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Programme of meetings for Monday, 23 May 2016

Time	Plenary <i>Assembly Hall</i>	Committee A <i>Room XVIII</i>	Other
09:30	First plenary meeting		
Immediately after conclusion of Item 1.3 in plenary			General Committee <i>Room XII</i>
Immediately after conclusion of the General Committee	Second plenary meeting		
14:30	Third plenary meeting		
After commencement of general discussion under Item 3		First meeting	

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* This number supersedes the preliminary number of the Journal issued on 8 May 2016. The programme of work is subject to decisions taken by the Health Assembly and the General Committee.

I. Tentative programme of work of the Health Assembly

Monday, 23 May 2016

First plenary meeting		Assembly Hall – 09:30
		Delegations will sit in the English alphabetical order of names of Member States commencing with the letter “P” as decided by the drawing of lots. Delegations are requested to take their seats a few minutes before 09:30.
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-ninth 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 Committee¹		Room XII – 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
Second plenary meeting		Assembly Hall – Immediately after conclusion of the General Committee
–	Presidential address	
Item 1 (continued)	Opening of the Health Assembly	
Item 1.4	– Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items to the main committees Document A69/1	
Item 2	Report of the Executive Board on its 137th and 138th sessions Document A69/2	
	Announcement by the President inviting suggestions regarding election of Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board	

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>.

Third plenary meeting	Assembly Hall – 14:30
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- Item 3** **Address by Dr Margaret Chan, Director-General**
 Document A69/3 (to be distributed on the following day)
 – General discussion

First meeting of Committee A	Room XVIII – After commencement of general discussion under Item 3
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- Item 10** **Opening of the Committee**
 – Including election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur
- Item 11** **WHO reform**
- Item 11.1 – Overview of reform implementation
 Document A69/4
- Item 11.2 – Member State consultative process on governance reform
 Documents A69/5 and EB138/2016/REC/1, decision EB138(1)
- Item 11.3 – Framework of engagement with non-State actors
 Documents A69/6, A69/INF./2 and EB138/2016/REC/1, decision EB138(3)

Tuesday, 24 May 2016

Fourth plenary meeting	Assembly Hall – 09:00
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- Item 3** (continued) – General discussion
- Item 4** **Invited speaker**

Second meeting of Committee A	Room XVIII – 09:00
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- Item 11** (continued) **WHO reform**
- Item 11.3 (continued) – Framework of engagement with non-State actors
 Documents A69/6, A69/INF./2 and EB138/2016/REC/1, decision EB138(3)
- Item 13** **Promoting health through the life course**
- Item 13.1 – Monitoring of the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals
 Document A69/14

Committee on Credentials	Room VII – 14:00
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Fifth plenary meeting	Assembly Hall – 14:30
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- Item 3** (continued) – General discussion

Third meeting of Committee A	Room XVIII – 14:30
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- Item 13** (continued) **Promoting health through the life course**
- Item 13.1 (continued) – Monitoring of the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals
 Document A69/14
- Item 13.2 – Health in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
 Documents A69/15 and EB138/2016/REC/1, resolution EB138.R5
- Item 13.3 – Operational plan to take forward the Global Strategy on Women’s, Children’s and Adolescents’ Health
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Wednesday, 25 May 2016

Sixth plenary meeting	Assembly Hall –09:00
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– Report of the Committee on Credentials

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

Item 8 Reports of the main committees

Fourth and fifth meetings of Committee A	Room XVIII – Immediately after conclusion of Item 8 in plenary and 14:30
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Item 14 Preparedness, surveillance and response

Item 14.1 – Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)

- Report of the Review Committee on the Role of the International Health Regulations (2005) in the Ebola Outbreak and Response

Documents A69/21 and A69/21 Add.1

Item 14.9 – Reform of WHO's work in health emergency management

Document A69/30

Item 14.1 (continued) – Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)

- Annual report on the implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)

Document A69/20

Item 14.6 – WHO response in severe, large-scale emergencies

Document A69/26

Item 14.8 – 2014 Ebola virus disease outbreak

- Update on 2014 Ebola virus disease outbreak and Secretariat response to other issues raised
- Options for strengthening information-sharing on diagnostic, preventive and therapeutic products and for enhancing WHO's capacity to facilitate access to these products, including the establishment of a global database, starting with haemorrhagic fevers

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Item 13 (continued) Promoting health through the life course

