

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) 17–21 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

- Bureau members met over the course of the sixth meeting of the INB (INB6), held on 17–21 July 2023, to discuss meeting modalities, progress and next steps to continue to progress the work of the INB.
- Bureau members met with the 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+) to discuss the progress of the informal meetings so far and next steps. Bureau members agreed to propose to the INB that the informal meetings on the three articles continue, with co-facilitators encouraged to work, as appropriate, to develop proposals to improve the current text for consideration.
- Following discussions during INB6, Bureau members agreed to propose to the INB that additional informal meetings be held on other articles of the WHO CA+:
 - Articles 4 and 5 (jointly), to be co-facilitated by India, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United Republic of Tanzania; and
 - Article 11, to be co-facilitated by Colombia, the Philippines and Saudi Arabia.
- Bureau members agreed to propose to the INB that all the informal processes report on their progress to the next meeting of the INB drafting group, scheduled to be held on 4–6 September 2023, and to hold additional informal discussions during the meeting.

- Bureau members met with senior Secretariat staff from the Office of Health Emergencies Preparedness and Response to discuss interactions between the INB process and other processes relating to medical counter-measures for pandemics. Bureau members emphasized the importance of all processes being aligned with the INB process, transparent and inclusive of all Member States.
- Bureau members discussed the proposed approach, including time frames and modalities, for continuing to progress the work of the INB over the remaining months of and scheduled meetings for 2023. The next steps proposed by the Bureau were outlined in the draft report of the meeting and agreed to by Member States under agenda item 6 of the meeting.

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