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Preparations for EB158 & PBAC43

Member State Information Session

15 December 2025

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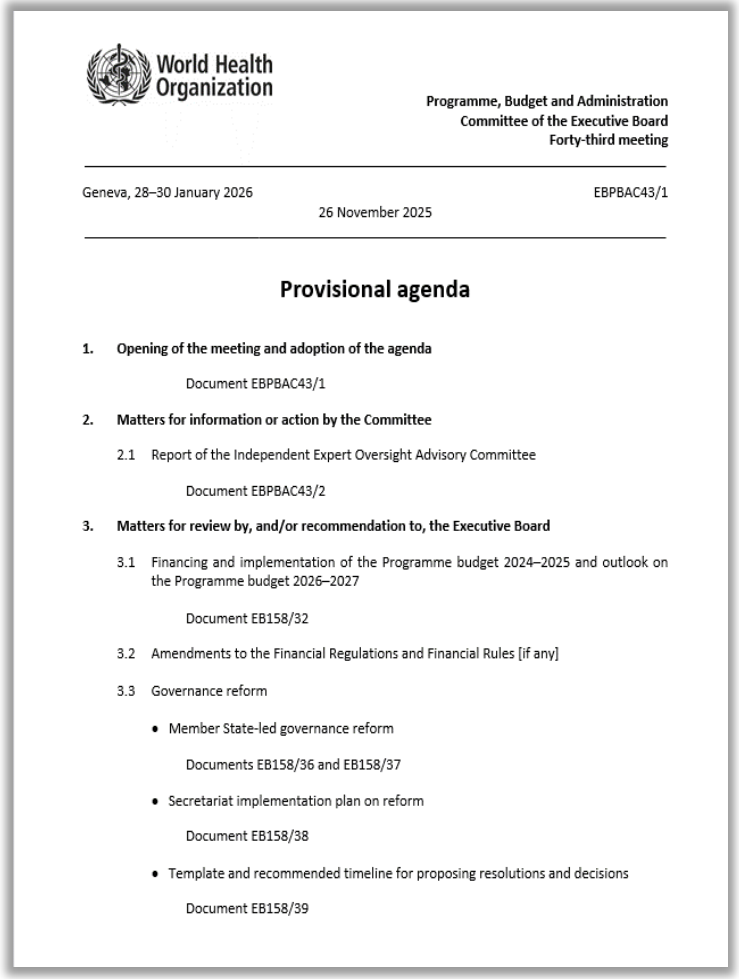
Agenda

1. Welcome and introduction
2. Arrangements for PBAC43 (28-30 January 2026) and EB158 (2-7 February 2026)
3. Update on the IGWG
4. Demonstration of the GBS Portal for resolutions and decisions
5. Official Side Events at WHA
6. AOB

PBAC43: Overview



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Programme, Budget and Administration
Committee of the Executive Board
Forty-third meeting

Geneva, 28–30 January 2026 EBPBAC43/1
26 November 2025

Provisional agenda

1. **Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda**
   Document EBPBAC43/1
2. **Matters for information or action by the Committee**
   2.1 Report of the Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee
   Document EBPBAC43/2
3. **Matters for review by, and/or recommendation to, the Executive Board**
   3.1 Financing and implementation of the Programme budget 2024–2025 and outlook on the Programme budget 2026–2027
   Document EB158/32
   3.2 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules [if any]
   3.3 Governance reform
   - Member State-led governance reform
   Documents EB158/36 and EB158/37
   - Secretariat implementation plan on reform
   Document EB158/38
   - Template and recommended timeline for proposing resolutions and decisions
   Document EB158/39

Dates: 28-30 January 2026

Working hours: 09:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30 CET

Agenda:

- 20 items and sub-items
- One specific PBAC item on the report of the IEOAC
- Remaining items are matters for review and/or recommendation to EB158
- Items 3.2 and 3.15 proposed for deletion

- **Format:** In-person meeting, which is open to PBAC members, Member States not represented on the Committee, as well as Observers.

