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Programme of meetings for Tuesday, 26 May 2015

Time	Plenary <i>Assembly Hall</i>	Committee A <i>Room XVIII</i>	Committee B <i>Room XVII</i>
09:00		Fourteenth meeting	Eighth meeting
14:30		Fifteenth meeting	
17:00	Ninth meeting		

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

Item 11.2 Framework of engagement with non-State actors

Room XXIII 09:30–12:30

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

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I. Programme of work of the Health Assembly

Tuesday, 26 May 2015

Fourteenth and fifteenth meetings of Committee A

Room XVIII – 09:00 and 14:30

- **Draft fifth report of Committee A**
Document (Draft) A68/73 containing two resolutions entitled:
- *Global vaccine action plan*
 - *Global action plan on antimicrobial resistance*
- Item 18 (continued) 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)
- 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)
- Item 11 (continued) WHO reform**
- Item 11.2 (continued) Framework of engagement with non-State actors
Documents A68/5, A68/A/CONF./3 Rev.1, A68/A/CONF./3 Add.1 and EB136/2015/REC/1, decision EB136(3)
- 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)
- Finalization of resolutions and reports**

Eighth meeting of Committee B

Room XVII – 09:00

- **Draft fourth report of Committee B**
Document (Draft) A68/72 containing four resolutions entitled:
- *Salaries of staff in ungraded posts and of the Director-General*
 - *Amendments to the Staff Regulations*
 - *Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property*
 - *Outcome of the Second International Conference on Nutrition*
- And two decisions entitled:
- *Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee,*
 - *Maternal, infant and young child nutrition: development of the core set of indicators*

Item 13 (continued) Noncommunicable diseases

Item 13.4 (continued) 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

Finalization of resolutions and reports

Ninth plenary meeting

Assembly Hall – 17:00

Item 8 (continued) Reports of the main committees

– **Second report of Committee A**

Document A68/67 containing one decision entitled:

- *Poliomyelitis*

– **Second report of Committee B**

Document 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*

– **Third report of Committee A**

Document A68/69 containing three resolutions entitled:

- *Poliomyelitis*
- *Yellow fever risk mapping and recommended vaccination for travellers*
- *The recommendations of the Review Committee on Second Extensions for Establishing National Public Health Capacities and on IHR Implementation*

– **Third report of Committee B**

Document 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*

– **Fourth report of Committee A**

Document A68/71 containing one decision entitled:

- *2014 Ebola virus disease outbreak and follow-up to the Special Session of the Executive Board on Ebola*

– **Fourth report of Committee B**

Document A68/72 containing four resolutions entitled:

- *Salaries of staff in ungraded posts and of the Director-General*
- *Amendments to the Staff Regulations*
- *Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property*
- *Outcome of the Second International Conference on Nutrition*

And two decisions entitled:

- *Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee*
- *Maternal, infant and young child nutrition: development of the core set of indicators*

– **Fifth report of Committee A**

Document A68/73 containing two resolutions entitled:

- *Global vaccine action plan*
- *Global action plan on antimicrobial resistance*

– **Fifth report of Committee B**

– **Sixth report of Committee A**

Item 9

Closure of the Health Assembly

II. Report of meetings

Twelfth meeting of Committee A

Chairman: Dr Eduardo Jaramillo (Mexico)

Draft fourth report of Committee A

The Chairman opened the meeting and invited the Rapporteur (Dr Liis Roováli [Estonia]), to read out the fourth draft report of Committee A, document (draft) A68/71 containing one decision entitled:

- *2014 Ebola virus disease outbreak and follow-up to the Special Session of the Executive Board on Ebola*

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

Item 14 (continued) Promoting health through the life course

Item 14.4 (continued) Women and health: 20 years of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action

The Chairman reopened the subitem with consideration of the report *Women and health: 20 years of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action* as contained in document A68/16. The floor was opened for discussion. The Secretariat responded to issues raised. The Committee noted the report and the agenda subitem was closed.

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)

The Chairman opened the subitem with consideration of the report as contained in document A68/17 and the Committee was invited to consider the *draft Framework for Country Action across Sectors for Health and Health Equity*, contained in the annex of document A68/17. The Secretariat responded to issues raised. The Committee noted the report and approved the Framework within the annex of the report. The agenda subitem was closed.

