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### Programme of meetings for Saturday, 23 May 2015

Time	Committee A Room XVIII
09:30	Eleventh meeting

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#### Restaurant service – Saturday, 23 May

Please note that the cafeteria will be closed on Saturday, 23 May. However, the snack bar located in the hall between Doors 13 and 15 will be open from 07:30 to 09:00 and the Bar du Serpent, located on the first floor of the E Building, will be open from 08:30 to 13:00.

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

Item 14.6 Health and the environment: addressing the health impact of air pollution	Room XXIV 09:30–12:30
Item 11.2 Framework of engagement with non-State actors	Room XXIII 14:00–17:00

#### Services – Monday, 25 May (Whit Monday)

Participants are informed that Monday, 25 May (Whit Monday) is an official holiday in Geneva. As a consequence, most of the public transportation will run on a Sunday schedule. The No. 8 bus line will exceptionally run to the WHO terminus (parking P1) from 07:30 to 18:30. The cafeteria will be open to WHA participants, but please note that the News Kiosk, Post Office, Travel Agent and Bank, all located near Door 6, will be closed.

#### Committee statements

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## I. Programme of work of the Health Assembly

**Saturday, 23 May 2015**

Eleventh meeting of Committee A		Room XVIII – 09:30
–	<b>Draft third report of Committee A</b> Document (Draft) A68/69 containing three resolutions entitled: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– <i>Poliomyelitis</i></li><li>– <i>Yellow fever risk mapping and recommended vaccination for travellers</i></li><li>– <i>The recommendations of the Review Committee on Second Extensions for Establishing National Public Health Capacities and on IHR Implementation</i></li></ul>	
<b>Item 16</b> (continued)	<b>Communicable diseases</b>	
Item 16.1 (continued)	2014 Ebola virus disease outbreak and follow-up to the Special Session of the Executive Board on Ebola Documents A68/24, A68/25, A68/26, A68/27, A68/56, A68/51 Rev.1, A68/A/CONF./5 and A68/A/CONF./5 Add.1	
<b>Item 14</b> (continued)	<b>Promoting health through the life course</b>	
Item 14.3 (continued)	Adolescent health Document A68/15	
<b>Item 16</b> (continued)	<b>Communicable diseases</b>	
Item 16.4 (continued)	Global vaccine action plan Documents A68/30, A68/A/CONF./4 Rev.1 and A68/A/CONF./4 Add.1	
<b>Item 14</b> (continued)	<b>Promoting health through the life course</b>	
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	

**Monday, 25 May 2015**

Twelfth meeting of Committee A		Room XVIII – 09:00
<b>Item 11</b> (continued)	<b>WHO reform</b>	
Item 11.2 (continued)	Framework of engagement with non-State actors Documents A68/5, A68/A/CONF./3, A68/A/CONF./3 Add.1 and EB136/2015/REC/1, decision EB136(3)	
<b>Item 13</b> (continued)	<b>Noncommunicable diseases</b>	
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	

- 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 A68/12 and EB136/2015/REC/1, resolution EB136.R8
- Item 14 (continued) Promoting health through the life course**
- Item 14.1 (continued) Monitoring the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals  
Document A68/13

#### Sixth meeting of Committee B

Room XVII – 09:00

- **Draft third report of Committee B**  
Document (Draft) A68/70 containing one resolution entitled:  
– *Strengthening emergency and essential surgical care and anaesthesia as a component of universal health coverage*  
and two decisions entitled:  
– *WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel*  
– *Substandard/spurious/falsely-labelled/falsified/counterfeit medical products*
- Item 17 (continued) Health systems**
- Item 17.5 (continued) Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property  
Documents A68/35, A68/B/CONF./1 and A68/B/CONF./1 Add.1
- Item 23 (continued) Staffing matters**
- Item 23.1 (continued) Human resources  
Documents A68/44 and A68/61
- 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  
Document A68/48
- 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**  
Document A68/50
- Finalization of resolutions and reports**

**Item 14 (continued) Promoting health through the life course**

Item 14.6 (continued) Health and the environment: addressing the health impact of air pollution  
Documents A68/18, A68/A/Conf./2, A68/A/Conf./2 Add.1 and  
EB136/2015/REC/1, decision EB136(14)