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It is proposed that the agenda items /sub-items be considered **in the order outlined below –**
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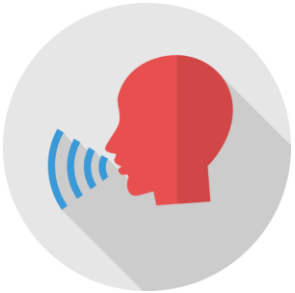

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2. Matters for information or action by the committee

❖ 2.1 Report of the Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee (It is proposed that discussions under this sub-item focus on matters that do not appear elsewhere on the agenda)

3. Matters for review by, and/or recommendation to, the Executive Board

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❖ 3.3 **Governance reform**
- Member State-led governance reform
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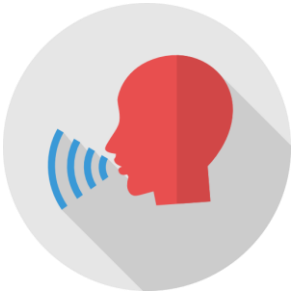

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- ❖ 3.4 Reform of the global health architecture and the UN80 initiative
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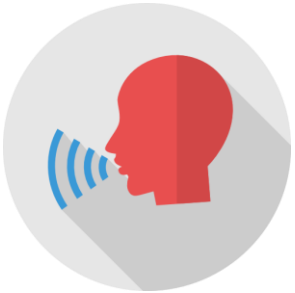

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- 3.7 Prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment
- 3.8 Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations
- 3.9 Report of the Ombudsperson
- *The following three sub-items to be taken together*
  - 3.10 Human resources
  - 3.11 Report of the International Civil Service Commission
  - 3.12 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules

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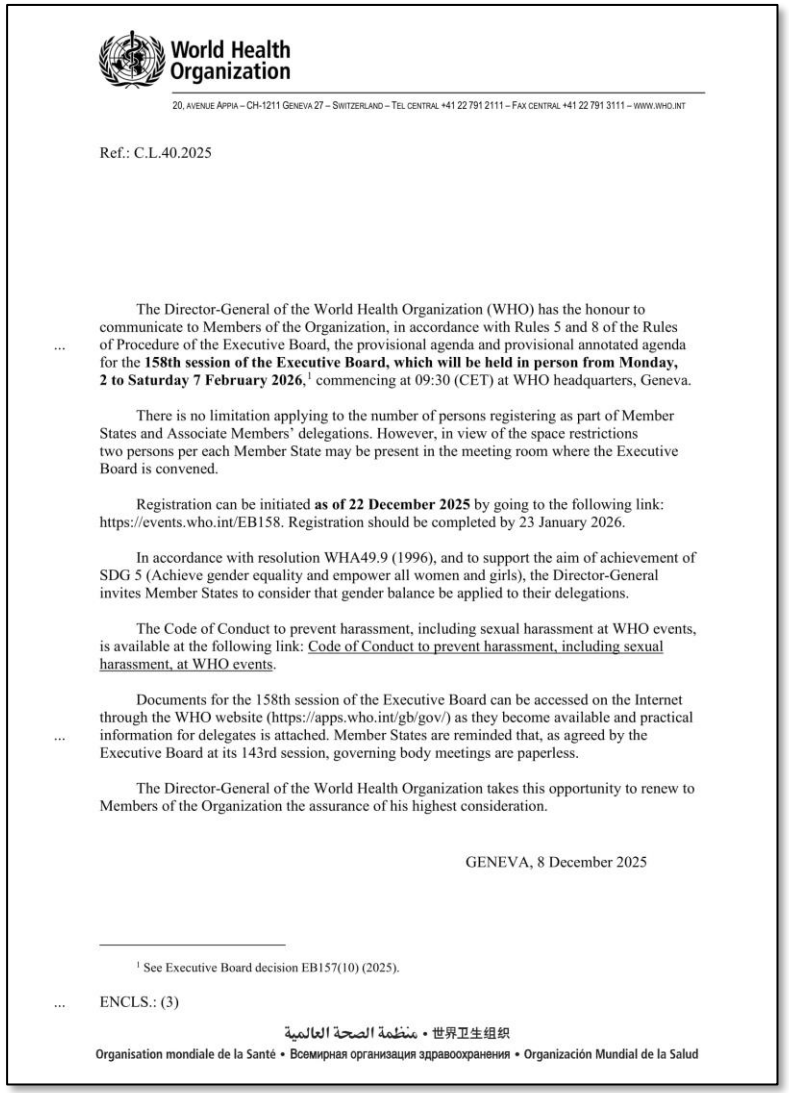
- ❖ Item 3.13 Engagement with non-State actors
  - Report on the implementation of the Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors
  - Non-State actors in official relations with WHO
- ❖ Item 3.14 Update on the Infrastructure Fund
  - Geneva buildings renovation strategy
  - Update on information management and technology
- ❖ **Item 4 Adoption of the report and closure of the meeting**

PBAC43 Registration as per C.L.41.25



- Registration can be initiated as of 22 December 2025 by going to the following landing page: https://events.who.int/PBAC43 and should be completed by 23 January 2026
- CVENT is a new platform for registration, which has been tested for SCHEPPR7. **Member States credentials to be uploaded online directly.**
- **Registration confirmations and other event participation communications to come from no-reply@whomeetings.who.int**
- Each participant is invited to register her/himself. There is no single focal point for registrations
- **Composition of delegations:**
  - There is no limitation applying to the number of persons registering as part of Member States.
  - However, in view of the space restriction, two persons per each Member State may be present in the meeting room where the PBAC is convened.