Item 13.4 – Multisectoral action for a life course approach to healthy ageing: draft global strategy and plan of action on ageing and health

Document A69/17

Item 13.5 – Health and the environment: draft road map for an enhanced global response to the adverse health effects of air pollution

Document A69/18

Item 13.6 – Role of the health sector in the sound management of chemicals

Document A69/19

Item 14 (continued) Preparedness, surveillance and response

Item 14.2 – Pandemic influenza preparedness: sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits

Documents A69/22, A69/22 Add.1 and A69/22 Add.2

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| Item 14.3 | – Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks
Document A69/23 |
| Item 14.4 | – Global action plan on antimicrobial resistance
Documents A69/24 and A69/24 Add.1 |
| Item 14.5 | – Poliomyelitis
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| Item 14.7 | – Promoting the health of migrants
Document A69/27 |

First and second meetings of Committee B	Room XVII – Immediately after conclusion of Item 8 in plenary and 14:30
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| Item 18 | Opening of the Committee
– Including election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur |
| Item 19 | Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan
Documents A69/44, A69/44 Add.1, A69/INF./4, A69/INF./5 and A69/INF./6 |

General Committee	Room XII – 17:30
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Thursday, 26 May 2016

Sixth and seventh meetings of Committee A	Room XVIII – 09:00 and 14:30
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| Item 15 | Communicable diseases |
| Item 15.1 | – Draft global health sector strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV, 2016–2021
Document A69/31 • Viral hepatitis, 2016–2021
Document A69/32 • Sexually transmitted infections, 2016–2021
Document A69/33 |
| Item 12 | Noncommunicable diseases |
| Item 12.1 | – Maternal, infant and young child nutrition
Documents A69/7, A69/7 Add.1 and A69/7 Add.2 |
| Item 12.2 | – Report of the Commission on Ending Childhood Obesity
Document A69/8 |
| Item 12.3 | – Draft global plan of action on violence
Documents A69/9 and EB138/2016/REC/1, resolution EB138.R3 |
| Item 12.4 | – Prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases: responses to specific assignments in preparation for the third High-level Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases in 2018
Documents A69/10 and EB138/2016/REC/1, resolution EB138.R4 |

Item 20	Programme budget and financial matters
Item 20.1	– Unified programmatic and financial report as at 31 December 2015 Documents A69/45 and A69/INF./3
Item 20.2	– Financing of Programme budget 2016–2017 Document A69/46 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strategic budget space allocation Documents A69/47 and EB137/2015/REC/1, decision EB137(7)
Item 20.3	– 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 Document A69/48
Item 20.4	– Special arrangements for settlement of arrears [if any]
Item 20.5	– Scale of assessments Documents A69/49 and EB138/2016/REC/1, resolution EB138.R6
Item 20.6	– Assessment of new Members and Associate Members [if any]
Item 20.7	– Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules [if any]
Item 21	Audit and oversight matters
Item 21.1	– Report of the External Auditor Document A69/50
Item 21.2	– Report of the Internal Auditor Document A69/51
Item 22	Staffing matters
Item 22.1	– Human resources: annual report Document A69/52
Item 22.2	– Report of the International Civil Service Commission Document A69/53
Item 22.3	– Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules Documents A69/54 and EB138/2016/REC/1, resolutions EB138.R10 and EB138.R13
Item 22.4	– Appointment of representatives of the WHO Staff Pension Committee Document A69/55
Item 23	Management and legal matters
Item 23.1	– Real estate: update of the Geneva buildings renovation strategy Documents A69/56 and EB138/2016/REC/1, resolution EB138.R7
Item 23.2	– Process for the election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization Documents A69/57 and EB138/2016/REC/1, decision EB138(2)
Item 24	Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations Document A69/58

Item 16	Health systems
Item 16.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Health workforce and services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents A69/36, A69/37 and A69/37 Add.1 • Draft global strategy on human resources for health: workforce 2030 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Document A69/38 • Framework on integrated people-centred health services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents A69/39 and EB138/2016/REC/1, resolution EB138.R2
Item 16.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Follow-up to the report of the Consultative Expert Working Group on Research and Development: Financing and Coordination – Report of the open-ended meeting of Member States <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Document A69/40

