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Programme of meetings for Tuesday, 24 May 2016

Time	Plenary <i>Assembly Hall</i>	Committee A <i>Room XVIII</i>	Other <i>Room VII</i>
09:00	Fourth plenary meeting	Second meeting	
14:00			Committee on Credentials
14:30	Fifth plenary meeting	Third meeting	

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

Item 11.3 Framework of engagement with non-State actors (document A69/6)	Room VII	12:00–13:30
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Plenary and Committee statements

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I. Tentative programme of work of the Health Assembly

Tuesday, 24 May 2016

Fourth plenary meeting	Assembly Hall – 09:00
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Item 3 (continued) – General discussion

Item 4 **Invited speaker** **12:00**

Second meeting of Committee A	Room XVIII – 09:00
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Item 13 **Promoting health through the life course**

Item 13.1 – Monitoring of the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals

to be discussed with: Document A69/14

Item 13.2 – Health in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

and 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

Documents A69/16 and A69/A/Conf.Paper No. 2

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

Documents A69/17 and A69/A/Conf.Paper No. 8

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

Documents A69/18 and A69/A/Conf.Paper No. 9

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

Documents A69/19 and A69/A/Conf.Paper No. 6

- Report of the Committee on Credentials

Fourth and fifth meetings of Committee A

Room XVIII – Immediately after conclusion of plenary and 14:30

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)
to be discussed with:
- Annual report on the implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)
Document A69/20
- Item 14.6 – WHO response in severe, large-scale emergencies
and Document A69/26
- Item 14.8 – 2014 Ebola virus disease outbreak
- 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
Document A69/29
- 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
- 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
Document A69/25
- Item 14.7 – Promoting the health of migrants
Document A69/27

First and second meetings of Committee B	Room XVII – Immediately after conclusion of 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, A69/INF./6 and A69/B/Conf.Paper No. 1.

General Committee	Room XII – 17:30
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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
- 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, A69/7 Add.2, A69/A/Conf.Paper No. 5 and A69/A/Conf.Paper No. 7
- 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

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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
- 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 20.5 – Scale of assessments
Documents A69/49 and EB138/2016/REC/1, resolution EB138.R6
- 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
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- 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 – Health workforce and services
Documents A69/36, A69/37 and A69/37 Add.1
- Draft global strategy on human resources for health: workforce 2030
Document A69/38
 - Framework on integrated people-centred health services
Documents A69/39 and EB138/2016/REC/1, resolution EB138.R2

- Item 16.2 – 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
- Document A69/40

Friday, 27 May 2016

Seventh plenary meeting	Assembly Hall – 09:00
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- 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
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- Item 15 Communicable diseases**
- Item 15.2 – Global vaccine action plan
Document A69/34
- Item 15.3 – Mycetoma
Documents A69/35 and EB138/2016/REC/1, resolution EB138.R1
- Item 12 (continued) Noncommunicable diseases**
- Item 12.5 – Strengthening synergies between the World Health Assembly and the Conference of the Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control
Document A69/11
- Item 12.6 – 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
Document A69/12
- Item 12.7 – 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
Document A69/13
- Item 11 (continued) WHO reform**
- Item 11.3 (continued) – Framework of engagement with non-State actors
Documents A69/6, A69/60 and EB138/2016/REC/1, decision EB138(3)

- Item 16 Health systems**
- Item 16.3 – Substandard/spurious/falsely-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**
Document A69/43
- 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

Finalization of resolutions and reports

Item 8 Reports of the main committees

Item 9 Closure of the Health Assembly

II. Report of meetings

First plenary meeting

In the chair: Dr Li Bin (China)
First Vice-President of the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly

Later: Dr Ahmed Mohammed Al-Saidi (Oman)
President of the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly

Item 1 Opening of the Health Assembly

Dr Li Bin opened the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly and welcomed, on behalf of the Health Assembly and the World Health Organization, the special guests: Mr Michael Møller, Acting Director-General of the United Nations (UN) Office in Geneva, and representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, H.E. Federal Councillor Alain Berset, Head of the Department of Home Affairs of the Swiss Confederation, and officials of the Republic, Canton, City and University of Geneva, and of agencies of the UN system, as well as representatives of the Executive Board.

The President called on Mr Michael Møller, representing the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who addressed the Assembly.

The President then gave the floor to H.E. Federal Councillor Alain Berset, Head of the Department of Home Affairs of the Swiss Confederation.

