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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 159th session of the Executive Board to be held from 25 to 26 May 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 20 March 2026.

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 159th 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, 6 March 2026

¹ Explanatory memorandum for the inclusion of items on the provisional agenda of the Executive Board.

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Geneva, 25 and 26 May 2026

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6 March 2026

Draft provisional agenda

- 1. Election of Chair, Vice-Chairs and Rapporteur**
- 2. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda**
- 3. Outcome of the Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly**
- 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**
- 6. Management, governance and financial matters**
 - 6.1 Report by the Officers of the Executive Board on future modalities of the governance reform pilot
 - 6.2 Evaluation: annual report
 - 6.3 Hosted partnerships
 - Proposals for WHO to host formal partnerships [if any]
 - Report on hosted partnerships
 - Review of hosted partnerships
 - 6.4 Committees of the Executive Board
 - Committees of the Executive Board: filling of vacancies
 - Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee: membership renewal [if any]
 - 6.5 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules [if any]
 - 6.6 Process for the election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization

7. Staffing matters

7.1 Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations

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

7.3 Appointment of the Head of Internal Oversight Services [if any]

8. WHO's action on United Nations system-wide action plans

- Progress report on the implementation of the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy

9. Matters for information: report on meetings of expert committees and study groups**10. Future sessions of the Executive Board and the Health Assembly****11. Closure of the session**
