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### Programme of meetings for Monday, 18 May 2015

Time	Plenary <i>Assembly Hall</i>	Committee A <i>Room XVIII</i>	Other
09:30	First plenary meeting		
Immediately after conclusion of Item 1.3 in plenary			General Committee <i>Room XII</i>
Immediately after conclusion of the General Committee	Second plenary meeting		
14:30	Third plenary meeting		
After commencement of general discussion under Item 3		First meeting	

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\* This number supersedes the preliminary number of the Journal issued on 8 May 2015. The programme of work is subject to decisions taken by the Health Assembly and the General Committee.

## I. Tentative programme of work of the Health Assembly

**Monday, 18 May 2015**

<b>First plenary meeting</b>	<b>Assembly Hall – 09:30</b>
	Delegations will sit in the English alphabetical order of names of Member States commencing with the letter “A” as decided by the drawing of lots. Delegations are requested to take their seats a few minutes before 09:00.
<b>Item 1</b>	<b>Opening of the Health Assembly</b>
Item 1.1	– Appointment of the Committee on Credentials
Item 1.2	– Election of the President of the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly
Item 1.3	– Election of the five Vice-Presidents, the Chairmen of the main committees, and establishment of the General Committee
<b>General Committee<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Room XII – Immediately after conclusion of Item 1.3 in plenary</b>
	Examination and submission to the Health Assembly of recommendations on such questions as:
	– Adoption of the provisional agenda as proposed by the Executive Board
	– Addition of supplementary items, if any, to the provisional agenda
	– Initial allocation to the main committees of items of the agenda
	– Deferment of any item to a future Health Assembly
	– Programme of work of the Health Assembly
<b>Second plenary meeting</b>	<b>Assembly Hall – Immediately after conclusion of the General Committee</b>
<b>Item 4</b>	<b>Invited speaker</b>
	<b>Presidential address</b>
Item 1.4	– Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items to the main committees
	Document A68/1
<b>Item 2</b>	<b>Report of the Executive Board on its 135th and 136th sessions</b>
	Document A68/2
	Announcement by the President inviting suggestions regarding election of Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board
<b>Third plenary meeting</b>	<b>Assembly Hall – 14:30</b>
<b>Item 3</b>	<b>Address by Dr Margaret Chan, Director-General</b>
	Document A68/3 (to be distributed on the following day)
	– General discussion

<sup>1</sup> Rules 29 and 30 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly define membership of and attendance at the General Committee. Web link: <http://www.who.int/governance>.

<b>First meeting of Committee A</b>	<b>Room XVIII – After commencement of general discussion under Item 3</b>
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<b>Item 10</b>	<b>Opening of the Committee</b>
	– Including election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur

<b>Item 16</b>	<b>Communicable diseases</b>
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Item 16.1	2014 Ebola virus disease outbreak and follow-up to the Special Session of the Executive Board on Ebola
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Documents A68/24, A68/25, A68/26, A68/27, A68/51 and A68/56

## Tuesday, 19 May 2015

<b>Fourth plenary meeting</b>	<b>Assembly Hall – 09:00</b>
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<b>Item 3</b> (continued)	– General discussion
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<b>Second meeting of Committee A</b>	<b>Room XVIII – 09:00</b>
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<b>Item 16</b> (continued)	<b>Communicable diseases</b>
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Item 16.2	Malaria: draft global technical strategy: post 2015
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Documents A68/28 and EB136/2015/REC/1, resolution EB136.R1

Item 16.3	Dengue: prevention and control
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<b>Committee on Credentials</b>	<b>Room VII – 14:00</b>
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<b>Fifth plenary meeting</b>	<b>Assembly Hall – 14:30</b>
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<b>Item 3</b> (continued)	– General discussion
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<b>Third meeting of Committee A</b>	<b>Room XVIII – 14:30</b>
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<b>Item 16</b> (continued)	<b>Communicable diseases</b>
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Item 16.4	Global vaccine action plan
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## Wednesday, 20 May 2015