Item 16 (continued) Communicable diseases

Item 16.4 (continued) Global vaccine action plan

The Chairman reopened the subitem and invited the Chair of the drafting group to report on the outcome of the informal consultations held on draft resolution *Global vaccine action plan* contained in document A68/A/CONF./4 Rev.2. The Committee approved the resolution and the subitem was closed.

Item 18 Progress reports

Document A68/36

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)

The Chairman opened the item and invited the Committee to consider the progress reports listed in the above order. Due to time constraints, the item remained open for consideration at the next meeting of Committee A.

Chairman: Mr Michael Malabag (Papua New Guinea)

Item 23 (continued) Staffing matters

Item 23.1 (continued) Human resources

The Chairman reopened the subitem and invited comments from the floor. The Secretariat responded to questions raised and the Committee noted the report contained in document A68/44.

Item 23.2 Report of the International Civil Service Commission

The subitem was opened and the Chairman invited comments from the floor. The Secretariat responded to questions raised and the Committee noted the report contained in document A68/45.

Item 23.3 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited the Committee to consider the report contained in document A68/46 and resolutions EB136.R12 and EB136.R15. The Committee noted the report and approved the resolutions.

Item 23.4 Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited comments from the floor. The Committee noted the report contained in document A68/47.

Item 23.5 Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee

The Chairman opened the subitem and the Committee agreed to the nomination of Dr Michel Tailhades (Switzerland) as a member of the WHO Staff Pension Committee for a three-year term until May 2018.

A draft decision will be included in the Committee's report to the Plenary.

– **Draft third report of Committee B**

The Chairman invited the Rapporteur (Dr Guy Fones [Chile]), to read out the third draft 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*

The third draft report of Committee B was adopted.

Item 17 (continued) Health systems

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

The Chairman invited the Committee to consider the revised draft resolution as contained in document A68/B/CONF.1 Rev.1 and the floor was opened for discussion. The Secretariat read out the proposed amendment and the draft resolution was approved as amended.

- Item 24** **Management matters**
- Item 24.1 Real estate: update on the Geneva buildings renovation strategy
- The Chairman opened the subitem and invited comments from the floor. The Secretariat responded to issues raised and the Committee noted the report contained in document A68/49.
- Item 25** **Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations**
- The agenda subitem was opened and the Chairman invited comments from the floor. The Committee noted the report contained in document A68/50.
- Item 13** **Noncommunicable diseases** (*Item transferred from Committee A*)
- Item 13.1 Outcome of the Second International Conference on Nutrition
- The Chairman opened the subitem and invited comments from the floor. The Committee approved the draft resolution as contained in document A68/8.
- The meeting was adjourned.

Thirteenth meeting of Committee A

Chairman: Dr Eduardo Jaramillo (Mexico)

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

Item 15.1 (continued) Antimicrobial resistance

The Chairman reopened and subitem and invited the Chair of the drafting group to report on the outcome of the informal consultations held on draft resolution *Global action plan on antimicrobial resistance* contained in document A68/A/CONF./1 Rev.1. The draft resolution was approved and the Director-General addressed the Committee. The subitem was closed.

Item 18 (continued) **Progress reports**

Document A68/36

Communicable diseases

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- 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)

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)

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)

The progress reports were discussed in the above order and the Secretariat was invited to respond to comments and questions raised. Consideration of the agenda item will continue at the next meeting of Committee A.

The meeting was adjourned.

Seventh meeting of Committee B

Chairman: Mr Michael Malabag (Papua New Guinea)

Item 13 (continued) Noncommunicable diseases (*Item transferred from Committee A*)

- Item 13.2 Maternal, infant and young child nutrition: development of the core set of indicators
- The Chairman opened the subitem and invited the Committee to consider the draft decision contained in document A68/9 and invited comments from the floor. The Secretariat read out the proposed amendment and the draft decision was approved as amended.
- Item 13.3 Update on the Commission on Ending Childhood Obesity
- The Chairman opened the subitem and invited comments from the floor. The Secretariat responded to questions raised and the Committee noted the report contained in 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
- The Chairman opened the subitem and invited comments from the floor. Due to time constraints, the item remained open for consideration at the next meeting of Committee B.
- The meeting was adjourned.

III. Other meetings

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

Tuesday, 26 May 2015

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.

IV. Announcements

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