Friday, 27 May 2016

Seventh plenary meeting		Assembly Hall – 09:00
Item 7	Awards	
	Document A69/INF./1	
Item 6	Executive Board: election	
Item 8	Reports of the main committees	
Eighth and ninth meetings of Committee A		Room XVIII – Immediately after conclusion of Item 8 in plenary and 14:30
Item 15	Communicable diseases	
Item 15.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Global vaccine action plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Document A69/34 	
Item 15.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mycetoma <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents A69/35 and EB138/2016/REC/1, resolution EB138.R1 	
Item 12 (continued)	Noncommunicable diseases	
Item 12.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Strengthening synergies between the World Health Assembly and the Conference of the Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Document A69/11 	
Item 12.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Public health dimension of the world drug problem including in the context of the Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly on the World Drug Problem, to be held in 2016 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Document A69/12 	
Item 12.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Addressing the challenges of the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety (2011–2020): outcome of the Second Global High-level Conference on Road Safety – Time for Results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Document A69/13 	

Item 16 Health systems

- Item 16.3 – Substandard/spurious/false-labelled/falsified/counterfeit medical products
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- Item 16.4 – Addressing the global shortages of medicines, and the safety and accessibility of children's medication
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Item 17 Progress reports

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Communicable diseases

- A. Eradication of dracunculiasis (resolution WHA64.16)

Noncommunicable diseases

- B. Sustaining the elimination of iodine deficiency disorders (resolution WHA60.21)

Promoting health through the life course

- C. Strengthening of palliative care as a component of comprehensive care throughout the life course (resolution WHA67.19)
D. 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] (resolution WHA67.12)
E. Reproductive health: strategy to accelerate progress towards the attainment of international development goals and targets (resolution WHA57.12)

Health systems

- F. Health intervention and technology assessment in support of universal health coverage (resolution WHA67.23)
G. Access to essential medicines (resolution WHA67.22)
H. Access to biotherapeutic products, including similar biotherapeutic products, and ensuring their quality, safety and efficacy (resolution WHA67.21)
I. WHO strategy on research for health (resolution WHA63.21)

Corporate services/enabling functions

- J. Multilingualism: implementation of action plan (resolution WHA61.12)

Saturday, 28 May 2016

Tenth meeting of Committee A

Room XVIII – 09:00

Finalization of resolutions and reports

Eighth plenary meeting

Assembly Hall – Immediately following the closure of Committee A

Item 8 Reports of the main committees

Item 9 Closure of the Health Assembly

II. Technical briefings

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

Tuesday, 24 May 2016

12:30–14:15

Room XII

Health in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: intersectoral action

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

In September 2015, the UN General Assembly adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development which has important implications for health. The sustainable development goals (SDGs) present an agenda for all countries and cover the economic, social and environmental pillars of development. Health is centrally positioned in the SDGs as a single goal, interacting with many other goals and targets. Current discussions on the implications of the 2030 Agenda for health focus on major themes such as universal health coverage, equity, intersectoral action and governance for health. This technical briefing aims to discuss what implications of the SDGs have for health with a focus on intersectoral action.

Wednesday, 25 May 2016

12:30–14:15

Room XII

Survive, Thrive, Transform: implementing the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health

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

The Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health, launched by the UN Secretary-General in September 2015, provides a roadmap for ending preventable deaths of women, children and adolescents by 2030 and helping them achieve their potential for health and well-being in all settings. Its three objectives—Survive (end preventable deaths), Thrive (ensure health and well-being) and Transform (expand enabling environments)—are fully aligned with the SDGs, including SDG 3 on health and other SDGs related to the political, social, economic and environmental determinants of health and sustainable development. Like the SDGs, the Global Strategy is universal in scope and multisectoral in action, and has been described as a 'frontrunner platform' for the implementation of the SDGs.

The technical briefing will provide an overview of the Global Strategy and of new evidence and technical resources that can support countries as they update and implement their unique national programmes and policies. A panel of WHO Member States will then discuss their own commitments and considerations on translating the Global Strategy into national plans and policies to reach every woman, child and adolescent everywhere. Particular emphasis will be placed on new areas of focus (adolescents, accountability, and accelerated action, including working across sectors).

Thursday, 26 May 2016

12:30–14:15

Room XII

Health emergencies in practice

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

Outbreaks and emergencies continue to pose major, ongoing risks to the health and well-being of communities, resilience of health systems, stability of national economies and progress towards sustainable development. Since 2000, the world has faced major public health crises, from severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) and pandemic H1N1 to cholera, Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS) and Ebola. During the same period, natural disasters and conflicts have escalated with over 125 million people now in need of humanitarian assistance, the highest number on record. The new Health Emergencies Programme being established by the Director-General aims to better support Member States by enhancing WHO's performance in infectious hazards management, preparedness, health emergency information and risk assessment, and emergency response operations.

