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Programme of meetings for Friday, 23 May 2014

Time	Plenary <i>Assembly Hall</i>	Committee A <i>Room XVIII</i>	Committee B <i>Room XVII</i>
09:00	Eighth meeting		
Immediately after conclusion of item 8 in plenary		Eighth meeting	Fourth meeting
14:30		Ninth meeting	Fifth meeting
18:00–21:00		Tenth meeting (evening session)	

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Drafting group meetings (*full interpretation will be provided*)

Item 14.3 Addressing the global challenge of violence, in particular against women and girls (document A67/A/CONF./1)	Immediately after conclusion of item 8 in plenary until 11:45 and 14:30–17:30 <i>Room XXIII</i>
Item 14.1 Monitoring the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals, to discuss “Health in the post-2015 development agenda” (document A67/A/CONF./4 Rev.1)	09:15–12:15 <i>Room XXIV</i>

Executive Board – EB135

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I. Programme of work of the Health Assembly

Friday, 23 May 2014

Eighth plenary meeting	Assembly Hall – 09:00
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Item 6 Executive Board: election

Document A67/67

Item 8 (continued) Reports of the main committees

- **Second report of Committee A**
Document (Draft) A67/64 containing one resolution entitled:
 - *Improved decision-making by the governing bodies*and one decision entitled:
 - *Consideration of the financial and administrative implications for the Secretariat of resolutions proposed for adoption by the Executive Board or Health Assembly*
- **Third report of Committee A**
Document (Draft) A67/65 containing one decision entitled:
 - *Maternal, infant and young child nutrition*
- **First report of Committee B**
Document (Draft) A67/66 containing one decision entitled:
 - *Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan*and three resolutions entitled:
 - *Financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2013*
 - *Supplementary funding for real estate and longer-term staff liabilities*
 - *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*

Eighth, ninth and tenth meetings of Committee A

Room XVIII – 09:30
(immediately after conclusion of item 8 in plenary)
14:30 and 18:00–21:00

Draft fourth report of Committee A

Document (Draft) A67/68 containing one resolution entitled:

- *Hepatitis*

Item 13 (continued) Noncommunicable diseases

Item 13.3 Disability

Documents A67/16, A67/A/CONF./3 and A67/A/CONF./3 Add.1

Item 13.4 Comprehensive and coordinated efforts for the management of autism spectrum disorders

Documents A67/17, A67/17 Add.1 and EB133/2013/REC/1, resolution EB133.R1

- Item 13.5 – Psoriasis
Documents A67/18, A67/18 Add.1 and EB133/2013/REC/1, resolution EB133.R2
- Item 14 (continued) Promoting health through the life course**
- Item 14.2 – Newborn health: draft action plan
Documents A67/21, A67/21 Corr.1, A67/A/CONF./2 and A67/A/CONF./2 Add.1
- Item 14.4 – Multisectoral action for a life course approach to healthy ageing
Document A67/23
- Item 14.5 – Public health impacts of exposure to mercury and mercury compounds: the role of WHO and ministries of public health in the implementation of the Minamata Convention
Documents A67/24 and EB134/2014/REC/1, resolution EB134.R5
- Item 14.6 – Contributing to social and economic development: sustainable action across sectors to improve health and health equity
Documents A67/25 and EB134/2014/REC/1, resolution EB134.R8
- Item 16 Preparedness, surveillance and response**
- Item 16.4 – Poliomyelitis: intensification of the global eradication initiative
Document A67/38
- Item 11 (continued) WHO reform**
- Item 11.3 (continued) – Framework of engagement with non-State actors
Documents A67/6, A67/54 and A67/A/CONF./5
- Item 16 (continued) Preparedness, surveillance and response**
- Item 16.1 – Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)
Documents A67/35, A67/35 Add.1 and EB134/2014/REC/1, resolution EB134.R10
- Item 16.2 – Pandemic influenza preparedness: sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits
Documents A67/36 and A67/36 Add.1
- Item 16.3 – Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks
Document A67/37
- Item 16.5 – Antimicrobial drug resistance
Documents A67/39, A67/39 Add.1 and EB134/2014/REC/1, resolution EB134.R13

