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The Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) has the honour to communicate to Members of the Organization, in accordance with Rules 5 and 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the provisional agenda and provisional annotated agenda for the **155th session of the Executive Board, which will be convened on Monday, 3 June 2024**,¹ commencing at 09:30 (CEST) at WHO headquarters, Geneva.

The Executive Board will be held in person. There is no limitation applying to the number of persons registering as part of Member States and Associate Members' delegations. However, in view of the space restrictions two persons per each Member State delegation for Executive Board members and one person per each Member State delegation for non-EB members may be present in the meeting room where the Executive Board is convened.

Registration can be initiated **as of 15 April 2024** by going to the following link: <https://indico.un.org/e/EB155>. Registration should be completed by 20 May 2024.

In accordance with resolution WHA49.9 (1996), and to support the aim of achievement of SDG 5 (Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls), the Director-General invites Member States to consider that gender balance be applied to their delegations.

The Code of Conduct to prevent harassment, including sexual harassment at WHO events is available at the following link: Code of Conduct: To prevent harassment, including sexual harassment, at WHO events.

Documents for the 155th session of the Executive Board can be accessed on the Internet through the WHO website (<https://apps.who.int/gb/gov/>) as they become available and practical information for delegates is attached. Member States are reminded that, as agreed by the Executive Board at its 143rd session, governing body meetings are paperless.

The Director-General of the World Health Organization takes this opportunity to renew to Members of the Organization the assurance of his highest consideration.

GENEVA, 8 April 2024

¹ See Executive Board decision EB154(16), 27 January 2024.

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REGISTRATION

Online registration is required to participate in the Executive Board which will be held in person.

Registration can be initiated as of 15 April 2024 by going to the following link: <https://indico.un.org/e/EB155> and should be completed by 20 May 2024.

Before each meeting, an invitation will be sent to Member States indicating a link to access the electronic Registration System (INDICO). Each participant is invited to register her/himself.

The WHO Department of Governing Bodies will verify the information received which will then be submitted into the registration system to generate the meeting badges and the list of participants.

CREDENTIALS

The credentials shall be issued by the Head of State, the Head of Government, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Health, or any other appropriate authority, i.e. Permanent Missions and senior government officials, such as Directors-General for Health. A copy of the credentials will have to be uploaded and submitted through the online registration system **before the opening of the 155th session of the Executive Board**. Credentials should include the following information for each participant: LAST NAME (in capital letters), first name, title, function, institution, city, gender (unless indicated in title).

ACCESS TO WHO HEADQUARTERS

Members of the delegations should register through INDICO in order to collect their badge and access WHO.

In view of the space restrictions, please note the following arrangements:

- Up to two members of each delegation of EB Member States may be present at a time in the meeting room.
- One member of each delegation of non-EB Member States may be present at a time in the meeting room.
- One member of each delegation of Observers, United Nations and other intergovernmental organizations and non-State actors in official relations with WHO may participate in person.

VISAS

Attention is drawn to the strict provisions in force regarding entry into Switzerland – those not having the required visa will be refused entry.

As of 13 December 2008, Switzerland has applied the Schengen visa regulations. Therefore, certain nationalities travelling to WHO headquarters to participate in meetings will require a Schengen visa in order to enter Switzerland.

Since that date, it is no longer sufficient for a participant to present the invitation letter in order to obtain a visa. A visa support letter prepared by WHO/HQ is now required.

Before requesting a visa support letter, participants are advised to contact their nearest Swiss embassy or consulate to determine whether or not they require a visa.

Member States requiring the assistance of WHO to obtain a Swiss Schengen visa are kindly invited to do so when they register for the meeting through INDICO.