**Item 15 (continued) Preparedness, surveillance and response**

Item 15.1 (continued) Antimicrobial resistance  
Documents A68/19, A68/20, A68/20 Corr.1, A68/A/CONF./1 and  
A68/A/CONF./1 Add.1

**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)

**Tuesday, 26 May 2015****Item 18 (continued) Progress reports**

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**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)

**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**

<b>Ninth plenary meeting</b>	<b>Assembly Hall – Immediately following the closure of Committee A</b>
<b>Item 8 (continued)</b>	<b>Reports of the main committees</b>
<b>Item 9</b>	<b>Closure of the Health Assembly</b>

## II. Report of meetings

### Eighth plenary meeting

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

#### Item 6

##### **Executive Board: election** (document A68/64)

The Health Assembly accepted the list of 12 Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board as drawn up by the General Committee in accordance with Rule 100 of the Rules of Procedure. The following were therefore declared elected:

Canada	Malta
Congo	New Zealand
Dominican Republic	Pakistan
France	Philippines
Jordan	Sweden
Kazakhstan	Thailand

#### Item 8

##### **Reports of the main committees**

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##### **First report of Committee A**

The President introduced the first report of Committee A containing the following two resolutions:

- *Proposed programme budget 2016–2017*
- *Global technical strategy and targets for malaria 2016–2030*

The Health Assembly adopted the resolutions and approved the first report of Committee A.

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##### **First report of Committee B**

The President introduced the first report of Committee B containing the following decision:

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

The Health Assembly adopted the decision and approved the first report of Committee B.

### Eighth meeting of Committee A

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Chairman: Dr Eduardo Jaramillo (Mexico)

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##### **Draft second report of Committee A**

The Chairman opened the meeting and invited the Rapporteur (Dr Liis Roováli [Estonia]), to read out the second draft report of Committee A, document (draft) A68/67 containing one decision entitled:

- *Poliomyelitis*

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

#### Item 15 (continued)

##### **Preparedness, surveillance and response**

#### Item 15.2 (continued)

##### **Poliomyelitis**

The Chairman reopened the subitem and invited the Secretariat to read out the amendments proposed during informal consultations on the draft resolution *Poliomyelitis* as contained in document A68/21 Add.1. The draft resolution was approved, as amended, and the subitem closed.

Item 15.1 (continued) Antimicrobial resistance

The agenda subitem “Antimicrobial resistance” was reopened and the Chairman invited comments from the floor. The Secretariat then responded to issues raised.

The Chairman suspended consideration of the subitem and proposed that informal consultations take place to allow delegations time to reach consensus on the text. He requested that the outcome of the informal consultations be conveyed to the Committee at a later meeting.

The agenda subitem remains open.

Item 15.3 Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)

The Chairman opened the subitem and asked the Committee to consider documents A68/22 and A68/22 Add.1, and the draft resolutions EB136.R5 and EB136.R6 as contained in document EB136/2015/REC/1. The floor was given to the representative of the Executive Board, who made introductory remarks, and the floor was then opened for discussion.

The Chairman announced that, due to time constraints, delegations who had requested to speak would be given the floor at the beginning of the next session, when discussion of this subitem would continue.

The meeting was adjourned.

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**Fourth meeting of Committee B**

In the Chair: Dr Raymond Busuttil (Malta), Vice-Chairman

– **Draft second report of Committee B**

The Chairman opened the meeting and invited the Rapporteur (Dr Guy Fones [Chile]), to read out the second draft report of Committee B, document (draft) A68/68 containing five resolutions entitled:

- *Financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014*
- *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*
- *Scale of assessments for 2016–2017*
- *Report of the External Auditor*
- *Appointment of the External Auditor*

The resolutions were approved and the second draft report of Committee B was adopted.

**Item 17 (continued) Health systems**

Item 17.1 (continued) Strengthening emergency and essential surgical care and anaesthesia as a component of universal health coverage

The Chairman reopened the subitem for discussion and the Secretariat responded to questions raised. The Committee noted the report contained in document A68/31. The Committee then considered draft resolution EB136.R7 as contained in document EB136/2015/REC/1. The resolution was approved and the agenda subitem closed.

Item 17.2 WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited the Committee to consider the report contained in document A68/32. The Committee noted the report. The Chairman invited the Committee to consider the draft decision contained in document A68/B/CONF./3 and opened the floor for discussion. The draft decision was approved as amended.

