



REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Provisional Agenda item 10.2

*Seventy-fifth Session
Paro, Bhutan
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29 July 2022

Governing Body matters: Review of the Draft Provisional Agenda of the 152nd Session of the WHO Executive Board

The 152nd Session of the WHO Executive Board will be held at WHO Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland from 30 January to 7 February 2023.

In accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, any proposal from a Member State or Associate Member of WHO to include an item on the Agenda should reach the Director-General of the World Health Organization not later than 12 weeks after circulation of the Draft Provisional Agenda or 10 weeks before the commencement of the Session of the Executive Board, whichever is earlier. Proposals should, therefore, reach the Director-General by 19 September 2022. Also, in accordance with Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, any proposal for inclusion in the Agenda of any item shall be accompanied by an explanatory memorandum.

The High-Level Preparatory Meeting for the Seventy-fifth Session of the Regional Committee for South-East Asia, held virtually on 18–20 July 2022, noted the Draft Provisional Agenda of the 152nd Session of the WHO Executive Board and the modalities for proposing any additional Agenda item to the Executive Board Bureau within the given deadline of 19 September 2022.

Delegates of Member States, exercising regional solidarity, supported a proposal on an Agenda item for the Executive Board submitted by the Royal Thai Government. In response to the UN General Assembly resolution, Member States of the SE Asia Region supported the proposal from Thailand for inclusion of an additional Agenda item in the Draft Provisional Agenda of the 152nd Session of the WHO Executive Board as follows:

Preparation for a High-Level Meeting of the UN General Assembly on universal health coverage: Through the United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/74/2 on Global health and foreign policy: *Political declaration of the High-Level Meeting on universal health coverage*, Member States decided to hold a High-Level Meeting on universal health coverage in 2023 with the aim of driving the UHC agenda in the Sustainable Development Goals.

The HLP Meeting made the following recommendations for consideration by the Seventy-fifth Session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia:

Action by Member States

- (1) Take note of the Draft Provisional Agenda of the 152nd Session of the Executive Board, and the timelines indicated by the Secretariat, for sending any proposed additional Agenda item(s) to the officers of the Executive Board by 19 September 2022, accompanied by an explanatory memorandum.

Actions by WHO

- (1) Provide the necessary statutory support to Member States in submitting proposals for inclusion in the Draft Provisional Agenda of the 152nd Session of the Executive Board.
- (2) Convey the decision of the Seventy-fifth Session of the Regional Committee for South-East Asia under Provisional Agenda item No 10.2: "Review of the Draft Provisional Agenda of the 152nd Session of the WHO Executive Board" to the WHO headquarters Secretariat.

The Draft Provisional Agenda for the 152nd Session of the WHO Executive Board along with the HLP Meeting recommendations are placed before the Seventy-fifth Session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia for its review, comment and noting, as appropriate.

Draft provisional agenda

- 1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Report by the Director-General**
- 3. Report of the regional committees to the Executive Board**
- 4. Report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board**

Pillar 1: One billion more people benefiting from universal health coverage

- 5. Universal health coverage**
 - Reorienting health systems to primary health care as a resilient foundation for universal health coverage
- 6. Political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases**
 - Draft updated menu of policy options and cost-effective interventions for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases
- 7. Substandard and falsified medical products**
- 8. Strengthening rehabilitation in health systems**
- 9. Draft global strategy on infection prevention and control**
- 10. Global road map on defeating meningitis by 2030**
- 11. Standardization of medical devices nomenclature**

Pillar 2: One billion more people better protected from health emergencies

- 12. Public health emergencies: preparedness and response**
 - 12.1 Strengthening WHO preparedness for and response to health emergencies**
 - Strengthening the global architecture for health emergency preparedness, response and resilience

- Strengthening clinical trials to provide high-quality evidence on health interventions and to improve research quality and coordination

12.2 WHO's work in health emergencies

- Implementation of resolution WHA75.11 (2022)

12.3 Global Health for Peace Initiative

13. Poliomyelitis

13.1 Poliomyelitis eradication

13.2 Polio transition planning and polio post-certification

Pillar 3: One billion more people enjoying better health and well-being

14. Well-being and health promotion

15. Ending violence against children through health systems strengthening and multisectoral approaches

16. Social determinants of health

17. The highest attainable standard of health for persons with disabilities

18. United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition (2016–2025)

19. Behavioural science for better health

Pillar 4: More effective and efficient WHO providing better support to countries

20. Budget and finance matters

20.1 Financing and implementation of the Programme budget 2021–2022 and outlook on financing of the Programme budget 2023–2024

20.2 Proposed programme budget 2024–2025

20.3 Thirteenth General Programme of Work, 2019–2025

20.4 Scale of assessments 2023–2024

20.5 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules [if any]

21. Management matters

- 21.1 Prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment

22. Update on the Infrastructure Fund

- Geneva buildings renovation strategy

23. Governance matters

- 23.1 Matters emanating from the Working Group on Sustainable Financing:

- Report of the agile member state task group on strengthening WHO budgetary, programmatic and financing governance
- Sustainable financing: options to explore the feasibility of a replenishment mechanism

- 23.2 Global strategies and plans of action that are scheduled to expire within one year

- WHO global action plan on promoting the health of refugees and migrants, 2019–2023
- WHO traditional medicine strategy 2014–2023

- 23.3 WHO reform: involvement of non-State actors in WHO's governing bodies

- 23.4 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

- 23.5 Provisional agenda of the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly and date and place of the 153rd session of the Executive Board

- Considerations for possible electronic voting at future governing bodies meetings

24. Committees of the Executive Board

- 24.1 Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee

- Membership [if any]

- 24.2 Foundation committees and selection panels

- 24.3 Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response

- Membership [if any]
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25. Staffing matters

- 25.1 Appointment of the Regional Director for the Americas
- 25.2 Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations
- 25.3 Report of the Ombudsman
- 25.4 Human resources: annual report
- 25.5 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules [if any]
- 25.6 Report of the International Civil Service Commission
- 25.7 Reform of the global internship programme
- 25.8 Implementation of the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy, including the WHO policy on disability

26. Report on meetings of expert committees and study groups

- Expert advisory panels and committees and their membership

27. Closure of the session

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