

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) 13 July 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

- For agenda item 1 of the meeting, Bureau members were joined by the six co-facilitators of the informal meetings on Articles 9, 12 and 13 of the WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response (WHO CA+).
 - The co-facilitators provided feedback to the Bureau on the progress of each of the informal meetings and the proposed next steps for work on the three articles.
 - Bureau members agreed that the Bureau would develop a proposal for future informal work based on the feedback received from the co-facilitators, for consideration by Member States during the sixth meeting of the INB (INB6).
- Bureau members provided advice to the Secretariat on the draft scenario and email outlining the practical aspects relating to INB6.
 - Bureau members agreed that agenda item 2 would be open to relevant stakeholders to observe and publicly webcast.
 - Bureau members agreed that, during INB6, the INB drafting group would be invited to consider the remaining articles of Chapter II of the WHO CA+, before discussing Chapter III followed by Chapter I, as time permitted.
 - Bureau members agreed to the proposed schedule of informal meetings on Articles 9, 12 and 13, to be held during INB6 on 17–21 July 2023 from 16:00 to 18:00 (CEST).

- The Secretariat agreed to revise the draft scenario and email based on the feedback provided by Bureau members. The revised versions would be sent to Bureau members for approval before being shared with Member States.
- Bureau members discussed a range of administrative matters relating to INB6.
 - The Secretariat advised that the WHO Department of Communications would be taking some photos and videos during INB6 for use in communication materials, noting that any footage related to confidential discussions would not be published.
 - With Mr Kazuho Taguchi finishing his post in Geneva, Bureau members discussed the process for replacing the INB Bureau member from the WHO Western Pacific Region, which would be considered during INB6.
 - The Secretariat advised that, as requested by the Bureau, rooms Z3 and Z4 would together be made available as an overflow room during INB6 when not otherwise reserved.
- Bureau members discussed time frames and modalities for continuing to progress the work of the INB following INB6.

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