<b>Sixth plenary meeting</b>	<b>Assembly Hall – 09:00</b>
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–	Report of the Committee on Credentials
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<b>Item 5</b>	<b>Admission of new Members and Associate Members [if any]</b>
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<b>Item 3</b> (continued)	– General discussion
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<b>Fourth meeting of Committee A</b>	<b>Room XVIII – Immediately after conclusion of Item 5 in plenary</b>
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<b>Item 11</b>	<b>WHO reform</b>
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Item 11.1	Overview of reform implementation
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Documents A68/4 and A68/52

Item 11.2	Framework of engagement with non-State actors
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Documents A68/5, A68/53 and EB136/2015/REC/1, decision EB136(3)

<b>First meeting of Committee B</b>	<b>Room XVII – Immediately after conclusion of Item 3 in plenary</b>
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- Item 19                      Opening of the Committee**
- Including election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur

<b>Fifth meeting of Committee A</b>	<b>Room XVIII – 14:30</b>
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- Item 12                      Programme and budget matters**
- Item 12.1                      Implementation and financing of Programme budget 2014–2015: mid-term review  
    Documents A68/6 and A68/54
- Item 12.2                      Proposed programme budget 2016–2017  
    Documents A68/7, A68/7 Add.1, A68/55 and A68/INF./7
- Item 15                      Preparedness, surveillance and response**
- Item 15.1                      Antimicrobial resistance  
    Documents A68/19 and A68/20
- Item 15.2                      Poliomyelitis  
    Documents A68/21, A68/21 Add.1, A68/21 Add.2 and A68/21 Add.3

<b>Second meeting of Committee B</b>	<b>Room XVII – 14:30</b>
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- Item 20                      Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan**
- Documents A68/37, A68/INF./2, A68/INF./3, A68/INF./4 and A68/INF./5

<b>General Committee</b>	<b>Room XII – 17:30</b>
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<b>Sixth meeting of Committee A</b>	<b>Room XVIII – 09:00</b>
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- Item 15 (continued)      Preparedness, surveillance and response**
- Item 15.3                      Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)  
    Documents A68/22, A68/22 Add.1 and EB136/2015/REC/1, resolutions EB136.R5 and EB136.R6
- Item 15.4                      WHO response in severe, large-scale emergencies  
    Document A68/23

<b>Third meeting of Committee B</b>	<b>Room XVII – 09:00</b>
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- Item 21                      Financial matters**
- Item 21.1                      Financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014  
    Documents A68/38, A68/57 and A68/INF./1
- Item 21.2                      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  
    Documents A68/39 and A68/58

**Seventh meeting of Committee A****Room XVIII – 14:30****Item 17                      Health systems**

- Item 17.1                      Strengthening emergency and essential surgical care and anaesthesia as a component of universal health coverage  
Documents A68/31 and EB136/2015/REC/1, resolution EB136.R7
- Item 17.2                      WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel  
Documents A68/32 and A68/32 Add.1
- Item 17.3                      Substandard/spurious/falsely-labelled/falsified/counterfeit medical products  
Documents A68/33 and EB136/2015/REC/1, decision EB136(1)
- Item 17.4                      Follow-up of the report of the Consultative Expert Working Group on Research and Development: Financing and Coordination  
Documents A68/34 and A68/34 Add.1
- Item 17.5                      Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property  
Documents A68/35 and EB136/2015/REC/1, decision EB136(17)

**Fourth meeting of Committee B****Room XVII – 14:30****Item 21 (continued)      Financial matters**

- Item 21.3                      Special arrangements for settlement of arrears [if any]
- Item 21.4                      Scale of assessments for 2016–2017  
Documents A68/40 and EB136/2015/REC/1, resolution EB136.R9
- Item 21.5                      Assessment of new Members and Associate Members [if any]

**Seventh plenary meeting****Assembly Hall – 17:00****Item 7                      Awards****Friday, 22 May 2015****Eighth plenary meeting****Assembly Hall – 09:00****Item 6                      Executive Board: election****Item 8                      Reports of the main committees****Eighth meeting of Committee A****Room XVIII – Immediately after conclusion of Item 8 in plenary****Item 14                      Promoting health through the life course**

