

Note for the record

Meeting of the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response (INB) 3–6 April 2023

Participants

Bureau members

African Region – Ms Precious Matsoso (South Africa)
Region of the Americas – Ambassador Tovar da Silva Nunes (Brazil)
South-East Asia Region – Dr Viroj Tangcharoensathien (Thailand)
European Region – Mr Roland Driece (Kingdom of the Netherlands)
Eastern Mediterranean Region – Mr Ahmed Salama Soliman (Egypt)
Western Pacific Region – Mr Kazuho Taguchi (Japan)

Secretariat

Dr Jaouad Mahjour, Assistant Director-General, Emergency Preparedness
Dr Olla Shideed, Executive Officer, Emergency Preparedness
Ms Anne Huvos, Unit Head, Pandemic Influenza Preparedness
Mr Steven Solomon, Principal Legal Officer
Mr Kenneth Piercy, Senior Legal Officer
Mrs Paidamoyo Takaenzana, External Relations Officer, Governance Unit
Ms Julia Keyworth, Technical Officer, Protocol Unit

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

- The Bureau met over the course of the fifth meeting of the INB (INB5), held from 3–6 April 2023, to discuss the approach to be taken by the Bureau during the meeting, input received from drafting group members over the course of the meeting, and how the Bureau could best guide the work of the INB moving forward.
- Bureau members discussed the draft report of the meeting to be considered by the INB under agenda item 5, which included consideration of next steps following INB5.
- Bureau members provided an update on the journal articles on the INB process which had been authored by Bureau members. The second article was expected to be published in The Lancet during the week of INB5. A third and fourth paper were also being considered.
- Bureau members discussed arrangements for a number of upcoming meetings related to the INB, including the possible strategic roundtable to be held on 22 May 2023 during the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly as well as meetings relevant to the United Nations General Assembly High-Level Meeting on Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response.

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