Fourth and fifth meetings of Committee B

Room XVII – 09:30
(immediately after conclusion of item 8 in plenary)
and 14:30

Draft second report of Committee B

Document (Draft) A67/69 containing two resolutions entitled:

- *Report of the External Auditor*
- *Salaries of staff in ungraded posts and of the Director-General*

and two decisions entitled:

- *Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee*
- *Real estate: update on the Geneva buildings renovation strategy*

Item 15 (continued) Health systems *(item transferred from Committee A)*

- Item 15.1 (continued) – Traditional medicine
Documents A67/26, EB134/2014/REC/1, resolution EB134.R6 and A67/B/CONF./3
- Item 15.2 (continued) – Follow-up of the report of the Consultative Expert Working Group on Research and Development: Financing and Coordination
Documents A67/27, A67/28, A67/28 Add.1 and A67/B/CONF./2
- Item 15.3 – Substandard/spurious/falsely-labelled/falsified/counterfeit medical products
Document A67/29
- Item 15.4 – Access to essential medicines
Documents A67/30 and EB134/2014/REC/1, resolution EB134.R16
- Item 15.5 – Strengthening of palliative care as a component of integrated treatment throughout the life course
Documents A67/31 and EB134/2014/REC/1, resolution EB134.R7
- Item 15.6 – Regulatory system strengthening
Documents A67/32 and EB134/2014/REC/1, resolutions EB134.R17 and EB134.R19
- Item 15.7 – Health intervention and technology assessment in support of universal health coverage
Documents A67/33 and EB134/2014/REC/1, resolution EB134.R14
- Item 15.8 – Follow-up of the Recife Political Declaration on Human Resources for Health: renewed commitments towards universal health coverage
Documents A67/34 and EB134/2014/REC/1, resolution EB134.R15

Item 17 Progress reports *(item transferred from Committee A)*
Document A67/40

Communicable diseases

- A. Global health sector strategy on HIV/AIDS, 2011–2015 (resolution WHA64.14)
B. Eradication of dracunculiasis (resolution WHA64.16)

Noncommunicable diseases

- C. Child injury prevention (resolution WHA64.27)

Promoting health through the life course

- D. Reproductive health: strategy to accelerate progress towards the attainment of international development goals and targets (resolution WHA57.12)
E. Female genital mutilation (resolution WHA61.16)
F. Youth and health risks (resolution WHA64.28)
G. Implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Commission on Life-Saving Commodities for Women and Children (resolution WHA66.7)
H. Climate change and health (resolution EB124.R5)

Health systems

- I. Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property (resolution WHA61.21)
J. Availability, safety and quality of blood products (resolution WHA63.12)
K. Human organ and tissue transplantation (resolution WHA63.22)
L. WHO strategy on research for health

Preparedness, surveillance and response

M. WHO's response, and role as the health cluster lead, in meeting the growing demands of health in humanitarian emergencies (resolution WHA65.20)

Corporate services/enabling functions

N. Multilingualism: implementation of action plan (resolution WHA61.12)

Saturday, 24 May 2014

Eleventh meeting of Committee A	Room XVIII – 09:00
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Item 14 (continued) Promoting health through the life course

- Item 14.1 – Monitoring the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals
Document A67/19
- Health in the post-2015 development agenda
Documents A67/20 and A67/A/CONF./4 Rev.1 and
A67/A/CONF./4 Rev.1 Add.1
- Item 14.3 – Addressing the global challenge of violence, in particular against women and girls
Documents A67/22, A67/A/CONF./1 and A67/A/CONF./1 Add.1

Finalization of resolutions and reports

Sixth meeting of Committee B	Room XVII – 09:00
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Finalization of resolutions and reports

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

II. Report of meetings

Seventh plenary meeting

In the chair: Dr Roberto Morales Ojeda (Cuba)
President of the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly

Item 7

Awards

The President welcomed the distinguished recipients of the prizes and the representatives of the foundations.

- **Ihsan Dogramaci Family Health Foundation Prize**

The President announced that the 2014 Ihsan Dogramaci Family Health Foundation Prize has been awarded to Professor Zulfiqar Bhutta from Pakistan.

