirmed that work is under way to enhance the quality of performance measures. In order to illustrate the increasing impact that reforms will have at the regional and country levels, the Secretariat provided examples of the scaling-up of both mobility and rotation and operational planning in the context of programmatic reform and described the Organization-wide impact that this will have. In relation to governance reform, the Secretariat noted that the Executive Board will be considering reports on this subject,⁴ including a proposed approach to WHO's engagement with non-State actors.

RECOMMENDATION TO THE HEALTH ASSEMBLY

5. The Committee, on behalf of the Executive Board, recommended that the the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly note the report.

¹ The list of participants is available in document EBPBAC18/DIV./1.

² Document EBPBAC18/1.

³ Document A66/4.

⁴ Documents EB133/3 and EB133/16.