- Item 14.1                      Monitoring the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals  
Document A68/13
- Item 14.2                      Health in the post-2015 development agenda  
Document A68/14
- Item 14.3                      Adolescent health  
Document A68/15

- Item 14.4 Women and health: 20 years of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action  
Document A68/16
- Item 14.5 Contributing to social and economic development: sustainable action across sectors to improve health and health equity (follow-up of the 8th Global Conference on Health Promotion)  
Document A68/17
- Item 14.6 Health and the environment: addressing the health impact of air pollution  
Documents A68/18 and EB136/2015/REC/1, decision EB136(14)

<b>Fifth meeting of Committee B</b>	<b>Room XVII – Immediately after conclusion of Item 8 in plenary</b>
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- Item 22 Audit and oversight matters**
- Item 22.1 Report of the External Auditor  
Documents A68/41 and A68/59
- Item 22.2 Report of the Internal Auditor  
Documents A68/42 and A68/60
- Item 22.3 Appointment of the External Auditor  
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<b>Ninth meeting of Committee A</b>	<b>Room XVIII – 14:30</b>
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- Item 13 Noncommunicable diseases**
- Item 13.1 Outcome of the Second International Conference on Nutrition  
Documents A68/8 and EB136/2015/REC/1, decision EB136(4)
- Item 13.2 Maternal, infant and young child nutrition: development of the core set of indicators  
Document A68/9
- Item 13.3 Update on the Commission on Ending Childhood Obesity  
Document A68/10

<b>Sixth meeting of Committee B</b>	<b>Room XVII –14:30</b>
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- Item 23 Staffing matters**
- Item 23.1 Human resources  
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- Item 23.2 Report of the International Civil Service Commission  
Document A68/45
- Item 23.3 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules  
Documents A68/46 and EB136/2015/REC/1, resolutions EB136.R12 and EB136.R15
- Item 23.4 Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board  
Document A68/47
- Item 23.5 Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee  
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**Saturday, 23 May 2015**

<b>Tenth meeting of Committee A</b>	<b>Room XVIII – 09:00</b>
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**Item 13 (continued)      Noncommunicable diseases**

Item 13.4                      Follow-up to the 2014 high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly to undertake a comprehensive review and assessment of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases

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Item 13.5                      Global burden of epilepsy and need for a coordinated action at the country level to address its health, social and public knowledge implications

Documents A68/12 and EB136/2015/REC/1, resolution EB136.R8

**Monday, 25 May 2015**

<b>Eleventh meetings of Committee A</b>	<b>Room XVIII – 09:00</b>
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**Item 18                      Progress reports**

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**Noncommunicable diseases**

- A. Comprehensive mental health action plan 2013–2020 (resolution WHA66.8)
- B. Comprehensive and coordinated efforts for the management of autism spectrum disorders (resolution WHA67.8)
- C. Disabling hearing loss (resolution WHA48.9)

**Communicable diseases**

- D. Eradication of dracunculiasis (resolution WHA64.16)
- E. Elimination of schistosomiasis (resolution WHA65.21)
- F. Neglected tropical diseases (resolution WHA66.12)
- G. Prevention and control of sexually transmitted infections: global strategy (resolution WHA59.19)

**Promoting health through the life course**

- H. Newborn health (resolution WHA67.10)
- I. Working towards universal coverage of maternal, newborn and child health interventions (resolution WHA58.31)
- J. Implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Commission on Life-Saving Commodities for Women and Children (resolution WHA66.7)

<b>Seventh meeting of Committee B</b>	<b>Room XVII – 09:00</b>
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**Item 24                      Management matters**

Item 24.1                      **Real estate: update on the Geneva buildings renovation strategy**

Documents A68/49 and A68/62

**Item 25                      Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations**

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**Item 18 (continued) Progress reports****Health systems**

- K. Social determinants of health (resolution WHA65.8)
- L. Sustainable health financing structures and universal coverage (resolution WHA64.9)
- M. Strategy for integrating gender analysis and actions into the work of WHO (resolution WHA60.25)
- N. Progress in the rational use of medicines (resolution WHA60.16)

**Preparedness, surveillance and response**

- O. Pandemic influenza preparedness: sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits (resolution WHA64.5)
- P. Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks (resolution WHA60.1)

**Finalization of resolutions and reports****Tuesday, 26 May 2015****Finalization of resolutions and reports****Item 8 (continued) Reports of the main committees****Item 9 Closure of the Health Assembly**



## II. Technical briefings

The following technical briefings will take place during the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly.

