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Programme of meetings for Wednesday, 20 May 2015

| Time | Plenary <i>Assembly Hall</i> | Committee A <i>Room XVIII</i> | Committee B <i>Room XVII</i> | Other <i>Room XII</i> |
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| 09:00 | Sixth plenary meeting | | | |
| After commencement of Item 3 in Plenary | | Fourth meeting | | |
| 14:30 | | Fifth meeting | | |
| Immediately after conclusion of Item 3 in Plenary and Item 12.2 in Committee A | | | First meeting | |
| 17:30 | | | | General Committee |

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

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| Item 11.2 Framework of engagement with non-State actors (document A68/A/CONF./3) | Room XXIII | 14:30–17:30 |
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Plenary and Committee statements

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I. Tentative programme of work of the Health Assembly

Wednesday, 20 May 2015

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| Sixth plenary meeting | Assembly Hall – 09:00 |
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- Report of the Committee on Credentials
Document A68/63

Item 3 (continued) General discussion

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| Fourth meeting of Committee A | Room XVIII – After commencement of item 3 in Plenary |
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Item 12 Programme and budget matters

- Item 12.1 Implementation 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

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| Fifth meeting of Committee A | Room XVIII – 14:30 |
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Item 16 (continued) Communicable diseases

- Item 16.2 (continued) Malaria: draft global technical strategy: post 2015
Documents EB136/2015/REC/1, resolution EB136.R1, A68/28 and A68/28 Add.1
- Item 16.4 (continued) Global vaccine action plan
Documents A68/30 and A68/A/CONF./4

If time permits:

Item 15 Preparedness, surveillance and response

- Item 15.1 Antimicrobial resistance
Documents A68/19, A68/20, A68/A/CONF./1 and A68/A/CONF./1 Add.1
- Item 15.2 Poliomyelitis
Documents A68/21, A68/21 Add. 1, A68/21 Add. 2 and A68/21 Add. 3

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| First meeting of Committee B | Room XVII – Immediately after conclusion of Item 3 in Plenary and Item 12.2 in Committee A |
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Item 19 Opening of the Committee

- Including election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur

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, A68/INF./5 and 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
Document A68/23

Second meeting of Committee B

Room XVII – 09:00

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, A68/60 and EBPBAC22/4

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
Documents EB136/2015/REC/1, resolution EB136.R7 and A68/31

Seventh meeting of Committee A

Room XVIII – 14:30

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

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| Third meeting of Committee B | Room XVII – 14:30 |
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Item 22 (continued) Audit and oversight matters

Item 22.3 Appointment of the External Auditor
 Document A68/43

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
 Documents A68/32 and A68/32 Add.1

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| Seventh plenary meeting | Assembly Hall – 17:00 |
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Item 7 Awards

Friday, 22 May 2015

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

Item 8 Reports of the main committees

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| Eighth meeting of Committee A | Room XVIII – Immediately after conclusion of Item 8 in plenary |
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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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| Fourth meeting of Committee B | Room XVII – Immediately after conclusion of Item 8 in plenary |
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Item 17 (continued) Health systems (*Item transferred from Committee A*)

Item 17.2 (continued) 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 EB136/2015/REC/1, decision EB136(1) and A68/33

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 EB136/2015/REC/1, decision EB136(17), A68/35 and A68/B/CONF./1

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| Ninth meeting of Committee A | Room XVIII – 14:30 |
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| Item 13 | Noncommunicable diseases |
| Item 13.1 | Outcome of the Second International Conference on Nutrition Documents EB136/2015/REC/1, decision EB136(4) and A68/8 |
| 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 |

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| Fifth meeting of Committee B | Room XVII –14:30 |
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| Item 23 | Staffing matters |
| Item 23.1 | 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 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 Document A68/47 |
| Item 23.5 | Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee Document A68/48 |

Saturday, 23 May 2015

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| Tenth meeting of Committee A | Room XVIII – 09:00 |
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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 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 meeting of Committee A **Room XVIII – 09:00**

Item 16 (continued) Communicable diseases

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 and A68/51 Rev.1

Item 11.2 (continued) Framework of engagement with non-State actors

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

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**

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

Item 18 (continued) Progress reports

Document A68/36

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

Third plenary meeting

In the chair: Mr Francesco Mussoni (San Marino)
Vice-President of the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly

Later: Dr Ferozudin Feroz (Afghanistan)
Dr Li Bin (People's Republic of China)
Vice-Presidents of the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly
Mr Jagat Prakash Nadda (India)
President of the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly

Item 3 (continued) – General discussion

The Health Assembly resumed consideration of item 3 with special attention to the theme “Building resilient health systems”. The President invited to the rostrum the delegates of Monaco, Iceland, Argentina, Finland, Côte d’Ivoire, Fiji (who spoke on behalf of the Pacific Island Countries), Belgium, Malta, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the Philippines, Sweden, Luxembourg, Peru, India, Indonesia, Japan, Nicaragua, Turkey, Tunisia, the Republic of Korea, Slovenia, Algeria, Portugal, Chile, Poland, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Slovakia, Kenya, Spain, Malaysia and Haiti. The meeting was adjourned.

