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The Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) presents his compliments to Member States, Associate Members and regional economic integration organizations, and has the honour to refer to decision SSA2(5) (2021), which established the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB) to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, with a view to adoption under Article 19, or under other provisions of the WHO Constitution as may be deemed appropriate by the INB.

Member States are informed that the eighth (INB8) and ninth (INB9) meetings of the INB will be held from 19 February–1 March 2024 as well as from 18–28 March 2024, respectively, in hybrid format. The eighth meeting will open at 09:00 (CET) on Monday, 19 February 2024 and the ninth meeting will open at 09:00 (CET) on Monday, 18 March 2024.

Meeting registration and access

Two persons per delegation are invited to be physically present in the meeting room at WHO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, with other members of the delegation participating through the virtual platform. **To participate in person, INDICO registration will be required using the following links:**

- <https://indico.un.org/e/INB8> no later than 12 February 2024 for INB8; and
- <https://indico.un.org/e/INB9> no later than 11 March 2024 for INB9.

To participate virtually, renewed online registration will not be required for INB8 for Member States who have previously registered for the seventh meeting of the INB drafting group. Renewed online registration will not be required for INB9 for Member States who have previously registered for the seventh meeting of the INB drafting group and INB8.

In that regard, WHO will consider Member States' credentials submitted during the registration process for the seventh meeting as remaining valid for the purposes of registration for the INB8 unless informed otherwise by email to hqgoverningbodies@who.int no later than 12 February 2024. Member States' credentials submitted during the registration process for the seventh and eighth meetings will remain valid for the purposes of registration for the INB9 unless informed otherwise by email to hqgoverningbodies@who.int no later than 11 March 2024.

Member States who did not register for the seventh meeting or who wish to revise their list of delegates may send an email to hqgoverningbodies@who.int no later than 12 February 2024 for INB8 and 11 March 2024 for INB9.

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To facilitate the processing of requests, Member States are invited to list in the body of the email the delegate(s) who should be added in the following format: email address, Member State, name (first name and surname of the delegate). A note verbale is not required for the purposes of updating the delegation's list for virtual participation.

Following registration, a personalized link to access the virtual platform will be sent to delegates in the days preceding the meeting.

Registrations sent after the deadline may cause a delay in the receipt of a link to participate in the meeting.

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

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

GENEVA, 1 February 2024