EB158: Overview as per C.L.40.25



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Ref.: C.L.40.2025

The Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) has the honour to communicate to Members of the Organization, in accordance with Rules 5 and 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the provisional agenda and provisional annotated agenda for the **158th session of the Executive Board, which will be held in person from Monday, 2 to Saturday 7 February 2026**,[1] commencing at 09:30 (CET) at WHO headquarters, Geneva.

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GENEVA, 8 December 2025

[1] See Executive Board decision EB157(10) (2025).

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- Review the C.L.40.25 for full details (registration, credentials, access to WHO, visas, etc.).
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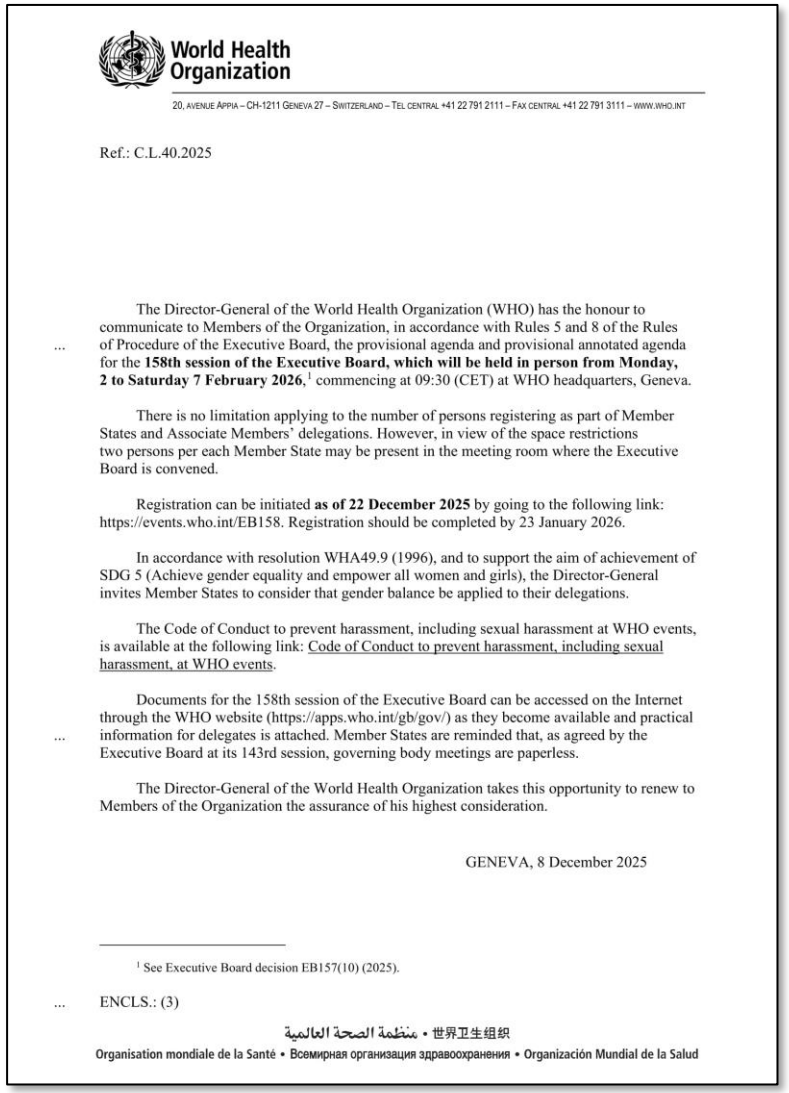

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- C.L.40.25 on EB158 was sent out on Monday 8 December.
- Dates: 2-7 February 2026 (6 days, including Saturday).
- EB158 will be held in person.
- Working hours (CET):
  - Monday 2 Feb: 09:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30
  - Tuesday 3 Feb onwards: 10:00-13:00 and 14:30-17:30

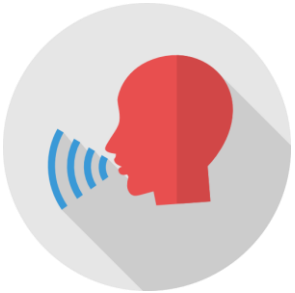
EB158: Overview

- The provisional agenda for EB158 and all other meeting documents are on the WHO website as they become available in the six official UN languages.