Professor Ali Dogramaci, chair of the board of trustees of the University of Bilkent addressed the Health Assembly on behalf of the Ihsan Dogramaci Family Health Foundation.

Professor Zulfiqar Bhutta received the award and addressed the Health Assembly.

- **Sasakawa Health Prize**

The President announced that the Sasakawa Health Prize has been awarded to the Leprosy Control Foundation, Dominican Institute of Dermatology and Skin Surgery “Dr Hubert Bogaert Diaz” of the Dominican Republic represented by its Director, Dr Emma Guzmán.

Mr Yohei Sasakawa, WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination, Chairman of the Nippon Foundation, addressed the Assembly on behalf of the Sasakawa Memorial Health Foundation.

Dr Emma Guzmán received the award and addressed the Health Assembly.

- **United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Prize**

The President announced that the United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Prize has been awarded to the Institute for Research in Health of Costa Rica, represented by Dr Francisco Gólcher-Valverde, Contralor Institucional, Asesor del Despacho Ministerial para el Tema de Salud Mental, of the Ministry of Health of Costa Rica.

His Excellency, Obaid Salem Saeed Al Zaabi, Ambassador, Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office and other Specialized Agencies at Geneva, representing the Founder of the United Arab Emirates Health Foundation, addressed the Assembly.

Dr Francisco Gólcher-Valverde received the award and addressed the Health Assembly.

- **Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health**

The President announced that Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health has been awarded jointly to Professor Sinata Koulla-Shiro of Cameroon and to the Czech Society of Cardiology of the Czech Republic, represented by its Scientific Secretary, Professor Jaromir Hradec.

Dr Soo-Ku Lee, President of the Korea Foundation for International Health Care, addressed the Assembly on behalf of the Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Fund.

Professor Sinata Koulla-Shiro and Professor Jaromir Hradec received the award and addressed the Health Assembly.

At the conclusion of the Awards ceremony, the President informed the Health Assembly that in view of the progress of work of both Committees, the General Committee decided to transfer agenda item 15 Health systems and agenda item 17 Progress reports, from Committee A to Committee B. This information has already been announced in Committees A and B.

Sixth meeting of Committee A

Chairman: Dr Pamela Rendi-Wagner (Austria)

– **Draft third report of Committee A**

The Chairman opened the meeting and invited the Rapporteur (Dr Helen Mbugua [Kenya]), to read out the third draft report of Committee A, document (draft) A67/65 containing one decision entitled:

- *Maternal, infant and young child nutrition*

The decision was approved and the third draft report of Committee A was adopted.

Item 12 (continued) Communicable diseases

Item 12.3 (continued) – Hepatitis

The Chairman re-opened the subitem and the Committee was asked to consider the draft resolution EB134/R.18 contained in document EB134/2014/REC/1. The Committee approved the draft resolution as amended.

Item 13 (continued) Noncommunicable diseases

Item 13.1 – Prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited the representative of the Executive Board to provide an update of the outcome of the discussion which took place at the 134th session of the Executive Board in January 2014.

The Chairman opened the debate on the nine action point indicators of the WHO Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases 2012-2020, the report of the formal meeting of the Member States to complete the terms of reference for the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases, and on the proposed terms of reference for the global coordination mechanism on the prevention and control of communicable diseases contained in documents A67/14, A67/14 Add.1, A67/14 Add.3.

Second meeting of Committee B

Chairman: Dr Ruhakana Rugunda (Uganda)

Later: Dr Siale Akauola (Tonga)

– **Draft first report of Committee B**

The Chairman opened the meeting and invited the Rapporteur (Dr Dipendra Raman Singh [Nepal]), to read out the first draft report of Committee B, document (draft) A67/66, containing one decision entitled:

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

and three resolutions entitled:

- *Financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2013*
- *Supplementary funding for real estate and longer-term staff liabilities*

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The first report of Committee B was adopted.

Item 21

Audit and oversight matters

Item 21.1

- Report of the External Auditor

The Chairman invited the Vice-Chair of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee (PBAC) of the Executive Board to inform the Committee of the PBAC's discussion on this item. The External Auditor then presented her report. The Secretariat responded to questions raised. The Committee approved the draft resolution contained in document A67/58.

