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Programme of meetings for Tuesday, 19 May 2015

Time	Plenary <i>Assembly Hall</i>	Committee A <i>Room XVIII</i>	Other <i>Room VII</i>
09:00	Fourth plenary meeting	Second meeting	
14:00			Committee on Credentials
14:30	Fifth plenary meeting	Third meeting	

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I. Tentative programme of work of the Health Assembly

Tuesday, 19 May 2015

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Second meeting of Committee A	Room XVIII – 09:00
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Documents EB136/2015/REC/1, resolution EB136.R1 and A68/28

Item 16.3	Dengue: prevention and control
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Documents A68/30 and A68/A/CONF./4

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Fifth plenary meeting	Assembly Hall – 14:30
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Item 3 (continued)	General discussion
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Third meeting of Committee A	Room XVIII – 14:30
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Item 16 (continued)	Communicable diseases
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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 Rev.1 and A68/56

Wednesday, 20 May 2015

Sixth plenary meeting	Assembly Hall – 09:00
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–	Report of the Committee on Credentials
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Item 3 (continued)	General discussion
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Fourth meeting of Committee A	Room XVIII – 09:00
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Item 12	Programme and budget matters
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Item 12.1	Implementation of Programme budget 2014–2015: mid-term review
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Documents A68/6 and A68/54

Item 12.2	Proposed programme budget 2016–2017
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Documents A68/7, A68/7 Add.1, A68/55 and A68/INF./7

Fifth meeting of Committee A**Room XVIII – 14:30****Item 15 Preparedness, surveillance and response**

Item 15.1 Antimicrobial resistance

Documents A68/19, A68/20, and A68/A/CONF./1

If time permits:

Item 15.2 Poliomyelitis

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First meeting of Committee B**Room XVII – Immediately after conclusion of Item 3 in Plenary
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– Including election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur

**Item 20 Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east
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A68/B/CONF./2**If time permits:****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

Item 21.4 Scale of assessments for 2016–2017

Documents EB136/2015/REC/1, resolution EB136.R9 and A68/40

General Committee**Room XII – 17:30****Thursday, 21 May 2015****Sixth meeting of Committee A****Room XVIII – 09:00****Item 15 (continued) Preparedness, surveillance and response**

Item 15.3 Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)

Documents EB136/2015/REC/1, resolutions EB136.R5 and EB136.R6,
A68/22, A68/22 Add.1 and A68/22 Add. 2

Item 15.4 WHO response in severe, large-scale emergencies

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Item 11.2 Framework of engagement with non-State actors

Documents EB136/2015/REC/1, decision EB136(3), A68/5 and A68/A/CONF./3

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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
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If time permits

Item 17 Health systems (*Item transferred from Committee A*)

Item 17.1 Strengthening emergency and essential surgical care and anaesthesia as a component of universal health coverage
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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
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Item 22.3 Appointment of the External Auditor
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If time permits:

Item 17 (continued) Health systems (*Item transferred from Committee A*)

Item 17.2 WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel
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Item 6 Executive Board: election

Item 8 Reports of the main committees

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Item 14 (continued) Promoting health through the life course

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 EB136/2015/REC/1, decision EB136(14), A68/18 and A68/A/CONF./2

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Item 17.3 Substandard/spurious/falsely-labelled/falsified/counterfeit medical products
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Item 17.4 Follow-up of the report of the Consultative Expert Working Group on Research and Development: Financing and Coordination
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Item 17.5 Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property
 Documents EB136/2015/REC/1, decision EB136(17), A68/35 and A68/B/CONF./1

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Item 13 Noncommunicable diseases

Item 13.1 Outcome of the Second International Conference on Nutrition
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Item 13.2 Maternal, infant and young child nutrition: development of the core set of indicators
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Item 13.3 Update on the Commission on Ending Childhood Obesity
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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 EB136/2015/REC/1, resolutions EB136.R12 and EB136.R15 and A68/46

Item 23.4 Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board
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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

Document A68/11

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

Monday, 25 May 2015

Eleventh meetings of Committee A	Room XVIII – 09:00
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Item 18 Progress reports

Document A68/36

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)

Sixth meeting of Committee B	Room XVII – 09:00
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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. Report of meetings

First plenary meeting

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

Later: Mr Jagat Prakash Nadda (India)
President of the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly

Item 1 Opening of the Health Assembly

Dr Roberto Morales Ojeda opened the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly and welcomed, on behalf of the Health Assembly and the World Health Organization, the special guests: Mr Michael Møller, Acting Director-General of the United Nations (UN) Office in Geneva, and representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, H.E. Federal Councillor Alain Berset, Head of the Department of Home Affairs of the Swiss Confederation, and officials of the Republic, Canton, City and University of Geneva, and of agencies of the UN system, as well as representatives of the Executive Board.

The President called on Mr Michael Møller, representing the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who addressed the Assembly.

The President then gave the floor to H.E. Federal Councillor Alain Berset, Head of the Department of Home Affairs of the Swiss Confederation.