- There are 53 items and sub-items on the agenda, which is organized as follows:

  - **Opening** of the session and adoption of the agenda
  - **Report by the Director-General** (oral report)
  - Report of the **regional committees** to the Executive Board
  - Report of the **Programme, Budget and Administration Committee**
  - Report of the **Standing Committee** on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response
  - **Provide health** (10 discussions)
  - **Protect health** (6 discussions)
  - **Promote health** (5 discussions)
  - **Power and performance** (17 discussions)
  - Closure of session

Discussions at EB158 – Provide health



- **Item 6:** Follow-up to the political declaration of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases R R D
- **Item 7:** Mental health
- **Item 8:** Communicable diseases
  - Immunization Agenda 2030
  - Road map for neglected tropical diseases 2021–2030
  - End TB Strategy D
- **Item 9:** Universal health coverage R R R R
  - Draft global strategy for integrated emergency, critical and operative care, 2026–2035 D
  - Increasing availability, ethical access and oversight of transplantation of human cells, tissues and organs D
  - Rare diseases: a global health priority for equity and inclusion

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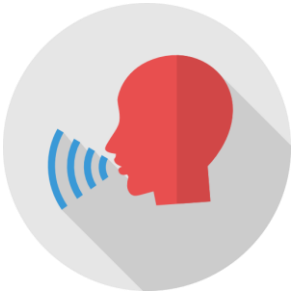

- **Item 10:** Primary healthcare
- **Item 11**: Health in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- **Item 12:** Substandard and falsified medical products
- **Item 13:** Report of the Expert Advisory Group on the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel D
- **Item 14:** Draft updated global action plan on antimicrobial resistance D
- **Item 15:** Harmonization of regulatory approaches, governance and standards for data, digital health and artificial intelligence in the health sector R

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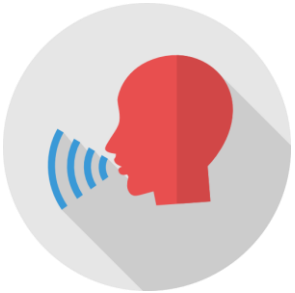
Discussions at EB158 – Protect health



- **Item 16:** WHO's work in health emergencies
- **Item 17:** Strengthening the evidence base for public health and social measures
- **Item 18:** Global Health and Peace Initiative
- **Item 19:** Poliomyelitis
- **Item 20:** Implementation of resolution WHA75.11 (2022)
- **Item 21:** Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem R

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Discussions at EB158 – Promote health



- **Item 22:** Strengthening rehabilitation in health systems
- **Item 23:** Well-being and health promotion R R
  - Outcome of the WHO Commission on Social Connection
- **Item 24:** Draft global plan of action for the health of Indigenous Peoples D
- **Item 25:** Maternal, infant and young child nutrition
- **Item 26:** Economics of health for all D

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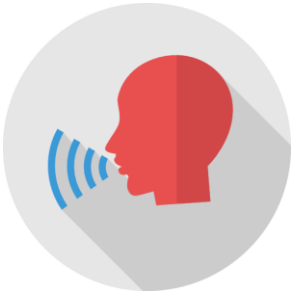
Discussions at EB158 – Power and performance

Item 27: Budget and finance matters

- **Item 27.1** Financing and implementation of the Programme budget 2024–2025 and outlook on the Programme budget 2026–2027

Item 28: Management and governance matters

- **Item 28.1** Prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment
- **Item 28.2** Evaluation: update and proposed workplan for 2026–2027 D
- **Item 28.3** Update on the Infrastructure Fund
  - Geneva buildings renovation strategy
  - Update on information management and technology



- **Item 28.4:** Governance reform
  - Member State-led governance reform D
  - Template and recommended timeline for proposing resolutions and decisions

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Discussions at EB158 – Power and performance

- **Item 28.5:** Proposed amendments to the process for the selection of the External Auditor D
- **Item 28.6:** Engagement with non-state actors:
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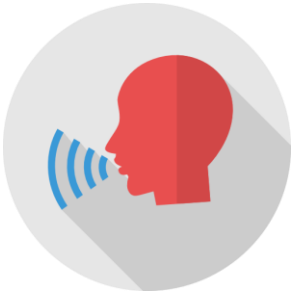

Item 29: Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations

- **Item 29.1:** Reform of the global health architecture and the UN80 initiative
- **Item 29.2:** Communications of the United Nations Secretariat as depository of the Constitution of the World Health Organization

- **Item 30:** Governance implications for WHO arising from the reassignment of a Member State from one region to another

- **Item 31:** Provisional agenda of the Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly and date and place of the 159th session of the Executive Board D D

