

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) 9 March 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
Ms Anne Huvos, Unit Head, Pandemic Influenza Preparedness
Dr Olla Shideed, Executive Officer, Emergency Preparedness
Mr Kenneth Piercy, Senior Legal Officer
Mrs Paidamoyo Takaenzana, External Relations Officer, Governance Unit
Ms Julia Keyworth, Technical Officer, Protocol Unit

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

- Bureau members shared their reflections on the fourth meeting of the INB (INB4), held from 27 February to 3 March 2023, noting the progress made during INB4 and the implications of that for the upcoming fifth meeting of the INB (INB5). Bureau members also considered options to potentially increase the working hours for INB5 and requested the Secretariat to make the necessary arrangements.
- Bureau members discussed the informal intersessional work that was being planned for the period between INB4 and INB5, and agreed to the Secretariat's proposal to hold three informal hybrid sessions on 17 March (Articles 6 and 18), 20 March (Article 7) and 22 March (Article 10) 2023.
 - Bureau members agreed that each session should focus closely on the issue under discussion as it specifically related to the WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response (CA+). The Secretariat agreed to draft guiding questions for the three sessions, which would be reviewed by the Bureau before being disseminated to the speakers for each session.
 - As agreed at INB4, the informal sessions would be open to relevant stakeholders. Bureau members agreed that the sessions would be recorded and that the Bureau of the Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) would also be invited to attend the sessions.
 - Bureau members agreed that the Co-Chairs would provide a verbal report on the informal intersessional work at INB5.

- Bureau members discussed a number of other meetings and briefing sessions that were being planned by the Secretariat at the request of the Bureau, including possible meetings with civil society and the private sector, to be held between INB5 and the World Health Assembly in 2023.

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