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... The Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) presents his compliments to Member States and Associate Members and has the honour to attach the draft provisional agenda for the 158th session of the Executive Board to be held from 2 to 7 February 2026.

Any proposal from a Member State or Associate Member to include an item on the agenda should reach the Director-General 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 18 September 2025.

The Director-General draws to the attention of Member States and Associate Members that, in accordance with Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, any proposal for inclusion on the agenda of any item **shall be accompanied by an explanatory memorandum.**¹

Following receipt of proposals, the Director-General will draw up the provisional agenda in consultation with Officers of the Executive Board. The provisional agenda will be annotated and will explain any recommendations made regarding the deferral or exclusion of proposals. It will be dispatched to Member States with the letter of convocation no later than eight weeks before commencement of the 158th session of the Executive Board.

The Director-General takes this opportunity to renew to Member States and Associate Members the assurance of his highest consideration.

GENEVA, 27 June 2025

¹ https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/EB156/EB_explanatory-memorandum-en.pdf.

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EB158/1 (draft)

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**
- 5. Report of the Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response**

Provide health

- 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**
- 7. Mental health**
 - Outcome of the WHO Commission on Social Connection
- 8. Communicable diseases**
 - Immunization Agenda 2030
 - Road map for neglected tropical diseases 2021–2030
 - End TB Strategy
- 9. Universal health coverage**
 - Draft global strategy for integrated emergency, critical and operative care, 2026–2035
 - Increasing availability, ethical access and oversight of transplantation of human cells, tissues and organs
 - Rare diseases: a global health priority for equity and inclusion

- 10. Health in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**
- 11. Substandard and falsified medical products**
- 12. Interim report of the Expert Advisory Group on the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel**
- 13. Draft updated global action plan on antimicrobial resistance**

Protect health

- 14. WHO's work in health emergencies**
- 15. Strengthening the evidence-base for public health and social measures**
- 16. Global Health and Peace Initiative**
- 17. Poliomyelitis**
- 18. Health emergency in Ukraine and refugee-receiving and -hosting countries, stemming from the Russian Federation's aggression**
- 19. Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem**
- 20. Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan**

Promote health

- 21. Strengthening rehabilitation in health systems**
- 22. Well-being and health promotion**
- 23. Draft global action plan for the health of Indigenous Peoples**
- 24. Maternal, infant and young child nutrition**
- 25. Economics of health for all**

Power and performance

- 26. Budget and finance matters**
 - 26.1. Financing and implementation of the Programme budget 2026–2027
 - 26.2. Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules [if any]
- 27. Management and governance matters**
 - 27.1. Prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment
 - 27.2. Evaluation: update and proposed workplan for 2026–2027

27.3. Update on the Infrastructure Fund

- Geneva buildings renovation strategy
- Update on information management and technology

27.4. Governance reform

- Member State-led governance reform
- Secretariat implementation plan on reform
- Template and recommended timeline for proposing resolutions and decisions
- Cost recovery mechanisms for voluntary contributions
- Implementation of the process for handling and investigating potential allegations against WHO Directors-General

27.5. Engagement with non-State actors

28. Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations

29. Governance implications for WHO arising from the reassignment of a Member State from one region to another

30. Provisional agenda of the Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly and date and place of the 159th session of the Executive Board

31. Committees of the Executive Board

31.1. Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response

31.2. Foundation committees and selection panels

31.3. Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee: membership renewal [if any]

32. Staffing matters

32.1. Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations

32.2. Report of the Ombudsperson

32.3. Human resources: update

32.4. Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules [if any]

32.5. Report of the International Civil Service Commission

33. Report on meetings of expert committees and study groups

34. Closure of the session