Second meeting of Committee A

Item 16 (continued) Communicable diseases

Item 16.2 (continued) Malaria: draft global technical strategy: post 2015

The Chairman reopened the agenda subitem and invited comments from the floor and the Secretariat responded to issues raised. At the invitation of the Chairman, the Secretariat read out the proposed amendments to the draft resolution EB136.R1: *Global technical strategy and targets for malaria 2016–2030* contained in document EB136/2015/REC/1.

Discussion of the agenda subitem was suspended.

Item 16.3 Dengue: prevention and control

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited the Committee to consider the report contained in document A68/29 *Dengue: prevention and control*. The floor was opened for discussion and the Secretariat responded to issues raised. The report of the Secretariat was noted and the agenda subitem closed.

Item 16.4 Global vaccine action plan

The agenda subitem was opened and the Chairman invited comments from the floor. Discussion of the subitem was suspended.

Fourth plenary meeting

In the chair: Mr Francesco Mussoni (San Marino)
Vice-President of the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly

Later: Dr Awa Marie Coll Seck (Senegal)
Vice-President of the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly
Mr Jagat Prakash Nadda (India)
President of the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly

Item 3 (continued) – General discussion

The Health Assembly resumed consideration of item 3 with special attention to the theme “Building resilient health systems”. The President invited to the rostrum the delegates of Uganda, the Republic of Moldova, Panama, Turkmenistan, the Czech Republic, Jamaica, Bangladesh, New Zealand, Mauritius, Ecuador, Israel, Zimbabwe, Belarus, Congo, Lithuania, Iraq, Honduras, Barbados, Sri Lanka (who spoke on behalf of the Group of Fifteen), Seychelles, Uruguay, Ghana, Mauritania, Gabon, Burkina Faso, Togo, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Chad, Namibia, Guinea-Bissau, Timor-Leste, Mali and Saint Kitts and Nevis. The meeting was adjourned.

Third meeting of Committee A

Item 16 (continued) Communicable diseases

Item 16.1 Ebola virus disease outbreak and follow-up to the Special Session on the Executive Board on Ebola

The Chairman invited the Committee to consider the report contained in document A68/25 *Ebola Interim Assessment Panel*. The floor was then given to the Chair of the Ebola Interim Assessment Panel to present the first progress report to the Committee. At the invitation of the Chairman, the Secretariat responded to the issues raised.

The Chairman invited comments from the floor on documents A68/24, A68/26 and A68/27. At the request of the Chairman, the Secretariat responded to issues raised.

The Committee agreed to establish a drafting group to discuss the draft decision *2014 Ebola virus disease outbreak and follow-up to the Special Session of the Executive Board on Ebola* as contained in document A68/51 Rev.1.

The agenda subitem remains open pending the results of discussions from the drafting group.

III. Technical briefings

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

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?

Friday, 22 May 2015

12:30–14:15

Room XII

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.

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> |
| 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. <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. |

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| 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> |
| 18:00–19:30 Room XVI | Responding to epidemics through the lens of Ebola. Organized by Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF). |
| 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. |

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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> |

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| 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. |

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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. |

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| 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. |
| 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 | 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> |

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| 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. |
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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 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> |

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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. |

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| 12:30–14:00 Room XXIV | <p>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).</p> <p><i>There will be interpretation in English and Spanish.</i></p> |
| 13:20–14:20 Room VIII | <p>Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.</p> |

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

Comoros
Sao Tome and Principe
Benin
Bhutan
Georgia
Equatorial Guinea
Paraguay
Myanmar
Syrian Arab Republic
Ethiopia
Niger
Nepal
Afghanistan
Trinidad and Tobago
Guinea
Palestine
Kazakhstan
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Uzbekistan
Cameroon
Madagascar
Mozambique
Malawi
Rwanda
Solomon Islands
Burundi
Botswana
Maldives

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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