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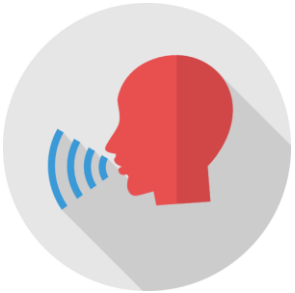
Discussions at EB158 – Power and performance

Item 32. Committees of the Executive Board

- **Item 32.1:** Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response
- **Item 32.2:** Foundation committees and selection panels
  - Report on the administration of the prizes D
  - Reports of the selection panels D

Item 33: Staffing matters



- *The following two sub-items will be taken together: (33.1 and 33.2):*
  - **Item 33.1:** Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations
  - **Item 33.2:** Report of the Ombudsperson
- *The following three sub-items will be taken together: (33.3, 33.4 and 33.5):*
  - **Item 33.3:** Human resources: update R
  - **Item 33.4:** Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules R
  - **Item 33.5:** Report of the International Civil Service Commission
- **Item 34.** Report on meetings of expert committees and study groups
  - Expert advisory panels and committees and their membership
- **Item 35. Closure of the session**

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Cost and time-savings



- Minimal number of evening sessions
- Posting real-time PBAC recommendations of the screen at the conclusion of each item to accelerate the preparation of the report
- Reduced speaking times, with the possibility of switching off microphones if speaking times are exceeded
- Arrangements for posting written statements on the website
- Starting and finishing meetings on time
- Projection of the speakers' list on the screen
- Possibility of using electronic voting

Speaking times

The following speaking times are proposed:



EB

- EB members: **2 minutes**
- Member States not represented on the Board: **1 minute**
- Group statements: **3 minutes**
- Observers, United Nations and other IGOs, NSAs: **1 minute**

PBAC

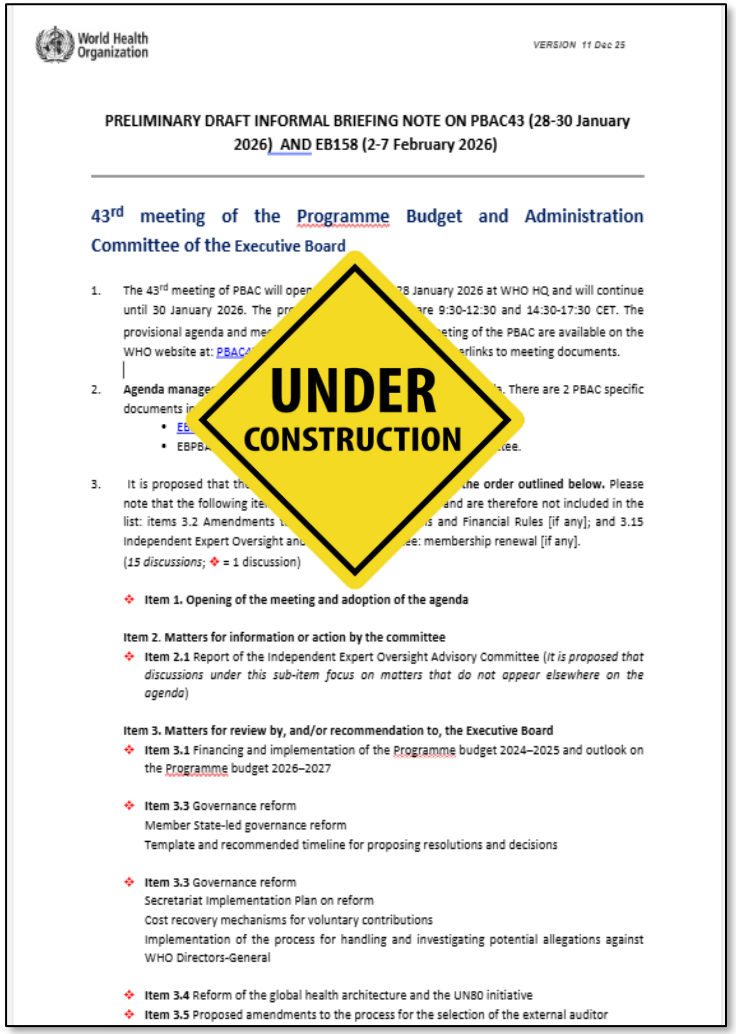
- PBAC members: **2 minutes**
- Member States not represented on the PBAC: **1 minute**
- Group statements: **3 minutes**

Written statements



- Member States and Associate Members are invited to submit written statements for posting on the website in accordance with the guidelines for written statements in decision EB149(3) - *up to 7 days in advance of the opening of the session, i.e. from 26 January.*
- In accordance with the guidelines, statements may be provided in any of the six WHO official languages and should be limited to 500 words for individual statements and 800 words for group statements.
- Member States and Associate members are requested to submit their statements to statements@who.int , clearly indicating the relevant agenda item or sub-item in the subject line.