**Monday, 18 May 2015**

**12:30–14:15**

**Room VII**

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### **Health in the post-2015 sustainable development goals**

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

In September 2015, the UN General Assembly will hold a summit on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and discuss the adoption of an outcome document for the post-2015 development agenda. Seventeen goals and 169 targets have been formulated, including one health goal with 13 targets. Intergovernmental negotiations – with contributions from technical agencies – are ongoing to formulate the declaration, targets and indicators, a framework for monitoring and review of implementation, and to discuss means of implementation. This technical briefing aims to provide a comprehensive update of the current status of the outcome document with special reference to the health goal. Member States and global agencies are invited to discuss the potential implications of the SDG agenda for health in the coming 15 years.

**Tuesday, 19 May 2015**

**12:30–14:15**

**Room XVII**

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### **Ebola outbreak**

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

The Ebola crisis in West Africa has highlighted the importance of emergency preparedness and the need for a powerful coordinated international response capacity. A series of assessments and reviews are ongoing to examine and reform the global community's collective ability to respond to emergencies with major health consequences. WHO is examining how to better structure its capacity to fulfil its constitutional mandate in emergency response. This technical briefing will review the status of and priorities in this Ebola crisis, major lessons learnt in the response to date, and the implications for the future of WHO's work in emergencies and health systems strengthening. Speakers will include representatives from affected countries and responders.

**Wednesday, 20 May 2015**

**12:30–14:15**

**Room XII**

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### **Climate and health**

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

In December 2015 in Paris, the Conference of the Parties (COP) 21 will aim to reach a global climate change agreement. A successful agreement would help to avoid the health risks of continuing environmental degradation, support health resilience to climate risks, and provide an opportunity for major health gains from climate change mitigation policies, including the reduction of over seven million annual deaths from air pollution.

This technical briefing will provide health ministries with an overview of the current climate negotiation process, highlight entry points for health, and provide examples of evidence and best practices to support a strong and health-promoting agreement in December 2015.

**Getting to 2018: Preparing for the third UN High-level Meeting on Noncommunicable Diseases***There will be interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish*

The 2014 United Nations General Assembly Outcome Document on Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs) included four strategic time-bound national commitments to be implemented in 2015 and 2016. The Director-General will submit, by the end of 2017, a report on the progress achieved in the implementation of these commitments to the United Nations General Assembly, in preparation for a comprehensive review of the General Assembly in 2018.

The technical briefing will explore where Member States stand in implementing these time-bound commitments, how Member States will deliver on their commitments, and how Member States will catalyse the next phase of NCD prevention and control in the post-2015 era.

The technical briefing will also set out which indicators WHO will use to report to the United Nations General Assembly in 2017 on the progress achieved in the implementation of these four time-bound national commitments.

**Cancer prevention and control: which policies and programmes have best driven progress?***There will be interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish*

The increasing burden of cancer places an enormous strain on health-care systems. This technical briefing provides delegates with an overview of what works in cancer prevention and control and gathers views from Member States about the progress made and priority actions undertaken to curb the cancer epidemic as an integral part of implementing the national commitments included in the 2011 UN Political Declaration and 2014 UN Outcome Document on NCDs, taking into account the WHO Global NCD Action Plan 2013–2020. It will also be an opportunity to discuss how WHO plans to scale up its response to support national cancer control efforts and how the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) – 50 years on from its establishment by the Eighteenth World Health Assembly – is able to provide robust scientific evidence for cancer control.

