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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 convene the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly at 09:00 on Monday, 27 May 2024, at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland. The Health Assembly will be held in person and will close no later than Saturday, 1 June 2024.

Online registration is required to participate in the Health Assembly. Registration can be initiated as of 15 April 2024 by going to the following link: <https://indico.un.org/e/WHA77>. **Registration should be completed by 13 May 2024.**

There is no limitation applying to the number of persons registering as part of Member States and Associate Members' delegations.

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.

In accordance with the call for meaningful youth engagement of the UN Youth Strategy to scale up global, regional and national actions to meet young people's needs, realize their rights and tap their possibilities as agents of change, the Director-General invites Member States to consider the inclusion of young people, in particular those whose activities and efforts are commendable and impactful at national level within the health sector and its determinants.

Member States are also encouraged to include Parliamentarians in their delegation.

... The provisional agenda for the Health Assembly, as prepared by the Secretariat following the decision of the Executive Board at its 154th session, and the preliminary daily timetable are enclosed. The provisional agenda and the preliminary daily timetable are subject to approval by the Health Assembly.

... Practical information for delegates and information concerning arrangements for the conduct of discussion in plenary meetings are enclosed. The debate this year will focus on the theme "All for Health, Health for All".

... ENCLS: Documents A77/1 and Preliminary timetable  
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Documents for the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly can be accessed on the Internet through the WHO website (<https://apps.who.int/gb/gov/>), as they become available. Delegates 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 Member States and Associate Members the assurance of his highest consideration.

GENEVA, 28 March 2024

# **PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES PARTICIPATING IN THE HEALTH ASSEMBLY**

## **REGISTRATION PROCESS**

Online registration is required to participate in the World Health Assembly, 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/WHA77>.

Before each meeting, an invitation will be sent to Member States and Associate Members 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 for in-person meetings and the list of participants.

## **CREDENTIALS**

The credentials shall be issued by the Head of State, 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. Member States will be represented at the Assembly by not more than three delegates. Alternates and advisers may accompany delegates. A copy of the credentials will have to be uploaded and submitted through the online registration system **before the opening of the World Health Assembly (WHA)**. 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).

## **TRAVEL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT**

In accordance with resolution WHA50.1 (1997), special consideration will be given to delegates whose countries are classified as least developed countries by the United Nations. WHO will cover the cost of an economy/tourist airfare by the most direct route to Geneva for one delegate of such countries. However, following the rules set forth by the World Health Assembly, WHO will not be able to provide per diem or any other non-airfare expenditures. **Please note that reimbursement will be made in Geneva, upon presentation of the air ticket and the invoice. The process of reimbursement takes at least 24 hours therefore requests made after Thursday, 30 May (mid-day) will not be taken into consideration.**

## **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 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.**

## **ACCESS TO THE PALAIS DES NATIONS**

Members of the delegations should register through INDICO in order to collect their badge at WHO headquarters to access the Palais des Nations.

In view of the space restrictions in connection with ongoing renovations at the Palais des Nations, please note the following arrangements:

- Up to two members of each delegation of Member States and Associate Members may be present at a time in each room where official meetings of the Health Assembly are convened; there is no restriction to the number of delegates forming part of the delegation, and all delegation members of Member States and Associate Members would be issued with a badge to access the Palais des Nations.
- Up to one member of each delegation of Observers and United Nations and other intergovernmental organizations may be present at a time in each meeting room where the plenary and main committees are convened; a maximum of **six** badges would be issued for individual delegates of each delegation of Observers and United Nations and other intergovernmental organizations to access the Palais des Nations.
- Non-State actors in official relations with WHO would be able to access the floor of the meeting rooms where the main committees are convened for purposes of delivering a statement under relevant agenda items; a maximum of **six** badges would be issued for individual delegates of each non-State actor in official relations with WHO to access the Palais des Nations.

## **SIDE-EVENTS AT WHA77**

There will be no official side-events held at the Palais during WHA77 due to ongoing renovations and related space constraints. However, Member States are welcome to organize their own side-events at locations of their choice. Member States may share information about the side-events they may organize offsite with [hqgoverningbodies@who.int](mailto:hqgoverningbodies@who.int). A list will include the information received in the WHA77 Journal.

Strategic Roundtables will take place during WHA77 on a daily basis (from Tuesday, 28 May through Saturday, 1 June 2024) on key themes of relevance. The Strategic Roundtables will be indicated in the WHA77 Journal.