During this technical briefing, a panel of Member State and partner representatives will share perspectives on key elements of the new Health Emergencies Programme, focusing on the evaluation of country preparedness, emerging pathogens, risk assessments, the Health Cluster, protection of health and health care, and financing for health in emergencies.

Migration and health

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

Large movements of migrants and refugees have once again brought migration to the forefront of international attention. Globalization, conflict, poverty, urbanization, inequality and poor job prospects are among the reasons that compel people to leave their homes in search of a better future for themselves and their family. Despite many benefits of migration, migrants themselves remain among the most vulnerable members of society. Governments face the challenge of integrating the health needs of migrants into national plans, policies and strategies as recommended by WHA resolution 61.17 on the Health of Migrants adopted in 2008. Urgent action is required to ensure the migrant's right to health and to implement migrant-sensitive health policies that incorporate universal health coverage and equitable access to quality health services regardless of the migrant's legal status.

WHO is working with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), among others, to tackle the health needs and improve the health status of migrant populations while managing the possible health impacts on the affected local populations. WHO and its regional offices have provided support to Member States in developing and implementing policies aimed at enhancing the role of the health sector in responding to the needs of migrant and affected local populations. This technical briefing will review the current situation and priorities related to migration and health, review best practices and look at lessons learnt and implications for the future of WHO's work in relation to migration and health. The human face of all that surrounds migration and health will be emphasized.

III. Other meetings

The Secretariat has been advised that the following meetings will take place before and during the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly. This represents information received up to 9 May 2016:

Monday, 23 May 2016

08:00–09:00 Room XVI	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO African Region. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
08:00–09:00 Concordia 4	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
08:20–09:20 Room VII	Meeting of heads of delegations of Member States of the Region of the Americas. <i>There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.</i>
08:30–09:20 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.
08:15–08:45 Room IX	Meeting of the Arab Ministers of Health.
08:45–09:15 Room IX	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region. <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, English and French.</i>
12:45–14:15 Room VII	Ministerial panel on dementia (Alzheimer's and other related diseases). Organized by the delegations of Austria, Canada, the Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Germany, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, the Netherlands, Panama, the Republic of Korea, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Zambia. <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.</i>
12:45–14:15 Room IX	Launch of ESPEN - Expanded Special Project for the Elimination of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Africa. Organized by the delegations of Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Sudan, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and the WHO Secretariat. <i>There will be interpretation in English, French and Portuguese</i>
12:45–14:15 Room XXIII	High-level event: women and adolescent girls on the fast-track to ending the AIDS epidemic. Organized by the delegations of Australia, Canada, Côte d'Ivoire, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Panama, Portugal, South Africa, Switzerland, the United States of America, Zambia, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, UNAIDS and the WHO Secretariat. <i>There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.</i>
12:45–14:15 Room XXIV	Dengue: reframing the dialogue. Organized by the delegations of Brazil, China, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and the WHO Secretariat. <i>There will be interpretation in English, Portuguese and Spanish.</i>
17:45–19:15 Room XII	BRICS side event on access to medicines: access to medicines and trade agreements. Organized by Brazil, China, India, the Russian Federation and South Africa. <i>There will be interpretation in English, Chinese, Portuguese and Russian.</i>
17:45–19:15 Room XXII	The role of the Global Health Security Agenda (GHSa) in supporting countries' capacity to implement the International Health Regulations (IHR). Organized by the delegations of Canada, Chile, Finland, Indonesia, Italy, Kenya, the Netherlands, the Republic of Korea and the United States of America. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>

17:45–19:15 Room XXIV	Accelerating national progress on tackling child obesity and child under-nutrition in a sustainable way. Organized by the delegations of Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Finland, Kenya, Mexico, the Netherlands, Nigeria, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Zambia, International Diabetes Federation, the Save the Children Fund, WaterAid, World Cancer Research Fund International and World Obesity Federation. <i>There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.</i>
18:00–19:30 Room IX	Global and local: public health and primary care in action! Organized by the delegation of Slovenia and International Alliance of Patients' Organizations, International Federation of Medical Students Associations, the Network Towards Unity for Health, World Federation of Public Health Associations and World Organization of Family Doctors.

