Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly

Preliminary Journal 8 May 2015

This preliminary journal is intended to give delegates, representatives and other participants advance indications of the Health Assembly’s tentative programme of work. Additional information can be found in the Guide for delegates to the World Health Assembly (document A68/DIV/2).

The Journal does not constitute an official record of the Health Assembly’s proceedings. The Journal is published in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish on every working day during the Health Assembly.

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Badges

For security reasons, all delegates will be required to wear photo ID badges in order to access the meeting rooms. During the online registration process, the focal point will be asked to upload a passport style photograph of each member of the delegation. Brief instructions on how to upload and resize an existing image are available at: http://www.who.int/governance/en/.

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Security

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We also would like to remind you that security screening checks during the World Health Assembly (WHA) have increased for both pedestrians and vehicles seeking access to the Palais des Nations and to the conference room areas. As a result, we would advise that you please come prepared with required proof of identity and proper accreditation to facilitate your entry into the WHA area.
I. Date, location and working hours

The Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly will open in Geneva on Monday, **18 May 2015 at 09:30**. The Health Assembly will be held in the Palais des Nations, located near the Place des Nations and Avenue de la Paix and most easily reached by the entrance gate on the Route de Pregny. The working hours of the Health Assembly are from 09:00 to 12:00 and from 14:30 to 17:30, except for the first plenary meeting, which will commence at 09:30.

The Health Assembly will close no later than Tuesday, 26 May 2015, as decided by the Executive Board at its 136th session.
II. Tentative programme of work of the Health Assembly

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Item 1

**Opening of the Health Assembly**

- Item 1.1 – Appointment of the Committee on Credentials
- Item 1.2 – Election of the President of the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly
- Item 1.3 – Election of the five Vice-Presidents, the Chairmen of the main committees, and establishment of the General Committee

**General Committee**

Immediately after conclusion of Item 1.3 in plenary

Examination and submission to the Health Assembly of recommendations on such questions as:

- Adoption of the provisional agenda as proposed by the Executive Board
- Addition of supplementary items, if any, to the provisional agenda
- Initial allocation to the main committees of items of the agenda
- Deferment of any item to a future Health Assembly
- Programme of work of the Health Assembly

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1 Rules 29 and 30 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly define membership of and attendance at the General Committee. Web link: [http://www.who.int/governance](http://www.who.int/governance)
Second plenary meeting
Immediately after conclusion of the General Committee

Item 4 Invited speaker
- Presidential address

Item 1.4 – Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items to the main committees

Item 2 Report of the Executive Board on its 135th and 136th sessions
- Announcement by the President inviting suggestions regarding election of Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board

Third plenary meeting
14:30

Item 3 Address by Dr Margaret Chan, Director-General
- General discussion

First meeting of Committee A
After commencement of general discussion under Item 3

Item 10 Opening of the Committee
- Including election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur

Item 16 Communicable diseases

Tuesday, 19 May 2015

Fourth plenary meeting
09:00

Item 3 (continued) General discussion

Second and third meetings of Committee A
09:00 and 14:30

Item 16 (continued) Communicable diseases

Committee on Credentials
14:00

Fifth plenary meeting
14:30

Item 3 (continued) General discussion

Wednesday, 20 May 2015

Sixth plenary meeting
09:00

- Report of the Committee on Credentials

Item 5 Admission of new Members and Associate Members [if any]

Item 3 (continued) General discussion

Fourth and fifth meetings of Committee A
Immediately after conclusion of Item 5 in plenary and 14:30

Item 11 WHO reform
| Item 12 | Programme and budget matters |
| Item 15 | Preparedness, surveillance and response |

| First and second meetings of Committee B | Immediately after conclusion of Item 3 in plenary and 14:30 |
| 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 |

**General Committee**

| 17:30 |

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**Thursday, 21 May 2015**

| Sixth and seventh meetings of Committee A | 09:00 and 14:30 |
| Item 15 (continued) | Preparedness, surveillance and response |
| Item 17 | Health systems |

| Third and fourth meetings of Committee B | 09:00 and 14:30 |
| Item 21 | Financial matters |

| Seventh plenary meeting | 17:00 |
| Item 7 | Awards |

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**Friday, 22 May 2015**

| Eighth plenary meeting | 09:00 |
| Item 6 | Executive Board: election |
| Item 8 | Reports of the main committees |

| Eighth and ninth meetings of Committee A | Immediately after conclusion of Item 8 in plenary and 14:30 |
| Item 14 | Promoting health through the life course |
| Item 13 | Noncommunicable diseases |

| Fifth and sixth meetings of Committee B | Immediately after conclusion of Item 8 in plenary and 14:30 |
| Item 22 | Audit and oversight matters |
| Item 23 | Staffing matters |