Item 1.1 Appointment of the Committee on Credentials

On proposal of the President, and in accordance with Rule 23 of the Rules of Procedure of the Health Assembly, the Assembly appointed the Committee on Credentials constituted by the delegates of the following 12 Member States:

Afghanistan	Liberia
Plurinational State of Bolivia	Madagascar
Georgia	Poland
Haiti	Republic of Korea
India	Spain
Kenya	Tonga

Item 1.2 Election of the President of the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly

In accordance with Rule 24 of the Rules of Procedure, the President invited the Health Assembly to consider the list of names of delegates proposed for the nominations of President and five Vice-Presidents of the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly.

In accordance with Rule 78 of the Rules of Procedure, the Health Assembly approved the nomination of Dr Ahmed Mohammed Al-Saidi (Oman) and elected him as President of the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly by acclamation. Dr Ahmed Mohammed Al-Saidi took the chair.

Item 1.3 Election of the five Vice-Presidents, the Chairmen of the main committees, and establishment of the General Committee

The President invited the Health Assembly to consider the proposals received for the nomination for the offices of Vice-Presidents.

Dr S. Subramaniam (Malaysia)
Dr Francisco Terrientes (Panama)
Mr Assane Nguéadoun (Chad)
Dr Ana Isabel Soares (Timor-Leste)
Dr Armen Muradyan (Armenia)

were elected Vice-Presidents of the Health Assembly by acclamation.¹

Committee A: Mr Martin Bowles (Australia) was elected chairman by acclamation.

Committee B: Dr Phusit Prakongsai (Thailand) was elected chairman by acclamation.

In accordance with Rule 29 of the Rules of Procedure, the delegates of the following 17 countries were elected members of the General Committee, along with the President and the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly, and the Chairmen of the main committees:

Antigua and Barbuda	France
Argentina	Iraq
Benin	Netherlands
Cameroon	Russian Federation
Central African Republic	Somalia
China	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Côte d'Ivoire	United Republic of Tanzania
Cuba	United States of America
Estonia	

Second plenary meeting

In the chair: Dr Ahmed Mohammed Al-Saidi (Oman)
President of the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly

The President of the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly opened the second plenary and addressed the Health Assembly.

Item 1.4

Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items to the main committees

The President reported that the General Committee recommended the following changes to the provisional agenda (document A69/1):

- To delete the following items from the provisional agenda:
 - Item 5 Admission of new Members and Associate Members
 - Item 20.4 Special arrangements for settlement of arrears
 - Item 20.6 Assessment of new Members and Associate Members
 - Item 20.7 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules
- To move agenda item 16: “Health systems” and agenda item 17: “Progress reports” from Committee A to Committee B for consideration.

The provisional agenda was adopted as amended. These changes will be reflected in document A69/1 Rev.1.

The Chairman proposed that the afternoon plenary meetings of Monday, 23 and Tuesday, 24 May continue until 18:30 to allow the maximum number of speakers.

¹ The names of the five Vice-Presidents are shown in the order in which they were drawn by lot.

Item 2 **Report of the Executive Board on its 137th and 138th sessions.**

The Chairman of the Executive Board, Ms Precious Matsoso (South Africa), gave the report.

Third plenary meeting

In the chair: Dr Ahmed Mohammed Al-Saidi (Oman)
President of the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly

Later: Dr S. Subramaniam (Malaysia)
First Vice-President of the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly

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

The Director-General presented her report on the work of WHO.

The President announced that Members who wished to make suggestions regarding the annual election of Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board should do so not later than 16:00 on Tuesday, 24 May 2016 in room A656. These should be submitted to the Assistant to the Secretary of the Health Assembly.

General discussion

The President resumed consideration of item 3 with special attention to the theme “Transforming our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”. The President invited the first two speakers to the rostrum: the delegate of the Netherlands (who spoke on behalf of the European Union) and the delegate of Argentina (who spoke on behalf of the Member States of the Region of the Americas). These speakers were followed by the delegates of Chad (who spoke on behalf of Member States of the African Region), China, Thailand, Islamic Republic of Iran (who spoke 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, the Observer delegation of Palestine (who gave the statement of the Arab Health Ministers Council), Maldives, Angola, Cuba, Israel, Singapore, Mexico, Côte d’Ivoire, Columbia, Belarus, Philippines, Burkina Faso, Malta (who spoke on behalf of the Commonwealth Health Ministers), Greece and Montenegro.

First meeting of Committee A

Chairman: Mr Martin Bowles (Australia)

Item 10 **Opening of the Committee**

In accordance with Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the Committee elected Ms Taru Koivisto (Finland) and Mr Nickolas Steel (Grenada) Vice-Chairmen, and Ms Aishah Samiya (Maldives) Rapporteur.