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07:45–09:00 Room XII	Implementing our shared agenda on the public health dimension of the world drug problem. Organized by the delegations of Colombia, the Netherlands, Switzerland, United States of America and Zambia.
08:00–08:45 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>
08:00–08:45 Room XVI	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO African Region. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
08:00–09:00 Concordia 4	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
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, English and French.</i>
08:15–08:45 Room XXIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO European Region.
08:30–08:50 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.
12:15–13:45 Room XXIII	Assistive technology for all. Organized by the delegations of China, Ecuador, Germany, Ireland, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, the United States of America and Zimbabwe. <i>There will be interpretation in Chinese, English, Spanish and sign language.</i>
12:15–13:45 Room XXIV	Climate change and health: taking stock, forging solutions. Organized by the delegations of the Philippines, as Chair of the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF), the United States of America and the following members of the CVF: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Barbados, Bhutan, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, the Comoros, Costa Rica, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Fiji, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Kenya, Kiribati, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, the Marshall Islands, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, the Niger, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Senegal, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, Timor-Leste, Tunisia, Tuvalu, the United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu, Viet Nam and Yemen. <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.</i>
12:15–14:15 Room XVI	Ninth meeting of the Ministers of Health of the Non-aligned Movement (NAM). <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish.</i>

12:30–13:00 Hall 14, Open space of the Assembly Hall, Building A, 3rd floor	Ceremony to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the death of Dr LEE Jong-wook. Moderator: Dr Ian Smith, WHO Executive Director, Office of the Director-General.
17:00–19:00 Concordia 1	Third meeting of the Ministers of Health of the Economic Cooperation Organization. <i>By invitation only.</i>
17:45–18:45 Room IX	Achieving affordable access to health technologies. Organized by Health Action International, Medicines for Malaria Venture and Oxfam.
18:00–19:30 Room VIII	Addressing health workforce deficits and stimulating employment and inclusive economic growth: the United Nations Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth – towards achieving the sustainable development goals (SDGs). Organized by the delegations of Brazil, France, Norway and South Africa. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
18:00–19:30 Room XII	Inter-ministerial round table: Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) for Universal Health Coverage (UHC). Organized by the delegations of Costa Rica, Senegal, the International Telecommunication Union and the WHO Secretariat. <i>There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.</i>
18:00–19:30 Room XXIII	Implementation of successful, cost effective, evidence-based noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) interventions – how the United Nations Inter-agency Taskforce can help countries accelerate the prevention and control of NCDs by 2030. Organized by the delegations of Barbados, Jamaica, Kenya, Oman, Peru, the Russian Federation, Viet Nam and the WHO Secretariat. <i>There will be interpretation in English and Russian.</i>
19:00–20:00 Room IX	Confronting resistance: innovation and access to end tuberculosis. Organized by the delegations of France, India, the Republic of Korea, the United States of America, Viet Nam, Zimbabwe, the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease, Medicines Patent Pool and the Stop TB Partnership. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>

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08:00–08:45 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>
08:00–08:45 Room XVI	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO African Region. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
08:00–09:00 Concordia 4	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
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, English and French.</i>
08:15–08:45 Room XXIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO European Region.
08:30–08:50 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.

09:00–11:00 Room VII	G5 meeting – Afghanistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Pakistan and the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean. <i>By invitation only.</i>
12:15–13:45 Room XXIII	Addressing the global challenge of medication safety for improving patient safety and quality of care. Organized by the delegations of Malaysia, Oman, Poland and Sri Lanka. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
12:30–14:00 Room VII	Towards achieving the physical activity target 2025 (10x25). Are we walking the talk? Organized by the delegations of Finland, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, South Africa, Thailand and the United States of America.
12:30–14:00 Room XXIV	The critical role of infection prevention and control in strengthening health systems and achieving quality universal health coverage (UHC). Organized by the delegations of Australia, Egypt, Ghana, Jamaica, the Netherlands, Sierra Leone and Thailand. <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, English, French and Spanish.</i>
18:00–19:30 Room VII	Science, state and society: an integrated global initiative to reduce snakebite death and disability. Organized by the delegations of Afghanistan, Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Costa Rica, Gabon, Guinea, Kenya, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Senegal, Uganda and Stichting Health Action International (HAI). <i>There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.</i>
18:00–19:30 Room VIII	Working together to advance the global adolescent health agenda. Organized by the delegations of Canada, Mozambique, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United Nations Population Fund. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
18:00–19:30 Room IX	Towards the right to health: possibilities of a Framework Convention on Global Health and Harmonized Civil Society Platforms for Universal Health Coverage (UHC). Organized by Alliance for Health Promotion, Global Health Council, International Planned Parenthood Federation, the Save the Children Fund, World Heart Federation and World Vision International.
18:00–20:00 Room XXII	Informal meeting with the Ministers of Health of guinea-worm affected countries. Organized by the WHO Secretariat. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>