**Changing the trajectory of three epidemics – HIV, viral hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections – through the development of global health sector strategies***There will be interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish*

This technical briefing will provide an update on the development of three of the 2016–2021 global health sector strategies: HIV, hepatitis, and sexually transmitted infections. These health issues pose major public health burdens for all regions and will be key elements of the post-2015 health agenda. While recognizing many successes to date, progress remains uneven and inequitable. New medicines, technologies, approaches and commitments provide new opportunities. The 2016–2021 strategies will seek to build on past successes, accelerate respective health sector responses and ensure alignment with the emerging Sustainable Development Goals framework. This technical briefing will discuss how Member States and partners are approaching new strategic opportunities to change the trajectory of their responses, ensure linkages across the three areas, and optimize new and emerging innovations.

### III. Other meetings

The Secretariat has been advised that the following meetings will take place before and during the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly.

#### Monday, 18 May 2015

08:00–09:00 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 Arab Ministers of Health.
08:20–09:20 Room VII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Americas Region (AMRO/GRUA). <i>There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.</i>
08:30–09:20 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.
08:45–09:20 Room IX	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region. <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic and English.</i>
12:45–14:15 Room XXIII	Global Health Security Agenda. Organized by the delegations of Finland, Uganda and the United States of America.
12:45–14:15 Room XXIV	The BRICS: nutrition, health and development – the way forward. Organized by the BRICS. <i>There will be interpretation in Chinese, English, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.</i>
13:20–14:20 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
17:45–18:45 Room IV	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region.
17:45–19:15 Room VII	Tackling obesity: fiscal measures and food labelling for better nutrition. Organized by the delegations of Australia, Ecuador, Indonesia and Paraguay. <i>There will be interpretation in English and Spanish.</i>
18:00–19:30 Room IX	Action for better hearing: promoting ear and hearing care at primary level. Organized by the International Society of Audiology and the International Federation of Otorhinolaryngological Societies (IFOS).
18:00–19:30 Room XXIII	Political commitment and accomplishment on neglected tropical diseases. Organized by the delegations of Burundi, Ethiopia, India, Malawi and the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind (Sightsavers). <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, English, French, Portuguese and Spanish.</i>
18:00–19:30 Room XXIV	Childhood cancer: universal access to treatment, care and support from a global perspective. Organized by the delegations of Germany, Ghana, the Philippines and the Russian Federation. <i>There will be interpretation in English and Russian.</i>
18:00–19:30 Delegates' Restaurant 8th Floor	Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health. Organized by the WHO Secretariat.

07:45–08:45 Room VII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Americas Region (AMRO/GRUA). <i>There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.</i>
08:00–08:50 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 and English.</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 XXIV	Women and health: 20 years of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. Organized by the delegations of Brazil, Chile, the Netherlands, Uruguay, India, Kenya, the WHO Secretariat, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and UN Women. <i>There will be interpretation in English, Portuguese and Spanish.</i>
12:15–14:15 Room IX	Ministerial signing of the memorandum of understanding among Mekong Basin Disease Surveillance (MBDS) member countries and cross-border disease surveillance experience from the Mekong Basin. Organized by the Mekong Basin member countries (Cambodia, China, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam). <i>By invitation only.</i>
12:15–14:15 Room XVI	Eight meeting of the Ministers of Health of the Non-aligned Movement (NAM). <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish.</i>
12:30–14:00 Room XXIII	Political commitment and global efforts to accelerate the responsible use of antimicrobials. Organized by the Foreign Policy and Global Health group of countries (Brazil, France, Indonesia, Norway, Senegal, South Africa and Thailand) with the delegations of Australia, Bangladesh, Germany, India, Maldives, Myanmar, the Netherlands, Sri Lanka, Sweden, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
12:45–14:00 Room XV	Regional coordination meeting of Member States of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).
13:20–14:20 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
17:00–19:00 Room XXVII	Second health ministerial meeting of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO). <i>There will be interpretation in English and Russian.</i>
17:45–18:45 Room IV	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region.
17:45–19:30 Room VII	Towards UNGASS 2016: strengthening a public health approach when addressing the world drug problem. Organized by the delegations of Albania, Australia, Colombia, Guatemala, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Senegal, Switzerland and Uruguay. <i>There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.</i>
18:00–19:30 Room IX	Diagnostics: fighting outbreaks and improving public health. Organized by the Global Medical Technology Alliance (GMTA).
18:00–19:30 Room XII	Preserving lives: progress in the Decade of Action on Road Safety and the High-Level Conference of Brasilia. Organized by the delegations of Brazil and the Russian Federation. <i>There will be interpretation in English, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.</i>