Item 1.1 Appointment of the Committee on Credentials

On proposal of the President, and in accordance with Rule 23 of the Rules of Procedure of the Health Assembly, the Assembly appointed the Committee on Credentials constituted by the delegates of the following 12 Member States:

Belgium	Lesotho
Colombia	Singapore
Djibouti	Switzerland
Gabon	Tajikistan
Guinea-Bissau	Timor-Leste
Honduras	Tonga

Item 1.2 Election of the President of the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly

In accordance with Rule 24 of the Rules of Procedure, the President invited the Health Assembly to consider the list of names of delegates proposed for the nominations of President and five Vice-Presidents of the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly.

In accordance with Rule 78 of the Rules of Procedure, the Health Assembly approved the nomination of Mr Jagat Prakash Nadda (India) and elected him as President of the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly by acclamation. Mr Jagat Prakash Nadda took the chair.

Item 1.3 Election of the five Vice-Presidents, the Chairmen of the main committees, and establishment of the General Committee

The President invited the Health Assembly to consider the proposals received for the nomination for the offices of Vice-Presidents.

Dr Li Bin (People's Republic of China)
Mr John David Edward Boyce (Barbados)
Dr Ferozudin Feroz (Afghanistan)
Mr Francesco Mussoni (San Marino)
Dr Awa Marie Coll Seck (Senegal)

were elected Vice-Presidents of the Health Assembly by acclamation.¹

Committee A: Dr Eduardo Jaramillo (Mexico) was elected chairman by acclamation.
Committee B: Dr Michael Malabag (Papua New Guinea) was elected chairman by acclamation.

In accordance with Rule 29 of the Rules of Procedure, the delegates of the following 17 countries were elected members of the General Committee, along with the President and the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly, and the Chairmen of the main committees:

Burkina Faso	Oman
Burundi	Peru
Comoros	Russian Federation
Cuba	South Sudan
France	Syrian Arab Republic
Ghana	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Indonesia	United States of America
Latvia	Viet Nam
Montenegro	

Second plenary meeting

In the chair: Mr Jagat Prakash Nadda (India)
President of the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly

The President of the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly opened the second plenary and addressed the Health Assembly.

Item 1.4

Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items to the main committees

The President reported that the General Committee recommended the following changes to the provisional agenda (document A68/1):

- To delete the following items from the provisional agenda:
 - Item 5 Admission of new Members and Associate Members
 - Item 21.3 Special arrangements for settlement of arrears
 - Item 21.5 Assessment of new Members and Associate Members
- To defer consideration of the proposed agenda item “Mycetoma” and accompanying draft resolution to the 137th session of the Executive Board.
- To move agenda item 17: “Health systems” from Committee A to Committee B for consideration.
- That the first meeting of Committee A considers the following items:
 - Item 11 WHO Reform
 - Item 16.2 Malaria: draft global technical strategy: post 2015
- That the third meeting of Committee A consider the following item:
 - Item 16.1 2014 Ebola virus disease outbreak and follow-up to the Special Session of the Executive Board on Ebola

¹ The names of the five Vice-Presidents are shown in the order in which they were drawn by lot.

- That the fourth meeting of Committee A considers the following items:
 - Item 12.1 Implementation of the Programme Budget 2014–2015
 - Item 12.2 Proposed Programme Budget 2016–2017
- That the third meeting of Committee B consider the following item:
 - Item 22.3 Appointment of the Internal Auditor

The provisional agenda was adopted as amended. These changes will be reflected in document A68/1 Rev.1.

The Chairman proposed that the afternoon plenary meetings of Monday, 18 and Tuesday, 19 May continue until 18:00 to allow the maximum number of speakers.

Item 2 Report of the Executive Board on its 135th and 136th sessions, and on its special session on Ebola

In the absence of the Chairman of the Executive Board, Minister Mohamed Hussain Shareef, the President gave the report.

Third plenary meeting

In the chair: Mr Jagat Prakash Nadda (India)
President of the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly

Later: Mr John David Edward Boyce (Barbados)
Vice-President of the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly

Item 3 Address by Dr Margaret Chan, Director-General

The Director-General presented her report on the work of WHO.

The President announced that Members who wished to make suggestions regarding the annual election of Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board should do so not later than 16:00 on Tuesday, 19 May 2015 in room A656. These should be submitted to the Assistant to the Secretary of the Health Assembly.

- General discussion

The President resumed consideration of item 3 with special attention to the theme “Building resilient health systems”. The President invited the first two speakers to the rostrum: the delegate of Oman (who spoke on behalf of the Arab Ministers Council) and the delegate of Colombia (who spoke on behalf of the Member States of the Region of the Americas). These speakers were followed by the delegates of Latvia (as Presidency of the European Union), Islamic Republic of Iran (who spoke on behalf of the Non-aligned Movement (NAM)), China, Thailand, United States of America, Senegal (who spoke on behalf of Member States of the African Region), France, Nigeria, Australia, Canada, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, South Africa, Norway, Brazil, Russian Federation, Cuba, Viet Nam, Italy, Mexico, Singapore, Pakistan, Greece, United Republic of Tanzania, Brunei Darussalam and Zambia.