Thursday, 26 May 2016

08:00–08:45 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>
08:00–08:45 Room XVI	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO African Region. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
08:00–09:00 Concordia 4	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
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, English and French.</i>
08:15–08:45 Room XXIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO European Region.

08:30–08:50 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.
12:15–13:45 Room VII	Parliaments as key partners in ensuring health for all, including women, children and adolescents. Organized by the delegations of Bangladesh, Italy, Lesotho and the Inter-Parliamentary Union. <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.</i>
12:15–13:45 Room IX	WIPO re: Search-sharing innovation in the fight against Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs). An example of a multi-stakeholder platform for NTDs, its achievements and lessons learned. Organized by the delegations of Australia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Germany, Kenya, Namibia, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Singapore, the United States of America, Zambia and Zimbabwe. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
12:15–13:45 Room XXIII	Global action in antibiotic research and innovation. Organized by the delegations of Australia, Canada, Colombia, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, South Africa, Thailand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Zambia.
17:45–19:15 Room VIII	Are we making the right investments for optimal cancer control? A global dialogue. Organized by the delegations of Honduras, India, Jordan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Peru, the Republic of Korea, Zambia, European Society for Medical Oncology, International Organization of Medical Physics, International Society of Radiology, Union for International Cancer Control, Worldwide Hospice Palliative Care Alliance and the WHO Secretariat. <i>There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.</i>
17:45–19:15 Room XII	Ending childhood obesity: securing the future for our children. Organized by the delegations of Ghana, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand and Zambia. <i>There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.</i>
18:00–19:30 Room IX	Informed decision making for universal health coverage (UHC). Organized by the Cochrane Collaboration and Health Technology Assessment International.
18:00–19:30 Room XXII	Alcohol marketing in the digital world. Organized by the delegations of Botswana, Ecuador, Estonia, Sri Lanka and Viet Nam. <i>There will be interpretation in English and Spanish.</i>

Friday, 27 May 2016

08:00–08:45 Room XVI	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO African Region. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
08:00–09:00 Concordia 4	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
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, English and French.</i>
08:15–08:45 Room XXIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO European Region.
08:30–08:50 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.

12:15–13:45 Room IX	Service, measurement, accountability and response for attainment of health sustainable development goals (SDGs): leveraging benefits of space science, geospatial data and eHealth. Organized by the delegations of Bangladesh, Liberia and the United States of America.
12:15–13:45 Room XXIII	Healthy ageing: innovative approaches to promote health across the life course. Organized by the delegations of Australia, Japan, India, the Netherlands, Norway, Thailand and the United States of America. <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.</i>
12:30–14:00 Room VII	Progress towards universal health coverage (UHC) and sustainable development. Organized by the delegations of Nepal, Nigeria, Zambia and Zimbabwe. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
18:00–19:30 Room VIII	Reducing 7 million deaths from air pollution: implementing WHA 68.8 (2015) through actions at country, city and household level. Organized by the delegations of Norway and Zambia. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
18:00–19:30 Room IX	SSFFC medical products – strategies towards safe universal access to quality medicines. Organized by the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations and International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation.
18:00–19:30 Room XII	G7 activities for health systems strengthening (HSS) and universal health coverage (UHC). Organized by the delegations of Germany and Japan. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>

Saturday, 28 May 2016

08:00–08:45 Room XVI	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO African Region. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
08:00–09:00 Concordia 4	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
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, English and French.</i>
08:15–08:45 Room XXIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO European Region.
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.

IV. Arrangements for conduct of discussion in 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.

Plenary

Delegates wishing to have their name placed on the list of speakers for the general discussion should notify the Department for Governing Bodies and External Relations by e-mail (piazzap@who.int) or fax +41 22 791 4173.

Copies of statements to be made in the general discussion should be submitted to the Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of the Health Assembly or by e-mail (interpret@who.int) or in Room A.656 by the morning of Monday, 23 May 2016.