18:00–19:30  
Room XXII

Strengthening the synergy between the World Health Assembly (WHA) and the Conference of the Parties (COP). Organized by the delegations of Brazil, Panama and the Russian Federation.  
*There will be interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.*

### Wednesday, 20 May 2015

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07:45–08:45 Room VII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Americas Region (AMRO/GRUA). <i>There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.</i>
08:00–08:50 Room XVI	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO African Region. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
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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.
09:00–11:00 Room IX	G5 Meeting of the delegations of Member States of Afghanistan, Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Pakistan and the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean.
11:00–13:00 Room XV	Meeting of the Health Ministers' Council for the Gulf Cooperation Council States.
12:15–13:45 Room VII	Adolescent girls' health. Organized by the delegations of the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States of America, Zimbabwe and Chile. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
12:15–13:45 Room XXIII	Polio eradication: status, lessons learnt and the way forward. Organized by the delegations of Cameroon, Chad, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Niger, Nigeria and Somalia. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
12:30–14:00 Room XXIV	The response to the Nepal earthquake 2015 – the value of preparedness. Organized by the WHO Secretariat.
13:20–14:20 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
17:45–18:45 Room IV	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region.
17:45–18:45 Room IX	Global Human Resources for Health (HRH) governance: what are the health workforce implications of WHO resolutions? Organized by the World Medical Association, the International Council of Nurses, the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations, the International Pharmaceutical Federation, IntraHealth, the World Confederation for Physical Therapy, the World Dental Federation and the Global Health Workforce Alliance.

18:00–19:30 Room VII	Health and well-being in emergencies. Organized by the delegations of Haiti, Iraq, Lebanon, Mozambique, the Netherlands, Norway, New Zealand, Sierra Leone, the United Arab Emirates, and the United States of America. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
18:00–20:00 Room VIII	Achieving the Global Vaccine Action Plan objective for routine coverage: what can be done to get back on track? Organized by the delegations of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Thailand and the United States of America. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
18:00–20:00 Room XXII	Informal meeting with the Ministers of Health of guinea-worm affected countries. Organized by the WHO Secretariat. <i>By invitation only.</i> <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
19:00–20:00 Room IX	Global Human Resources for Health (HRH) governance: WHO Global Code of Practice on International Recruitment of Health Personnel – initial achievements and future challenges. Organized by Medicus Mundi International, the Health Workforce Advocacy Initiative, Health Workers for All, the WHO Expert Advisory Group on Code Review and the Global Health Workforce Alliance.

## Thursday, 21 May 2015

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07:45–08:45 Room VII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Americas Region (AMRO/GRUA). <i>There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.</i>
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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 and English.</i>
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12:15–13:45 Room XXIII	The Global Financing Facility: a concrete step towards sustainable financing for women's health. Organized by the delegations of Canada, Ethiopia and Norway. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
12:30–14:00 Room VII	Malaria pressing forward: towards implementation of the new WHO global strategy. Organized by the delegations of Australia, China, Kenya, Mozambique, South Africa, Thailand and Zimbabwe. <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Portuguese and Spanish.</i>
12:30–14:00 Room XXIV	Implementing the Global Strategy on Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property – promoting financing, and coordination of research and development and fostering technology transfer. Organized by the delegations of France, Norway, South Africa and Switzerland, the WHO Secretariat, and the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>

13:20–14:20 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
17:45–18:45 Room IV	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region.
17:45–19:15 Room XXIV	From HIV/AIDS to global health in sub-Saharan Africa: DREAM 2.0, a replicable model. Organized by the delegations of Italy and Mozambique.
18:00–19:30 Room VII	Access to new medicines: how can our health systems finance them? Organized by the delegations of Chile, Colombia and India. <i>There will be interpretation in English and Spanish.</i>
18:00–19:30 Room VIII	Infection control and prevention of antimicrobial resistance – important pillars for Ebola control. Organized by the African Group of countries and the delegation of the United States of America.
18:00–19:30 Room IX	Global dialogue between citizens and governments on accountability for maternal, newborn and child health. Organized by World Vision International, Save the Children Fund and the International Planned Parenthood Federation.
18:00–20:00 Delegates' Restaurant 8th Floor	A tribute to health workers – reception. Organized by the WHO Secretariat.

