

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) 27 February–3 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 (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
Mr Carmen Savelli, Head of Unit a.i., Governance Unit
Mrs Paidamoyo Takaenzana, External Relations Officer, Governance Unit
Ms Julia Keyworth, Technical Officer, Protocol Unit

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

- The INB Bureau met over the course of the fourth meeting of the INB (INB4), held from 27 February to 3 March 2023, to discuss a range of matters relating to INB4, including the proposed modalities and chairing approach for the meeting.
- In addition, Bureau members discussed the intersessional work proposed to be done between INB4 and the fifth meeting of the INB (INB5).
 - The Bureau agreed to present to the INB the provisional dates proposed by the Secretariat for informal intersessional briefing sessions and agreed that virtual or hybrid participation would be made possible for all sessions to facilitate the participation of Member States and relevant stakeholders.
 - The Bureau also requested that the Secretariat prepare a short paper on the issue of “common but differentiated responsibility” as it relates to the zero draft of the WHO CA+, noting an informal briefing on this issue was planned for a later date.

- The Bureau met with the co-facilitators of the United Nations General Assembly High-Level Meeting on Pandemic Preparedness, Prevention and Response and discussed the interactions between their work and the work of the INB, noting the potential for the two processes to be complementary and mutually supportive. The co-facilitators invited Bureau members to visit the United Nations offices in New York in June to engage with that process, as appropriate.
- The Bureau reviewed, and provided guidance on, the draft report of the meeting, to be discussed and approved by the INB at the end of INB4.

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