Item 21.2

- Report of the Internal Auditor

The Chairman invited the Chair of the PBAC to inform the Committee of the PBAC's discussion on this item. The Secretariat responded to questions raised and the Internal Auditor made a statement. The Committee noted the report contained in document A67/46.

Item 22

Staffing matters

Item 22.1

- Human resources: annual report

The Chairman invited the Chairman of the PBAC to inform the Committee of the PBAC's discussion on this item. The Secretariat responded to questions raised. The Committee noted the report contained in document A67/47.

Item 22.2

- Report of the International Civil Service Commission

The Chairman opened the item and invited comments from the floor. The Committee noted the report contained in document A67/48.

Item 22.3

- Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules

The Chairman opened the item and invited the Committee to consider the report contained in document A67/49 and resolution EB134.R12. The Committee noted the report and approved the resolution.

Item 22.4

- Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee

The Chairman opened the item and invited the Committee to approve the decision to nominate Dr Ebenezer Appiah-Denkyira (Ghana) as a member of the WHO Staff Pension Committee for a three-year term until May 2017 and Dr Michel Tailhades (Switzerland) as senior alternate member for the remainder of his term until May 2015.

Dr Darren Hunt (New Zealand) and Dr Mariam A. Al-Jalahma (Bahrain) are alternate members for a three-year term until May 2017.

The Committee paid tribute to the late Dr Ali Jaffer Mohamed, former member of the WHO Staff Pension Committee (Oman).

The draft decision contained in document A67/50 was approved.

Item 23

Management and legal matters

Item 23.1

- Follow-up of the report of the Working Group on the Election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization

The Chairman opened the item and invited the Committee to comment on the report contained in document A67/51. The Secretariat responded to the issues raised. The Committee noted the report and the item was closed.

- Item 23.2 – Real estate: update on the Geneva buildings renovation strategy
- The chairman invited the Vice-Chair of the PBAC of the Executive Board to inform the Committee of the PBAC's discussion on this item. The Chairman then invited the Committee to consider the draft decision contained in document A67/61. The Secretariat responded to issues raised. The Committee approved the draft decision as amended.
- Item 24 Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations**
- The Chairman opened the item and invited comments from the floor. The Committee noted the report contained in document A67/53.
- Item 15 Health systems** (*item transferred from Committee A*)
- Item 15.1 – Traditional medicine
- The Chairman opened the item and invited the Committee to consider the report contained in document A67/26 and the resolution EB134.R6 contained in document EB134/2014/REC/1. The meeting was adjourned.

Seventh meeting of Committee A

Chairman: Dr Pamela Rendi-Wagner (Austria)

Item 13 (continued) Noncommunicable diseases

Item 13.1 (continued) – Prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases

The Chairman resumed discussion of this subitem and the Secretariat responded to issues raised.

The Committee recommended the submission of the terms of reference for the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases to ECOSOC, contained in document A67/14.

The Committee endorsed the terms of reference for the global coordination mechanism on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases contained in the Annex of document A67/14 Add.1.

The Committee noted the workplan, as amended, for the global coordination mechanism, including the terms of reference for the working groups, of the global coordination mechanism as contained in document A67/14 Add.3.

Third meeting of Committee B

Chairman: Dr Siale Akauola (Tonga)

Item 15 (continued) Health systems (*item transferred from Committee A*)

Item 15.1 (continued) – Traditional medicine

The Chairman re-opened the item and invited comments from the floor. Four delegations requested amendments to resolution EB134.R6. The item was suspended to the next meeting of Committee B.

Item 15.2 – Follow-up of the report of the Consultative Expert Working Group on Research and Development: Financing and Coordination

The Chairman opened the item and invited comments from the floor. Two delegations requested a draft decision for consideration by the Committee. The item was suspended to the next meeting of Committee B.

III. Technical briefing

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

Friday, 23 May 2014

12:30–14:15

Room XII

The role of priority setting in universal health coverage: the value of international support for Health Intervention and Technology Assessment

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

In most low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), achieving universal health coverage (UHC) requires priority setting of the many alternative ways to address health problems, as finance, human resources, medicines/health technologies and facilities are always limited. To support the rational use of resources, health intervention and technology assessment (HITA), including cost-effectiveness analysis, has been widely recognized as offering a useful set of tools to assist the process of establishing priorities.