## Friday, 22 May 2015

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08:00–08:50 Room XVI	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO African Region. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
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12:15–13:45 Room XXIII	Strengthening emergency and essential surgical care and anaesthesia as a component of Universal Health Coverage: commitments on implementation. Organized by the delegations of Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Viet Nam, the United States of America and Zambia.
12:30–14:00 Room VII	Autism spectrum disorders – from resolution to global action. Organized by the delegations of Bangladesh, Bhutan, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Republic of Korea, Romania, Thailand and the WHO Secretariat.
12:30–14:00 Room XXIV	How to integrate child rights into the new Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health. Organized by the delegations of Austria, Botswana, Ireland, Mongolia and Uruguay.

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17:45–18:45 Room IV	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region.
18:00–19:30 Room VII	Presentation by the GAVI Alliance on the latest programme modifications and support. Organized by the delegations of Burundi and Senegal. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
18:00–19:30 Room IX	Building on the health MDGs – ensuring the SDGs leave no one behind. Organized by the Handicap International Federation, Sightsavers (Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind), the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness, CBM, and the Global Health Council.
18:00–19:30 Room XXII	Marking the International Day to end obstetric fistula – setting a transformative global agenda. Organized by the delegations of Iceland and Liberia. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>

## Saturday, 23 May 2015

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08:00–08:50 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 and English.</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.
17:45–18:45 Room IV	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region.

## Monday, 25 May 2015

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08:00–08:50 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 and English.</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 XXIII	Implementing resolution WHA67.19 Strengthening of palliative care as a component of comprehensive care throughout the life course: ensuring access for children. Organized by the delegations of Chile, Italy, Panama and Spain. <i>There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.</i>
12:30–14:00 Room VII	Message from the past: what Ignaz Semmelweis “saviour of mothers” can teach us – simplicity, efficacy, prevention. Organized by the delegations of Kenya and Hungary.
12:30–14:00 Room XXIV	Strategies to counter attack activities against warning picture messages on tobacco products. Organized by the delegations of Sri Lanka and Thailand.
13:20–14:20 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
17:45–18:45 Room IV	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region.
18:00–19:30 Room VII	Integrating maternal and newborn care: strengthening the continuum. Organized by the delegations of Cameroon and Malawi. <i>There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.</i>
18:00–19:30 Room IX	Food fortification: a global health tool. Organized by the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN).
18:00–19:30 Room XXII	Responding to the global target of 80% availability of essential noncommunicable diseases medicines and technologies by 2025: a cancer perspective. Organized by the delegations of Côte d’Ivoire, Senegal, Turkey and the Union for International Cancer Control. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>

## **Tuesday, 26 May 2015**

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08:00–08:50 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 and English.</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.
12:30–14:00 Room XXIII	Urban health, community health and Universal Health Coverage. Organized by the delegations of Bangladesh and the Islamic Republic of Iran. <i>There will be interpretation in English and Spanish.</i>
12:30–14:00 Room XXIV	Imaging for saving kids – the inside story about patient safety in paediatric imaging. Organized by the delegations of Kenya, Malaysia, Spain, Uganda, Global Diagnostic Imaging, Healthcare IT and Radiation Therapy Trade Association (DITTA), International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP), International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP), International Organization for Medical Physics (IOMP), International Society of Radiology (ISR), International Society of Radiographers and Radiological Technologists (ISRRT), RAD-AID International, World Federation for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (WFUMB), and the World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA). <i>There will be interpretation in English and Spanish.</i>
13:20–14:20 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.

#### **IV. Arrangements for conduct of discussion in plenary meetings**

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Resolution WHA52.21 on reform of the Health Assembly requested the Director-General to make appropriate arrangements for a shortened plenary meeting and, to this end, encouraged group or regional statements in plenary debate. Delegates are requested to limit their statements to **five minutes** (550 words) in this debate.

