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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 156th session of the Executive Board to be held from 3 to 11 February 2025.

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 10 September 2024.

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.**

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 156th 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, 2 July 2024

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## **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**

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

- 6. Universal health coverage**
  - Primary health care
- 7. 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**
  - Reducing the burden of noncommunicable diseases through strengthening prevention and control of diabetes
  - Oral health
  - Comprehensive mental health action plan 2013–2030
  - Global strategy to accelerate the elimination of cervical cancer as a public health problem and its associated goals and targets for the period 2020–2030
- 8. Global road map on defeating meningitis by 2030**
- 9. Substandard and falsified medical products**
- 10. Standardization of medical devices nomenclature**
- 11. Health and care workforce**
  - WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel
  - Global strategy on human resources for health: workforce 2030
- 12. Draft global traditional medicine strategy (2025–2034)**

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

13. WHO's work in health emergencies
14. Universal health and preparedness review
15. Implementation of resolution WHA75.11 (2022)
16. Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan
17. Poliomyelitis

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

18. The impact of chemicals, waste and pollution on human health
19. Updated road map for an enhanced global response to the adverse health effects of air pollution

**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 2024–2025
- 20.2 Proposed programme budget 2026–2027
- 20.3 Scale of assessments 2026–2027
- 20.4 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules [if any]

**21. Management and governance matters**

- 21.1 Prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment
- 21.2 Governance reform
  - Member State-led governance reform
  - Process of handling and investigating potential allegations against WHO Directors-General
  - Draft terms of reference to strengthen the effectiveness of the functioning of the Officers of the Executive Board
  - Secretariat Implementation Plan on reform

- 21.3 Global strategies or action plans that are scheduled to expire within one year
  - Global strategic directions for nursing and midwifery 2021–2025
  - Global strategy on digital health 2020–2025
- 21.4 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
- 22. Provisional agenda of the Seventy-eighth World Health Assembly and date and place of the 157th session of the Executive Board**
- 23. Committees of the Executive Board**
  - 23.1 Foundation committees and selection panels
  - 23.2 Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee: membership renewal [if any]
  - 23.3 Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response
- 24. Staffing matters**
  - 24.1 Appointment of the Regional Director for Africa
  - 24.2 Appointment of the Regional Director for Europe
  - 24.3 Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations
  - 24.4 Report of the Ombudsperson
  - 24.5 Human resources: update
  - 24.6 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules [if any]
  - 24.7 Report of the International Civil Service Commission
- 25. Report on meetings of expert committees and study groups**
  - Expert advisory panels and committees and their membership
- 26. Closure of the session**

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