Informal Briefing Note – preview



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PRELIMINARY DRAFT INFORMAL BRIEFING NOTE ON PBAC43 (28-30 January 2026) AND EB158 (2-7 February 2026)

43rd meeting of the Programme Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board

1. The 43rd meeting of PBAC will open … 28 January 2026 at WHO HQ and will continue until 30 January 2026. The pro… re 9:30-12:30 and 14:30-17:30 CET. The provisional agenda and me… eting of the PBAC are available on the WHO website at: PBAC… erlinks to meeting documents.
2. **Agenda manage**… . There are 2 PBAC specific documents i…
   - EB…
   - EBPB… ee.
3. It is proposed that th… **he order outlined below.** Please note that the following ite… and are therefore not included in the list: items 3.2 Amendments t… s and Financial Rules [if any]; and 3.15 Independent Expert Oversight an… ee: membership renewal [if any].

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❖ **Item 1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda**

Item 2. Matters for information or action by the committee

❖ **Item 2.1** Report of the Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee (*It is proposed that discussions under this sub-item focus on matters that do not appear elsewhere on the agenda*)

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❖ **Item 3.1** Financing and implementation of the Programme budget 2024–2025 and outlook on the Programme budget 2026–2027

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❖ **Item 3.4** Reform of the global health architecture and the UN80 initiative

❖ **Item 3.5** Proposed amendments to the process for the selection of the external auditor

- First draft will be shared this week; final draft in early January.
- Table at the end of the informal briefing note will contain a table; each item listed by item number, title, summary of the item, and action by the Executive Board
- Relevant reports will be linked
- A summary of the action by the EB will be included
- Expected resolutions will be indicated by R
- Expected decisions will be indicated by D

12 expected decisions/resolutions (proposed by Member States)…

Expected EB158 agenda item	Resolution (R)/ Decision (D) topic or title	Member State lead(s)
Item 6: Follow-up to the political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases	Global action to advance health equity for people with hemophilia and other bleeding disorders (R)	Armenia
	Steatotic liver disease: a missing piece in the global NCD response (R)	Egypt
Item 9: Universal Health Coverage	Precision medicine: a path toward personalized and equitable care (R)	Egypt
	Strengthening equitable access to diagnostic imaging through teleradiology (R)	Egypt
	Reducing the burden of stroke: strengthening prevention, acute care, rehabilitation and health system readiness (R)	Egypt
	Advancing Smart Pharmacovigilance as an essential tool for robust, sustainable, resilient and responsive health systems, for everyone, everywhere (R)	Tanzania, Egypt
Item 13: Report of the Expert Advisory Group on the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel	Report of the Expert Advisory Group on the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel (D)	Philippines, Germany

12 expected decisions/resolutions (proposed by Member States) cont.