First meeting of Committee A

Chairman: Dr Eduardo Jaramillo (Mexico)

Item 10

Opening of the Committee

In accordance with Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the Committee elected Ms Dorcas Makgato (Botswana) and Mr Bahar Idris Abu Garda (Sudan) Vice-Chairmen, and Dr Liis Roväli (Estonia) Rapporteur.

One delegation took the floor to request that the European Union be invited to attend and participate without vote in the deliberations of the meetings, sub-committees, drafting groups or other subdivisions thereof, addressing matters falling within the European Union competence in the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly.

In response to a request from the floor, the Chairman announced that agenda subitem 15.2 “Poliomyelitis” would be discussed by the morning of Thursday, 21 May.

The Chairman announced that the agenda 17 “Health systems” has been moved to Committee B after discussion at the General Committee.

Item 11

WHO reform

Item 11.1

Overview of reform implementation.

The Chairman invited the Committee to consider the report contained in document A68/4 *WHO reform: overview of reform implementation*. The floor was then given to the Chairman 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 report was noted, thus closing the agenda subitem.

Item 11.2

Framework of engagement with non-State actors

The Chairman opened this agenda subitem and invited the Chair of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board to make some introductory remarks. It was decided that a drafting group, to be chaired by Argentina, will meet on Wednesday, 20 May in the afternoon. The Chairman suspended the item.

Item 16

Communicable diseases

Item 16.2

Malaria: draft global technical strategy: post 2015

At the invitation of the Chairman, the Committee was asked to consider the report contained in document A68/28 and the draft resolution EB136.R1 *Global technical strategy and targets for malaria 2016–2030* contained in document EB136/2015/REC/1. It was announced that discussion of this item would resume at the next meeting of Committee A.

III. Technical briefings

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

Tuesday, 19 May 2015

12:30–14:15

Room XVII

Ebola outbreak

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

The Ebola outbreak in West Africa resulted in over 26,000 infections and claimed more than 11,000 lives, with nine countries experiencing active transmission across three continents. The recent announcement of Liberia having reached 42 days since the burial of the last confirmed case is encouraging, but must be viewed in the context of ongoing chains of transmission in Guinea and Sierra Leone. Liberia remains vigilant and the intensified effort to get to zero cases continues in Guinea and Sierra Leone. This technical briefing will review the status of the Ebola crisis, the major lessons learned to date, and next steps to ensure the region achieves and sustains the interruption of Ebola transmission. Speakers will include representatives from affected countries and from responding organizations.

Wednesday, 20 May 2015

12:30–14:15

Room XII

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.

Thursday, 21 May 2015

12:30–14:15

Room XII

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

Remarkable progress has been achieved at national level in addressing noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) during the past years, including an increase in the number of countries which have an operational national NCD policy with a budget for implementation from 32% of countries in 2010 to 50% of countries in 2013. Many countries have started to align their policies and resources with the nine global NCD targets and the WHO global action plan for the prevention and control of NCDs 2013–2020 to make unparalleled gains.

This technical briefing will explore the following questions: How are countries implementing their NCD commitments? What are the challenges countries face? How will countries catalyse the next phase of NCD prevention and control in the post-2015 era? How are countries monitoring progress?

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.

IV. Other meetings

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

Tuesday, 19 May 2015

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	Eighth 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, Bhutan, 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).
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) of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC). Organized by the delegations of Brazil, Panama and the Russian Federation. <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.</i>

Wednesday, 20 May 2015

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.
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 Chile, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States of America and Zimbabwe.
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.
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

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 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, French and Spanish.</i>
13:20–14:20 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
17:45–18:45 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

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 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.
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	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

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

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 Bangladesh, 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 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

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.

V. Arrangements for conduct of discussion in plenary meetings

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?

VI. Provisional list of speakers for the general discussion in plenary

Côte d'Ivoire
Monaco
Iceland
Argentina
Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Finland
Fiji (The delegate of Fiji will speak on behalf of the Pacific Island countries)
Belgium
Malta
Philippines
Sweden
Luxembourg
Peru
India
Indonesia
Japan
Portugal
Nicaragua
Tunisia
Republic of Korea
Slovenia
Algeria
Turkey
Islamic Republic of Iran
Panama
Botswana
Poland
Slovakia
Kenya
Spain
Malaysia
Haiti
Uganda
Republic of Moldova
Chile
Turkmenistan
Maldives
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
Mauritania
Gabon
Burkina Faso
Nepal
Paraguay
Togo
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Benin
Bhutan
Equatorial Guinea
Myanmar
Namibia
Trinidad and Tobago
Syrian Arab Republic
Ukraine
Ethiopia
Morocco
Niger
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Afghanistan
Guinea
Palestine
Kazakhstan
Georgia
Timor-Leste
Honduras
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Chad
Mali
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Uzbekistan
Cameroon
Madagascar
Sao Tome and Principe
Mozambique
Guinea-Bissau
Malawi

African Union
Chinese Taipei
The Holy See
The Order of Malta
The Organization of Islamic Cooperation

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VII. Announcements

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

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