

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) 14 March 2023

Participants

Bureau members

African Region – Ms Precious Matsoso (South Africa)
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 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

- Bureau members discussed the draft concept notes for the three informal intersessional briefings that would take place on 17, 20 and 22 March 2023, and provided guidance on the proposed panellists and guiding questions for each session. Bureau members advised that the guiding questions should be targeted in order to focus the discussion on the specific issues relevant to the zero draft of the WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response (CA+).
 - It was agreed that the INB Bureau would meet with the panellists to prepare for the briefing sessions. The Secretariat would liaise with the panellists and the Bureau to find a suitable time for that meeting prior to the three sessions.
- The Secretariat confirmed that arrangements were being made for a potential strategic roundtable discussion during the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly, including on the INB, as previously discussed with Bureau members. Further information would be shared with the Bureau once confirmed.
- Bureau members requested the Secretariat to arrange the next joint meeting of the Bureaus of the INB and the Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (WGIHR), which was to be held prior to the fifth meeting of the INB.

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