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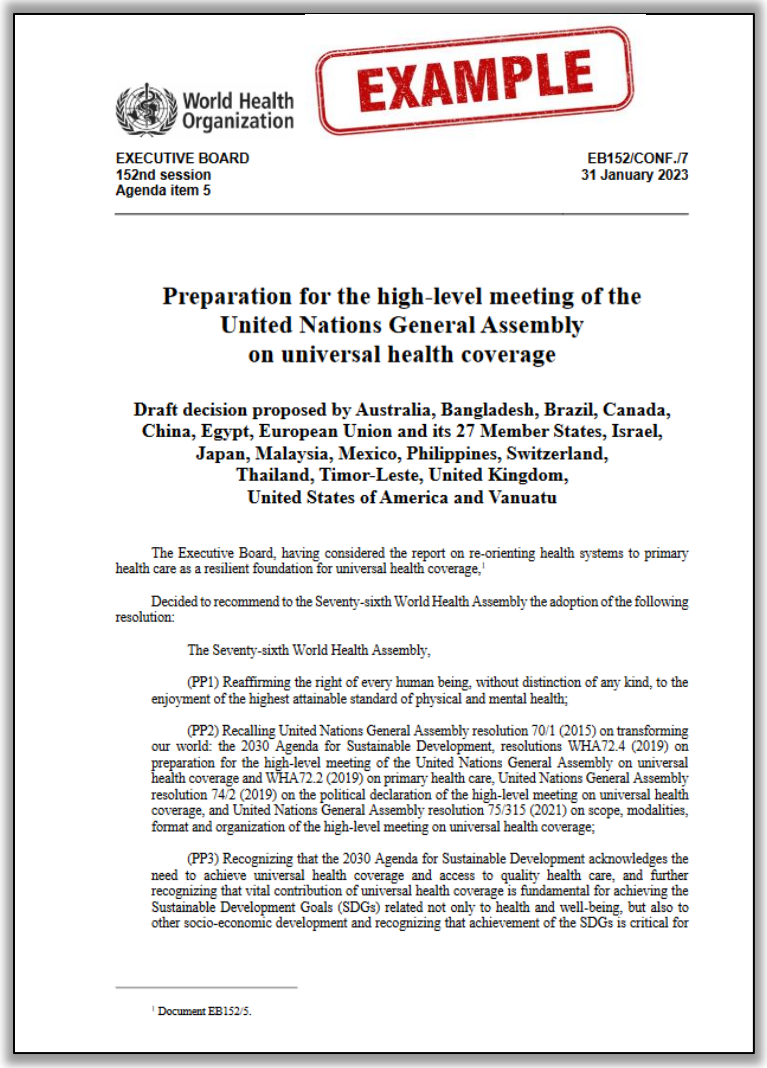
Item 15: Harmonization of regulatory approaches, governance and standards for data, digital health and artificial intelligence in the health sector	Harmonization of regulatory approaches, governance and standards for data, digital health and artificial intelligence in the health sector (R)	Oman
Item 21: Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem	Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem (R)	Qatar
Item 23: Wellbeing and health promotion	Corporal punishment of children: a global public health concern (R)	Costa Rica, Kenya
	Radiation and health: strengthening global protection, preparedness, and response (R)	Iraq, Egypt
TBC	Accelerating the global political and diplomatic response to viral hepatitis (R)	Cameroon

Co-Sponsorship of decisions/resolutions



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EXAMPLE

EXECUTIVE BOARD
152nd session
Agenda item 5

EB152/CONF./7
31 January 2023

Preparation for the high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on universal health coverage

Draft decision proposed by Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, China, Egypt, European Union and its 27 Member States, Israel, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Philippines, Switzerland, Thailand, Timor-Leste, United Kingdom, United States of America and Vanuatu

The Executive Board, having considered the report on re-orienting health systems to primary health care as a resilient foundation for universal health coverage,[1]

Decided to recommend to the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly,

(PP1) Reaffirming the right of every human being, without distinction of any kind, to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health;

(PP2) Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 70/1 (2015) on transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, resolutions WHA72.4 (2019) on preparation for the high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on universal health coverage and WHA72.2 (2019) on primary health care, United Nations General Assembly resolution 74/2 (2019) on the political declaration of the high-level meeting on universal health coverage, and United Nations General Assembly resolution 75/315 (2021) on scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting on universal health coverage;

(PP3) Recognizing that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development acknowledges the need to achieve universal health coverage and access to quality health care, and further recognizing that vital contribution of universal health coverage is fundamental for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) related not only to health and well-being, but also to other socio-economic development and recognizing that achievement of the SDGs is critical for

[1] Document EB152/5.

- Proposed decisions/resolutions are prepared as conference papers
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Date/Time		Location	Meeting/intergovernmental process
Friday 12 December	08:30-10:30	Hybrid	Member State consultation on draft resolution on reducing the burden of stroke: streng rehabilitation and health system readiness (organized by Egypt)
	11:00-13:00	Hybrid	Member State consultation on draft resolution on Steatotic liver disease: a missing pie (organized by Egypt)
	13:30-15:30	Hybrid	Member State consultation on draft resolution on advancing Smart Pharmacovigilance sustainable, resilient and responsive health systems, for everyone, everywhere (orgar
Monday 15 December	09:00-11:00	Hybrid	Member State consultation on draft resolution on the Global action to advance health and other bleeding disorders (organized by Armenia)
	12:30-14:30	Hybrid	Member State Information session on the arrangements for the forthcoming PBAC43 and EB158
Tuesday 16 December	09:00-11:00	Hybrid	Member State consultation on draft resolution on strengthening equitable access to diagnostic imaging through teleradiology (organized by Egypt)
Wednesday 17 December	09:00-11:00	Hybrid	Member State consultation on draft resolution on Steatotic liver disease: a missing piece in the global NCD response (organized by Egypt)
Friday 19 December	08:00-10:30	Hybrid	IGWG Information session on the interactions between the International Health Regulations (2005) and the PABS System
	11:00-13:00	Hybrid	Member State consultation on draft resolution on advancing Smart Pharmacovigilance as an essential tool for robust, sustainable, resilient and responsive health systems, for everyone, everywhere (organized by Tanzania and Egypt)

The website is updated often. Please check regularly.

