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The Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) presents his compliments to Member States and regional economic integration organizations and has the honour to refer to resolution WHA78.1 (2025), which established the open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group (IGWG) on the WHO Pandemic Agreement.

Member States are informed that the fifth meeting of the IGWG will be held at WHO headquarters, Geneva, from 9 to 14 February 2026 in a hybrid format. The fifth meeting will open at 09:00 (CET) on Monday, 9 February 2026.

Meeting registration and access

As of January 2026, the Organization has migrated to a new registration platform (CVENT). Registration of all delegates is required from **22 January 2026** and must be completed by **5 February 2026** via the following link: <https://events.who.int/IGWG5>. **In view of limited capacity, the link will be deactivated at the close of the deadline with no further opportunity to register. During registration in Cvent, all delegations are required to upload an accreditation, detailing the delegate(s) in the following format: email address, Country, name (first name and surname of the delegate).**

A personalized link to access the virtual platform will be sent to delegates who registered for the fifth meeting within the deadline.

In view of the space restriction in connection with ongoing renovations at WHO headquarters, up to two persons per delegation are invited to be physically present in the meeting room at WHO headquarters, with other members of the delegation participating through the virtual platform.

The documentation for the meeting will be published at the following link: <https://apps.who.int/gb/IGWG/> as soon as available in the six official languages.

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](#).

The Director-General of the World Health Organization takes this opportunity to renew to Member States and regional economic integration organizations the assurance of his highest consideration.

GENEVA, 19 January 2026