One delegation took the floor to request that the European Union be invited to attend and participate without vote in the deliberations of the meetings, sub-committees, drafting groups or other subdivisions thereof, addressing matters falling within the European Union competence at the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly.

Item 11**WHO reform**

Item 11.1

Overview of reform implementation

The Chairman invited the Committee to consider the report contained in document A69/4 WHO reform: overview of reform implementation. At the request of the Chairman, the Secretariat was given the floor and responded to issues raised. The report was noted, thus closing the agenda item.

Item 11.2

Member State consultative process on governance reform

The Chairman opened the subitem and gave the floor to the two co-chairs of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Meeting on Governance Reform, Ambassador Taonga Mushayavanhu (Zimbabwe) and Mr Simon Cotterell (Australia), to introduce the report contained in document A69/5 and invited comments from the floor. The Secretariat responded to issues raised. The draft decision was approved and the agenda item closed.

Item 11.3

Framework on engagement with non-State actors

The Chairman opened the subitem and invited the Chair of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board (PBAC), Ms Kathryn Tyson (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) to introduce the PBAC report on this issue. It was decided that a drafting group, to be chaired by Argentina, will meet on Tuesday, 24 May from 12:00 to 13:30 in room VII. The Chairman suspended the agenda item.

III. 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 WHA 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.

IV. Other meetings

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

Tuesday, 24 May 2016

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>
08:00–08:45 Room XVI	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO African Region. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>
08:00–08:45 Room XXII	European Union coordination meeting.
08:00–09:00 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. <i>There will be interpretation in Chinese, English, French and Spanish.</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.
08:15–08:50 Room XXIV	Regional coordination meeting of Member States of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).
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.
13:15–14:15 Room XXII	European Union coordination meeting.
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	Ministerial round table: High-level commission on health employment and economic growth. Addressing health workforce deficits, stimulating employment and inclusive economic growth. 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.

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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>
08:00–08:45 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 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

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>
08:00–08:45 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	Raising awareness of SSFFC medical products: empowering people in the fight against fake 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>
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V. 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.

Other meetings

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Under “Subject”, please state the name of your country, the meeting (Plenary, Committee A, Committee B, Executive Board, etc.), and the relevant Agenda item number.

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.

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

Brunei Darussalam

Portugal

Turkey

Indonesia

Iceland

Seychelles

Monaco

Panama

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

Costa Rica

Mauritius

Turkmenistan

Georgia

Algeria

El Salvador

Zimbabwe

Guatemala

Nicaragua

Namibia

Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Kenya

Ecuador

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Jamaica

Malaysia

Denmark
 Ethiopia
 Ghana
 New Zealand
 Benin
 Hungary
 Equatorial Guinea
 Zambia
 Mauritania
 Pakistan
 Mozambique
 Barbados
 Togo
 Viet Nam (The delegate of Viet Nam will speak on behalf of the Association of
 Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN))
 Plurinational State of Bolivia
 Albania
 Democratic People's Republic of Korea
 Paraguay
 Honduras
 Cabo Verde
 Republic of Moldova
 Gabon
 Timor-Leste
 Guinea
 Congo
 Armenia
 Uganda
 Nepal
 Mongolia
 Syrian Arab Republic
 Morocco
 Sao Tome and Principe
 Solomon Islands
 Mali
 Niger
 Lesotho
 Romania
 Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
 Madagascar
 Malawi
 Burundi
 Saint Kitts and Nevis
 Swaziland

 African Union
 Chinese Taipei
 Holy See
 Order of Malta
 The Organization of Islamic Cooperation
 Inter-Parliamentary Union

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VII. Announcements

Facilities

A business centre for delegates to the Health Assembly is available in Room A.821 for word processing and photocopying needs.

Open access to wireless connection is available in all important common areas in the Palais des Nations.

World Health Organization web site: <http://www.who.int>

World Health Assembly and Executive Board documentation: <http://apps.who.int/gb/>

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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.

Personal mail

Delegates and representatives of nongovernmental organizations in official relations with WHO are kindly requested to collect **every day** their personal mail, messages, invitations at the enquiry desk.

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WHA App

This mobile companion app allows you to follow and receive updates on the WHA69 programme of work and access documentation directly on your mobile device. Search “Governing Bodies” in the AppStore or scan the QR code below and download the application in your device. The ID and password to use the application can be obtained next to the WHA registration booth, starting on 21 May. A dedicated booth will also be available near the café Le Serpent for assistance until 27 May.



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>

English: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/events/2016/wha69/webstreaming/en/index.html>

French: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/events/2016/wha69/webstreaming/fr/index.html>

Russian: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/events/2016/wha69/webstreaming/ru/index.html>

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