Interpretation for both EB158 and PBAC43



To facilitate accuracy and clarity in interpretation, Member States are kindly requested to send a copy of their statements to interpret@who.int at least 30 minutes in advance. All statements will be treated confidentially and will be checked upon delivery.

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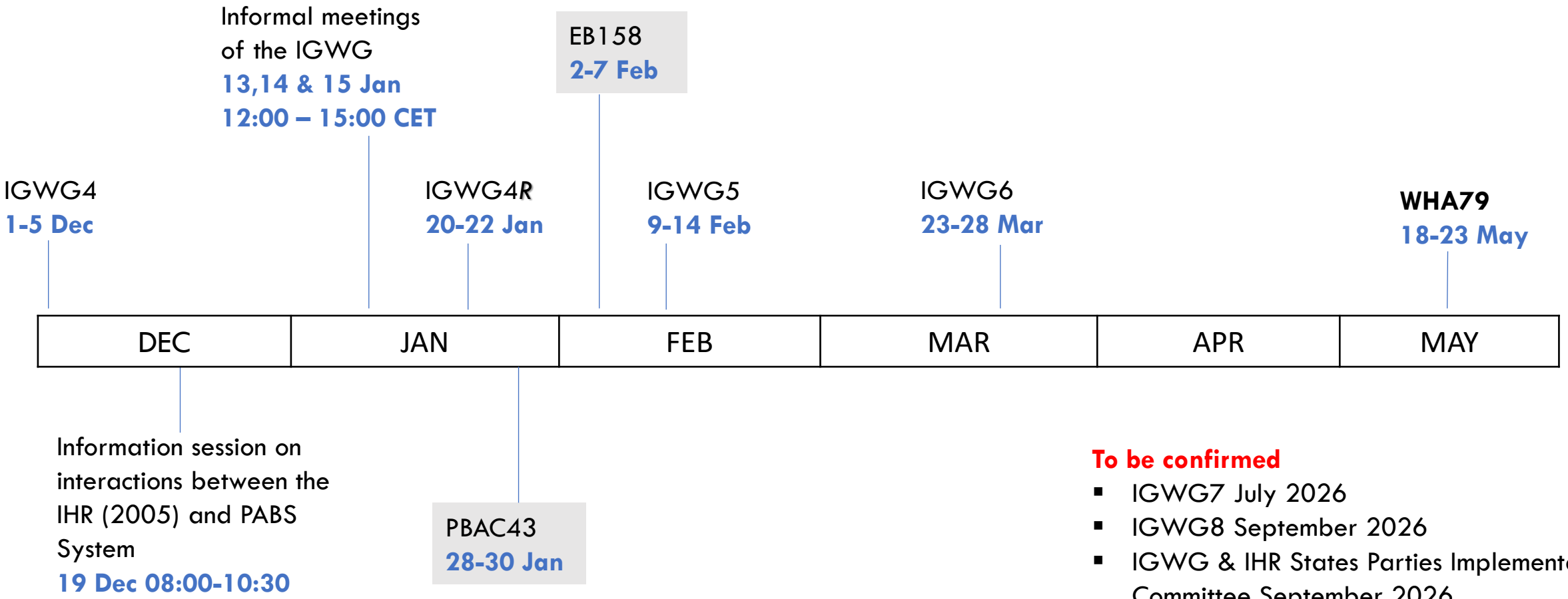
Intergovernmental Working Group on the WHO Pandemic Agreement



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- IGWG7 July 2026
- IGWG8 September 2026
- IGWG & IHR States Parties Implementation Committee September 2026

Timeline 2025 – 2026

GBS portal for resolutions and decisions

- **Decision EB153(2) on matters emanating from the AMSTG on strengthening WHO's governance**
  - (e) when addressing the Task Group's recommendations, to develop a project plan, with associated costs for the implementation of digital solutions for governing bodies services' interactions with Member States, including an option for a searchable online database of WHO resolutions and decisions.

- **Portal for resolutions and decisions (WHA, EB) which facilitates enhanced search**
  - Currently in preview release
  - Open for Member State feedback
  - https://resolutionsportal.who.int/

- **Live demo will follow**

Official Side Events WHA79

- Official Side Events Initiative expected to be launched in early 2026
- Due to space constraints at the Palais with the closure of building E, it is likely to take advantage of the full availability of rooms at WHO Headquarters
- Cost recovery
- Modalities
- Additional details will be available in guidelines and application forms

Send any further questions to:

- Governance/programmatic matters: governanceunit@who.int
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Q. Will the slides be shared?

A. Yes