##### **Theme of general discussion: “building resilient health systems”**

The Ebola virus disease (EVD) outbreak has shone a light on vulnerable health systems both in West Africa and across the world. Even as WHO and partners continue working on early recovery activities to reactivate essential health services, it is clear that one of the long term lessons of the EVD outbreak in West Africa is the importance of resilient health systems as cornerstones of strong societies.

In their comments Ministers may wish to draw on their own national experience to address some of the following questions: what are their national main components of resilience; what does building resilient health systems mean in the context of their national system; how can International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR) capacities be best integrated within the overall health system development in their country; what are the best indicators and targets for monitoring progress on building resilient health systems; and how can WHO best support Member States in these efforts?

## **V. Provisional list of speakers for the general discussion in plenary**

Oman	(The delegate of Oman will speak on behalf of the Arab Ministers Council)
Colombia	(The delegate of Colombia will speak on behalf of the Member States of the Region of the Americas)
Latvia	(As Presidency of the European Union)
Islamic Republic of Iran	(The delegate of the Islamic Republic of Iran will speak on behalf of the Non-aligned Movement (NAM))
China	
Thailand	
United States of America	
Senegal	(The delegate of Senegal will speak on behalf of Member States of the African Region)
Norway	
Nigeria	
Australia	
Canada	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	
South Africa	
France	
Brazil	
Russian Federation	
Cuba	
Viet Nam	
Italy	
Mexico	
Singapore	
Maldives	
Greece	
Pakistan	
United Republic of Tanzania	
Brunei Darussalam	
Guatemala	
Sweden	
Zambia	
Monaco	
India	
Argentina	
Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela	
Finland	
Fiji	(The delegate of Fiji will speak on behalf of the Pacific Island countries)
Belgium	
Malta	
Philippines	
Luxembourg	
Peru	
Indonesia	
Japan	
Portugal	
Nicaragua	
Tunisia	
Republic of Korea	
Slovenia	

Algeria  
Turkey  
Islamic Republic of Iran  
Panama  
Botswana  
Poland  
Papua New Guinea  
Iceland  
Kenya  
Spain  
Malaysia  
Haiti  
Uganda  
Republic of Moldova  
Chile  
Kazakhstan  
Mozambique  
Czech Republic  
Jamaica  
Bangladesh  
New Zealand  
Mauritius  
Ecuador  
Israel  
Zimbabwe  
Belarus  
Congo  
Lithuania  
Iraq  
Comoros  
Plurinational State of Bolivia  
Barbados  
Cyprus  
Sri Lanka (The delegate of Sri Lanka will speak on behalf of the Group of Fifteen)  
Seychelles  
Uruguay  
Ghana  
Slovakia  
Gabon  
Burkina Faso  
Nepal  
Côte d'Ivoire  
Angola  
Paraguay  
Togo  
Afghanistan  
Cabo Verde  
Democratic People's Republic of Korea  
Serbia  
Bhutan  
Equatorial Guinea  
Myanmar  
Namibia  
Trinidad and Tobago

Syrian Arab Republic  
Ukraine  
Ethiopia  
Morocco  
Niger  
Democratic Republic of the Congo  
Guinea  
Benin  
Palestine  
Turkmenistan  
Georgia  
Mauritania  
Timor-Leste  
Honduras  
Lao People's Democratic Republic  
Chad  
Mongolia  
  
African Union  
Chinese Taipei  
The Holy See  
The Order of Malta  
The Organization of Islamic Cooperation

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## VI. Announcements

### Facilities

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

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### Video streaming

The Plenary, Committee A and Committee B sessions, as well as the technical briefing on the Ebola outbreak Ebola will be webcast in the six UN languages. The webcasts can be viewed on Mac and PCs, as well as all mobile devices including iPhone, iPad, Android and Windows-enabled phones.

Arabic: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/events/2015/wha68/webstreaming/ar/index.html>  
Chinese: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/events/2015/wha68/webstreaming/zh/index.html>  
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