In this technical briefing, we will share the experiences of Member States, international organizations and development partners in the use of explicit frameworks for priority setting – in order to inform transparent decision-making and facilitate progress towards universal health coverage – as well as discuss the role of WHO and partners in building HITA capacity.

IV. Other meetings

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

Friday, 23 May 2014

08:00–08:45 Room XVI	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO African Region. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
08:15–08:45 Room IX	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region. <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, English and French.</i>
08:30–08:50 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.
08:30–08:50 Room XXIV	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO European Region.
12:15–13:45 Room IV	Research that changed history – a review of 40 years of impact on infectious diseases by the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR). Organized by the WHO Secretariat.
12:15–13:45 Room XXIII	Psoriasis: an NCD causing major suffering and impacts on health-related quality of life. Organized by the delegations of Argentina, Ecuador, Panama and Qatar. <i>There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.</i>
12:30–14:00 Room VII	Health for the world's adolescents. Organized by the delegation of Norway and the WHO Secretariat. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
12:30–14:00 Room IX	Community health care: bringing health care to your door. Organized by the delegation of Bangladesh and the WHO Secretariat.
12:30–14:00 Room XV	Universal health coverage starts at the grassroots – are community health workers cost effective? Organized by the delegation of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Global Health Workforce Alliance. <i>By invitation only.</i>
12:30–14:00 Room XXIV	Group of the Americas (GRUA). <i>There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.</i>

13:20–14:20 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
17:45–19:15 Room IX	Meaningful youth engagement in health policy and programmes – why and how? Organized by the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations.
18:00–20:00 Room XII	Burden and management of mycetoma. Organized by the delegation of Sudan and Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative (DNDi). <i>There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.</i>

Saturday, 24 May 2014

08:00–08:45 Room XVI	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO African Region. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
08:15–08:45 Room IX	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region. <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, English and French.</i>
08:30–08:50 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.
08:30–08:50 Room XXIV	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO European Region.
13:20–14:20 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.

V. Executive Board

135th session of the Executive Board, 26–27 May 2014 WHO headquarters – Executive Board room

Please note the following administrative arrangements:

Online registration

Online registration for the 135th session of the Executive Board is required and is open until the end of the session (27 May 2014). Information pertaining to the online registration can be found at:
<http://www.who.int/governance/registration/en/index.html>.

Badges

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 Palais, registration desk between doors 13 and 15
Friday 23 May: 08:00–17:00
Saturday 24 May: 08:00 until the closure of the plenary session but no later than 18:00
- at WHO headquarters main lobby
Monday 26 May: 07:30–17:30
Tuesday 27 May: 08:00 until the end of the session

Documents

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.

Working hours

09:30–12:30 and 14:30–17:30

VI. Announcements

Facilities

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

Open access to wireless connection is available in all important common areas in the Palais des Nations.

- World Health Organization web site: <http://www.who.int>
- World Health Assembly and Executive Board documentation: <http://www.who.int/gb/e/index.html>

WHO information products and souvenirs on sale

The WHO bookshop is located at the Palais des Nations between doors 13 and 15. The latest publications and information products issued by WHO and its regional offices are available at a 50% discount. WHO souvenirs are also on display. The bookshop is open Monday to Friday from 09:00 to 16:30 at the Palais des Nations and from 09:00 to 16:30 at WHO headquarters.

Personal mail

Delegates and representatives of nongovernmental organizations in official relations with WHO are kindly requested to collect **every day** their personal mail, messages, invitations at the enquiry desk.

Medical service

Delegates who require medical attention can call 022 917 4048.

Security

If you face a security-related emergency or have any particular question concerning your security while in Geneva, please contact WHO security office/duty officer telephone number at: +41(0)22 791 11 52.

We also would like to remind you that security screening checks, during the World Health Assembly, have increased for both vehicles and pedestrians seeking access to the Palais des Nations and to the conference room areas. As a result, we would advise that you have with you a photo ID in addition to your WHA67 badge to facilitate your entry into the Health Assembly area.

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