- Item 17.3 Substandard/spurious/falsely-labelled/falsified/counterfeit medical products
- The Chairman opened the subitem and invited comments from the floor on document A68/33 and the draft decision EB136(1) as contained in document EB136/2015/REC/1. The subitem remained open for discussion at the next meeting of Committee B and the meeting was adjourned.

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#### Ninth meeting of Committee A

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Chairman: Dr Eduardo Jaramillo (Mexico)

**Item 15 (continued) Preparedness, surveillance and response**

Item 15.3 (continued) Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)

The Chairman reopened the subitem and invited comments from the floor. The Secretariat then respond to issues raised. Draft resolutions EB136.R5 and EB136.R6, contained in document EB136/2015/REC/1 were approved, closing the agenda subitem.

Item 15.4 WHO response in severe, large-scale emergencies

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited the Committee to consider the report *WHO response in severe, large-scale emergencies* as contained in document A68/23. The floor was opened for discussion and the Secretariat responded to issues raised. The Committee noted the report and the subitem was closed.

**Item 14 (continued) Promoting health through the life course**

Item 14.1 Monitoring the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals

The Chairman opened the subitem with consideration of the report *Monitoring the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals* as contained in document A68/13. The floor was opened for discussion and the Secretariat responded to the issues raised.

The meeting was adjourned.

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#### Fifth meeting of Committee B

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In the Chair: Dr Raymond Busuttil (Malta), Vice-Chairman

**Item 17 (continued) Health systems**

Item 17.3 (continued) Substandard/spurious/falsely-labelled/falsified/counterfeit medical products

The Chairman resumed the discussion on this subitem and invited comments from the floor. The Secretariat responded to questions raised and the draft decision EB136(1) contained in document EB136/2015/REC/1 was approved.

Item 17.4 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 the Committee to consider documents A68/34 and A68/34 Add.1. The Secretariat responded to questions raised and the Committee noted the report.

Item 17.5 Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited the Committee to consider the report by the Secretariat contained in document A68/35, and the draft resolution contained in document A68/B/CONF./1. The Committee decided to continue discussion of this subitem at its next meeting.



**Item 23****Staffing matters**

## Item 23.1

## Human resources

Documents A68/44 and A68/61

The Chairman opened the subitem and gave the floor to the Chair of the PBAC who reported on the discussions that took place at its last meeting. The subitem remains open and the meeting was adjourned.

**Tenth meeting of Committee A (evening session)**

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Chairman: Dr Eduardo Jaramillo (Mexico)

**Item 14 (continued)****Promoting health through the life course**

## Item 14.2

## Health in the post-2015 development agenda

The Chairman opened the subitem with consideration of the report *Health in the post-2015 development agenda* contained in document A68/14. The floor was opened for discussion and the Secretariat responded to issues raised. The Committee noted the report and the subitem was closed.

## Item 14.3

## Adolescent health

The Chairman opened the subitem with consideration of the report *Adolescent health* contained in document A68/15. The floor was opened for discussion. The Chairman informed the Committee that this subitem would be resumed at the next session of the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned.

### III. Technical briefing

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

**Monday, 25 May 2015**

**12:30–14:15**

**Room XII**

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**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.

### 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.
13:20–14:20 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia 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>
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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.
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 overcome resistance against pictorial warning messages on tobacco products. Organized by the delegations of Bangladesh, Bhutan, 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

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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	Universal Health Coverage through strengthening of health care service delivery system – Bangladesh and Iran’s experience. Organized by the delegations of Bangladesh and the Islamic Republic of Iran.
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. Executive Board**

### **137th session of the Executive Board, 27–28 May 2015 WHO headquarters – Executive Board room**

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Please note the following administrative arrangements:

#### **Online registration**

Online registration for the 137th session of the Executive Board is required and is open until the end of the session (28 May 2015). 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, distribution desk in front of the document desk in the area of Doors 13 and 15  
Monday, 25 May: 08:00–17:00  
Tuesday, 26 May: 08:00 until the closure of the plenary session but no later than 18:00
- WHO headquarters main lobby  
Wednesday, 27 May: 07:30–17:30  
Thursday, 28 May: 08:00 until the end of the session

#### **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://apps.who.int/gb/>

### **Enquiry desk hours – Saturday, 23 May**

The enquiry desk will be open from 08:30 to 12:30.

### **WHO information products and souvenirs on sale**

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