Other meetings

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Theme of general discussion: “Transforming our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”

On 25 September 2015, the UN General Assembly adopted the new development agenda “Transforming our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”. The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) integrate all three dimensions of sustainable development (economic, social and environmental) around the themes of people, planet, prosperity, peace and partnership. The SDGs recognize that eradicating poverty and inequality, creating inclusive economic growth and preserving the planet are inextricably linked, not only to each other, but also to population health.

Health is centrally positioned in the SDGs, with one comprehensive goal – *Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages* – including 13 targets that cover all health priorities, and linkages with many other goals. Major themes include universal health coverage, equity and integrated approaches; intersectoral action and governance for health; follow-up and review; and health architecture. The new sustainable development agenda has major implications for the health sector at global, regional and country levels.

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

Netherlands	(The delegate of the Netherlands will speak on behalf of the European Union)
Argentina	(The delegate of Argentina will speak on behalf of the Member States of the Region of the Americas)
Chad	(The delegate of Chad will speak on behalf of the Member States of the African Region)
China	
Thailand	
Islamic Republic of Iran	(The delegate of the Islamic Republic of Iran will speak on behalf of the Non-aligned Movement (NAM))
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	
United States of America	
Nigeria	
Germany	
Canada	
Russian Federation	
South Africa	
France	
Brazil	
Finland	
Palestine	(The representative of the Observer delegation of Palestine will give the statement of the Arab Health Ministers Council)
Maldives	
Angola	
Cuba	
Israel	
Singapore	
Mexico	
Côte d'Ivoire	
Colombia	
Belarus	
Philippines	
Turkey	
Burkina Faso	
Malta	(The delegate of Malta will speak on behalf of the Commonwealth Health Ministers)
Portugal	
Greece	
Montenegro	
Kazakhstan	
Brunei Darussalam	
Indonesia	
Iceland	
Seychelles	
Monaco	
Chile	
Samoa	(The delegate of Samoa will speak on behalf of the Pacific Island Countries)
Sweden	
Bangladesh	
Italy	
Republic of Korea	
Islamic Republic of Iran	

Sri Lanka (The delegate of Sri Lanka will speak on behalf of the Group of Fifteen)
Peru
Latvia
India
Norway
Poland
Uruguay
Luxembourg
Australia
Slovenia
Sierra Leone
Belgium
United Republic of Tanzania
Cyprus
Japan
Lithuania
Cameroon
Spain
Senegal
Tunisia
Ukraine
Panama
Mauritius
Dominican Republic
Georgia
Algeria
El Salvador
Zimbabwe
Guatemala
Nicaragua
Namibia
Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Kenya
Ecuador
Trinidad and Tobago
Jamaica
Malaysia
Denmark
Ethiopia
Ghana
New Zealand
Costa Rica
Benin
Hungary
Botswana
Zambia
Mauritania
Pakistan
Mozambique
Barbados
Togo
Viet Nam
Plurinational State of Bolivia
Turkmenistan
Albania

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Paraguay

Honduras

Cabo Verde

Republic of Moldova

Gabon

Timor-Leste

Guinea

Congo

Equatorial Guinea

Armenia

Uganda

Nepal

Mongolia

Syrian Arab Republic

Morocco

Sao Tome and Principe

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Niger

Lesotho

Romania

African Union

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Holy See

Order of Malta

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation

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VI. Announcements

Facilities

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- World Health Organization web site: <http://www.who.int>
- World Health Assembly and Executive Board documentation: <http://apps.who.int/gb/>

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The WHO bookshop is located at the Palais des Nations in the new hall “Concordia” between doors 13 and 15. The latest publications and information products issued by WHO and its regional offices are available at a 50% discount. WHO souvenirs are also on display. The bookshop is open Monday to Friday from 09:00 to 16:30 at the Palais des Nations and from 09:00 to 16:30 at WHO Headquarters.

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Video streaming

The Plenary, Committee A and Committee B sessions, as well as the technical briefing on the Ebola outbreak Ebola will be webcast in the six UN languages. The webcasts can be viewed on Mac and PCs, as well as all mobile devices including iPhone, iPad, Android and Windows-enabled phones.

Arabic: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/events/2016/wha69/webstreaming/ar/index.html>
Chinese: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/events/2016/wha69/webstreaming/zh/index.html>
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