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**Saturday, 23 May 2015**

| Tenth meeting of Committee A | 09:00 |
| Item 13 (continued) | Noncommunicable diseases |
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III. Technical briefings

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

Monday, 18 May 2015  12:30–14:15  Room VII

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

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

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

Tuesday, 19 May 2015  12:30–14:15  Room XVII

**Ebola outbreak**

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

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

Wednesday, 20 May 2015  12:30–14:15  Room XII

**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

**Getting to 2018: Preparing for the third UN High-level Meeting on Noncommunicable Diseases**

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

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

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

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

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Friday, 22 May 2015

**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.

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Monday, 25 May 2015

**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 before and during the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly. This represents information received up to 21 April 2015:

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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.
*There will be interpretation in English, Portuguese and Spanish.*

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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). *By invitation only.*

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Eight meeting of the Ministers of Health of the Non-aligned Movement (NAM).
*There will be interpretation in English, French, Russian and Spanish.*

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Political commitment and global efforts to accelerate the responsible use of antimicrobials. Organized by the Foreign Policy and Global Health group of countries (Brazil, France, Indonesia, Norway, Senegal, South Africa and Thailand) with the delegations of Australia, Bangladesh, Germany, India, the Netherlands, Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

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Regional coordination meeting of Member States of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

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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.

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Diagnostics: fighting outbreaks and improving public health. Organized by the Global Medical Technology Alliance (GMTA).

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Preserving lives: progress in the Decade of Action on Road Safety and the High-Level Conference of Brasilia. Organized by the delegation of Brazil and other Member States (tbc).

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Strengthening the synergy between the World Health Assembly (WHA) and the Conference of the Parties (COP). Organized by the delegations of Brazil, Panama and the Russian Federation.
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Adolescent girls’ health. Organized by the delegations of the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States of America, Zimbabwe and Chile.

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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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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.

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Informal meeting with the Ministers of Health of guinea-worm affected countries. Organized by the WHO Secretariat. By invitation only.

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Room XXIII  women’s health. Organized by the delegations of Canada, Ethiopia and Norway.

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Thailand and Zimbabwe.

12:30–14:00  Implementing the Global Strategy on Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual
Room XXIV  Property – promoting financing, and coordination of research and development and
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Research and Training in Tropical Diseases.

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17:45–19:15  From HIV/AIDS to global health in sub-Saharan Africa: DREAM 2.0, a replicable
Room XXIV  model. Organized by the delegations of Italy and Mozambique.

18:00–19:30  Access to new medicines: how can our health systems finance them? Organized by
Room VII  the delegations of Chile, Colombia and India.

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United States of America.

18:00–19:30  Global dialogue between citizens and governments on accountability for maternal,
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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.

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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

Oman (The delegate of Oman will speak on behalf of the Arab Ministers Council)

Colombia (The delegate of Colombia will speak on behalf of the Member States of the Region of the Americas)

Latvia (As Presidency of the European Union)

Islamic Republic of Iran (The delegate of the Islamic Republic of Iran will speak on behalf of the Non-aligned Movement (NAM))

China

Thailand

United States of America

Senegal (The delegate of Senegal will speak on behalf of Member States of the African Region)

Norway

Nigeria

Australia

Canada

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

South Africa

France

Brazil

Russian Federation

Cuba

Viet Nam

Italy

Mexico

Singapore

Argentina

Pakistan

United Republic of Tanzania

Brunei Darussalam

Guatemala

Sweden

Zambia

Monaco

India

Greece

Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Finland

Fiji (The delegate of Fiji will speak on behalf of the Pacific Island countries)

Belgium

Malta

Philippines

Luxembourg

Peru

Indonesia

Japan

Israel

Nicaragua

Slovenia

Turkey

Algeria

Islamic Republic of Iran
Panama
Republic of Korea
Portugal
Botswana
Poland
Papua New Guinea
Iceland
Kenya
Spain
Malaysia
Haiti
Uganda
Republic of Moldova
Chile
Kazakhstan
Mozambique
Czech Republic
Jamaica
Bangladesh
New Zealand
Mauritius
Ecuador
Belarus
Zimbabwe
Tunisia
Congo
Lithuania
Iraq
Comoros (the)
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
Burkina Faso
Côte d'Ivoire
Angola
Gabon
Paraguay
Togo
Afghanistan
Cabo Verde
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Serbia
Bhutan
Equatorial Guinea
Myanmar
Namibia
Trinidad and Tobago
Slovakia
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