Provisional agenda

- 1. Election of Chair, Vice-Chairs and Rapporteur**
- 2. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda**

Documents EB155/1 and EB155/1 (annotated)
- 3. Outcome of the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly**
- 4. Report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board**

Document EB155/2
- 5. Report of the Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response**

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- 6. Management, governance and financial matters**
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 - 6.2 Hosted partnerships
 - Proposals for WHO to host formal partnerships [if any]
 - Report on hosted partnerships

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6.3 Engagement with non-State actors

- Non-State actors in official relations with WHO

Documents EB155/7, EB155/7 Add.1 and EB155/7 Add.2

6.4 Committees of the Executive Board

- Committees of the Executive Board: filling of vacancies

Documents EB155/8 and EB155/8 Add.1

- Foundation committees and selection panels: amendments to the Statutes of the State of Kuwait Health Promotion Foundation

Document EB155/9

6.5 Membership of the Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee

Document EB155/10

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

7. Staffing matters

7.1 Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations

Document EB155/INF./1

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

8. Matters for information: report on meetings of expert committees and study groups

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9. Future sessions of the Executive Board and the Health Assembly

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10. Closure of the session

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Provisional agenda (annotated)

- 1. Election of Chair, Vice-Chairs and Rapporteur**
- 2. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda**
- 3. Outcome of the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly**
- 4. Report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board**

The Board will receive at the opening of its session the report of the fortieth meeting of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee, which is scheduled to be held from Wednesday 22 May to Friday 24 May, 2024.

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

The Board will receive the report of the fourth meeting of the Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response, which is scheduled to be held on 17 and 18 April 2024.

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- 6. Management, governance and financial matters**

6.1 Evaluation: annual report

In line with WHO's evaluation policy, approved by the Executive Board in decision EB143(9) (2018), the annual report on evaluation will be submitted to the Board. It describes the progress made and challenges faced in implementing the policy and the Organization-wide evaluation workplans, summarizes the findings of recently-conducted evaluations and describes a comparative study of evaluation functions. The Board will be invited to note the report and to consider a draft decision approving the revision of the evaluation policy.

6.2 Hosted partnerships

The Board will consider a report submitted pursuant to decision EB132(10) (2013), in which inter alia it requested its Programme, Budget and Administration Committee to ensure that the arrangements for hosted health partnerships were regularly reviewed on a case-by-case and timely basis in respect of their contributions to improved health outcomes, WHO's interaction with individual hosted partnerships, and the harmonization of their work with the work of WHO; and to make recommendations for the consideration of the Board, as appropriate, through a standing item on the subject on the Board's agenda. The Board will be invited to note the report.

- Proposals for WHO to host formal partnerships [if any]
- Report on hosted partnerships

The Director-General will provide the Board with a general annual update on hosted partnerships. The Board will be invited to note the report.

- Review of hosted partnerships

The Director-General will provide the Board with a report on the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health in the context of the periodic review of arrangements for hosted partnerships. The Board will be invited to note the report.

6.3 Engagement with non-State actors

- Non-State actors in official relations with WHO

In decision EB154(12) (2024), the Executive Board decided to request its Programme, Budget and Administration Committee to conduct further discussions regarding the proposal to admit the two entities listed in Annex 1 to document EB154/37, including at its informal meeting, and to provide a recommendation to the Board at its 155th meeting, through the fortieth meeting of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee in May 2024, to enable the Board to finalize its decision. The Board will be invited to note the report and to consider a draft decision.

6.4 Committees of the Executive Board

- Committees of the Executive Board: filling of vacancies

This is a standing item.

- Foundation committees and selection panels: amendments to the Statutes of the State of Kuwait Health Promotion Foundation

The Board will consider the amendments to the Statutes of the State of Kuwait Health Promotion Foundation, which were proposed by the Foundation Selection Panel at its meeting in January 2024.

6.5 Membership of the Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee

The Board will be invited to note a report by the Director-General, providing an update on the membership of the Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee further to decision EB154(17) (2024).

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

7. Staffing matters

7.1 Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations

This is a standing item.

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

8. Matters for information: report on meetings of expert committees and study groups

In compliance with Regulation 4.23 of the Regulations for Expert Advisory Panels and Committees, the Director-General will submit to the Board for its consideration his report on meetings of expert committees and study groups, including a summary of the recommendations contained in the reports of expert committees and his observations on their significance for public health policies and implications for the Organization's programmes.

9. Future sessions of the Executive Board and the Health Assembly

This is a standing item.

10. Closure of the session

Note:

In accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Director-General transmitted the draft provisional agenda to Member States for comment on 23 February 2024. No proposals for additional items were received from Member States by the deadline of 25 March 2024.

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