

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) 18 March 2022

Participants

Bureau members

AFR – Ms Precious Matsoso (South Africa)
AMR – Ambassador Tovar da Silva Nunes (Brazil)
EMR – Mr Ahmed Salama Soliman (Egypt)
EUR – Mr Roland Driec (the Netherlands)
SEAR – Dr Viroj Tangcharoensathien (Thailand)
WPR – Mr Kazuho Taguchi (Japan)

Secretariat

Dr Jaouad Mahjour, Assistant Director General, Emergency Preparedness
Dr Timothy Armstrong, Director Governing Bodies
Ms Gina Vea, Unit Head, Governance Unit
Dr Olla Shideed, Executive Officer, Emergency Preparedness
Ms Anne Huvos, Unit Head, Emergency Preparedness
Mr Kenneth Piercy, Senior Legal Officer
Mrs Paidamoyo Takaenzana, External Relations Officer, Governance Unit

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS ON THE ONLINE TOOL FOR THE COLLECTION OF SUBSTANTIVE ELEMENTS

- The Bureau discussed two proposals on the topics to be included in the online tool for the collection of substantive elements. The first proposal was from one of the Vice-Chairs and the second proposal was from the Secretariat.
- The Bureau found value in the two proposals which were similar in most aspects. The Secretariat was requested to merge the two inputs and share with the Bureau for written comments in the next 24 hours.
- Some preliminary feedback provided during the meeting include the need to remove the ranking and scoring system for proposed elements; using simple, direct and neutral language; providing a cover page to explain the rational and background of the proposed elements; and requesting one submission per delegation.
- The Bureau also noted that Member States would have the opportunity to provide more detailed feedback through the open-ended written submissions.
- It was agreed that the Bureau would hold its next meeting on Tuesday 22 March to finalize the topics and the Secretariat could launch the online tool after that, noting the deadlines agreed to by the INB for the launch of the online tool.

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