

Note for the record

Joint 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), and the Bureau of the Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) (WGIHR) 2 May 2023

Participants

INB Bureau members

African Region – Ms Precious Matsoso (South Africa)
Region of the Americas – Ambassador Tovar da Silva Nunes (Brazil)
Eastern Mediterranean Region – Mr Ahmed Salama Soliman (Egypt)
Western Pacific Region – Mr Kazuho Taguchi (Japan)

WGIHR Bureau members

African Region – Dr Sultani Matendechemo (Kenya)
Region of the Americas – Mr Colin McIff (United States of America)
South-East Asia Region – Ambassador Grata Endah Werdaningtyas (Indonesia)
European Region – Ambassador François Rivasseau (France)
Eastern Mediterranean Region – Dr Abdullah Asiri (Saudi Arabia)
Western Pacific Region – Dr Ashley Bloomfield (New Zealand)

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SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

- Members of both Bureaus provided a brief update on their recent meetings and plans for intersessional work.
- Bureau members discussed plans for a joint plenary meeting of the INB and WGIHR.
 - Bureau members agreed that it was important for the purpose, topics for discussion and intended outcomes of such a meeting to be well planned and articulated in advance to enable the discussion to be focused and productive. Bureau members also provided suggestions on possible content for a joint meeting.

- Bureau members proposed to hold an initial preparatory joint meeting of the INB and WGIHR in June in a virtual format, to prepare for a more in-depth joint plenary meeting in July, and discussed timing options for both the meetings. At the request of the Bureaus, the Secretariat would look into possible meeting dates and advise the Bureaus on the matter.
- Bureau members discussed communication activities and approaches relating to the INB and WGIHR processes.
 - It was noted that one Co-Chair from both the INB and WGIHR Bureaus would take part in a joint media briefing on 4 May 2023 to speak about both the INB and WGIHR processes.
 - Members of both Bureaus agreed on the importance of communicating as transparently and inclusively as possible with relevant stakeholders about the INB and WGIHR processes, and considered opportunities for additional communication activities with relevant stakeholders and civil society partners in the future.

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