
Report of the meeting

Interim report of the meeting

1. The thirteenth meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB) to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response was held from 17 to 21 February 2025 in a hybrid format, under the leadership of Ms Precious Matsoso of South Africa and Ambassador Anne-Claire Amprou of France as Co-Chairs, and: Ambassador Tovar da Silva Nunes of Brazil; Ambassador Amr Ramadan of Egypt; Dr Viroj Tangcharoensathien of Thailand; and Ms Fleur Davies of Australia as Vice Chairs.
2. In line with previous practice in the work of the INB, agenda item 1 (Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda and programme of work), item 5 (Report of the meeting) and item 6 (Closure of the session) were publicly webcast with the participation of relevant stakeholders, while agenda item 2 (Negotiation of and agreement on the proposed WHO Pandemic Agreement) in the drafting group,¹ item 3 (Proposals from Member States of entities to be included in Annex D and/or Annex E of document A/INB/11/3) and item 4 (Next steps, including stocktake on progress) were held in closed sessions.
3. In his opening remarks, the Director-General thanked all Member States for their continued commitment to the process and noted that the INB was at a crucial point, as Member States moved to finalize the WHO Pandemic Agreement in time for the Seventy-eighth World Health Assembly. The Director-General expressed appreciation for the progress made by the INB and emphasized the need for a landmark legal framework, to help the world to be better prepared for an equitable response to the next pandemic.
4. Following the adoption of the agenda and programme of work, the INB drafting group progressed its negotiations on the following Articles as agreed in the programme of work: Article 1 (Use of terms); Article 3 (Principles and approaches); Article 4 (Pandemic prevention and surveillance); Article 11 (Transfer of technology and know-how for the production of pandemic-related health products); Article 12 (Pathogen Access and Benefit-Sharing System);

¹ As previously agreed by the INB, participation in meetings of the drafting group includes Member States, Associate Members, regional economic integration organizations, as appropriate, and the Observer delegations of Palestine and the Holy See.

Article 13 (Supply chain and logistics); Article 13*bis* (Procurement and distribution); and Article 21 (Conference of the Parties).

5. With respect to next steps, the INB decided to resume its thirteenth meeting from 7 to 11 April 2025 and to build on the progress made so far with a view to concluding its work on the draft WHO Pandemic Agreement by the end of the meeting. The preparatory arrangements shall be consistent with those set out in the report of the twelfth meeting (document A/INB/12/4).
6. The INB agreed to proposals from Member States for two additional relevant stakeholders to be included in Annex E of document A/INB/11/3, on the understanding that the document continued to be a living document.
7. The meeting considered and approved its interim report, and the Co-Chairs suspended the session.