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONDUCT OF DISCUSSION IN PLENARY MEETINGS

Resolution WHA52.21 (1999) on reform of the Health Assembly requested the Director-General to make appropriate arrangements for a shortened plenary meeting and, to this end, encouraged group or regional statements in plenary debate. Delegates are requested to limit to three minutes their individual statements in this debate. Group or regional statements may last up to four minutes.

**Theme of general debate: “All for Health, Health for All”.**

### **Tips for speakers in a multilingual meeting**

Whether you are chairing or participating in a multilingual meeting it is useful to think about how your message gets across through interpretation. The interpreters are there to help the meeting proceed as if everyone was speaking the same language.

- Speak your mother tongue wherever possible
- Speak at a reasonable pace
- Speaking is better than reading
- **If you have to “read” your speech, make sure the Secretariat has a copy of your text in advance. It will be treated as confidential**
- **For guidance, four minutes are roughly equivalent to 440 words**
- Quote document references
- State figures and names clearly
- Explain acronyms

# **Provisional agenda<sup>1</sup>**

## **PLENARY**

### **1. Opening of the Health Assembly**

- 1.1 Appointment of the Committee on Credentials
- 1.2 Election of the President
- 1.3 Election of the five Vice-Presidents, the Chairs of the main committees, and establishment of the General Committee
- 1.4 Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items to the main committees

Document A77/1

### **2. Report of the Executive Board on its 153rd and 154th sessions, and on its Seventh special session**

Document A77/2

### **3. Address by Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General<sup>2</sup>**

Document A77/3

### **4. Invited speaker(s)**

### **5. Admission of new Members and Associate Members [if any]**

### **6. Executive Board: election**

### **7. Awards**

Document A77/INF./1

### **8. Reports of the main committees**

### **9. Closure of the Health Assembly**

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with Rules 3 and 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the provisional agenda (providing document numbers) will be dispatched, together with the notice of convocation, not less than 60 days before 27 May 2024.

<sup>2</sup> The main address by the Director-General will be delivered during the high-level welcome, which is scheduled to take place on Monday, 27 May 2024.

## COMMITTEE A

### 10. Opening of the Committee<sup>1</sup>

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

### 11. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board

#### 11.1 Universal health coverage

Documents A77/4 and EB154/2024/REC/1, decision EB154(6)

#### 11.2 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

Documents A77/4 and EB154/2024/REC/1, decision EB154(7)

#### 11.3 Draft global action plan for infection prevention and control

Documents A77/4 and EB154/2024/REC/1, decision EB154(8)

#### 11.4 Immunization Agenda 2030

Document A77/4

#### 11.5 End TB Strategy

Document A77/4

#### 11.6 Road map for neglected tropical diseases 2021–2030

Document A77/4

#### 11.7 Acceleration towards the Sustainable Development Goal targets for maternal health and child mortality

Document A77/4

#### 11.8 Antimicrobial resistance: accelerating national and global responses

Document A77/5

### 12. Global technical strategy and targets for malaria 2016–2030

Document A77/6

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<sup>1</sup> Including election of Vice-Chairs and Rapporteur.

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

### **13. Public health emergencies: preparedness and response**

- 13.1 The Independent Oversight and Advisory Committee for the WHO Health Emergencies Programme

Document A77/7

- 13.2 Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)

Document A77/8

- 13.3 Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005)

Document A77/9

- 13.4 Intergovernmental Negotiating Body to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response

Document A77/10

### **14. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board**

- 14.1 WHO's work in health emergencies

Documents A77/4, A77/11, A77/12 and EB154/2024/REC/1, resolution EB154.R7, decisions EB154(9) and EB154(10)

- 14.2 Implementation of resolution WHA75.11 (2022)

Document A77/13

- 14.3 Global Health and Peace Initiative

Documents A77/4 and EB154/2024/REC/1, decision EB154(11)

- 14.4 Poliomyelitis

- Poliomyelitis eradication

Document A77/4

- Polio transition planning and polio post-certification

Document A77/4

- 14.5 Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks

Document A77/4

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

#### **15. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board**

##### 15.1 Social determinants of health

Document A77/4

##### 15.2 Maternal, infant and young child nutrition

Document A77/4

##### 15.3 Well-being and health promotion

Documents A77/4 and EB154/2024/REC/1, decision EB154(13)

##### 15.4 Climate change, pollution and health

- Impact of chemicals, waste and pollution on human health

Document A77/4

- