REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Provisional Agenda item 10.1

Seventy-third Session
(Virtual) Thailand
9–10 September 2020

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27 July 2020

Governing Body matters:
Review of the Draft Provisional Agenda of the
148th session of the WHO Executive Board

The 148th Session of the WHO Executive Board will be held at WHO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, on 18–26 January 2021.

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 for the Executive Board session 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 11 September 2020. 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 with an explanatory memorandum.

The High-Level Preparatory Meeting noted the Draft Provisional Agenda for the 148th Session of the WHO Executive Board and the modalities for proposing any additional Agenda item(s) to the Executive Board Bureau within the given timeline of 11 September 2020.

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

Action by Member States

(1) Take note of the Draft Provisional Agenda of the 148th 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 11 September 2020, accompanied with an explanatory memorandum.
**Actions by WHO**

1. To note the proposals submitted by the Member States for inclusion in the Draft Provisional Agenda of the 148th Session of the Executive Board.

2. Convey the decision of the Seventy-third Session of the Regional Committee for South-East Asia under Provisional Agenda item No. 10.1: ‘Review of the Draft Provisional Agenda of the 148th Session of the WHO Executive Board’ to the WHO headquarters Secretariat.

The Draft Provisional Agenda for the 148th Session of the WHO Executive Board along with the HLP Meeting recommendations are placed before the Seventy-third 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
4. Report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board

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

5. Global action on patient safety
6. Political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases
7. Expanding access to effective treatments for cancer and rare and orphan diseases, including medicines, vaccines, medical devices, diagnostics, assistive products, cell- and gene-based therapies and other health technologies; and improving the transparency of markets for medicines, vaccines, and other health products
8. Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property
9. Antimicrobial resistance
10. Substandard and falsified medical products
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 COVID-19 response
   12.2 WHO’s work in health emergencies
   12.3 Pandemic influenza preparedness: sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits
   12.4 The public health implications of implementation of the Nagoya Protocol
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. Social determinants of health

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

15. Budget and finance matters
   15.1 Proposed programme budget 2022–2023
   15.2 Financing and implementation of the Programme budget 2020–2021
   15.3 Scale of assessments
   15.4 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules [if any]

16. Geneva buildings renovation strategy

17. Governance matters
   17.1 WHO transformation
   17.2 WHO reform
      • WHO reform: governance
      • WHO reform: involvement of non-State actors in WHO’s governing bodies
   17.3 Process for the election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization
   17.4 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
   17.5 Provisional agenda of the Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly and date and place of the 149th session of the Executive Board

18. Committees of the Executive Board
   18.1 Membership of the Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee [if any]
   18.2 Foundation committees and selection panels
19. **Staffing matters**

19.1 Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations

19.2 Report of the Ombudsman

19.3 Human resources: annual report

19.4 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules [if any]

19.5 Report of the International Civil Service Commission

20. **Report on meetings of expert committees and study groups**

   • Expert advisory panels and committees and their membership

21. **Closure of the session**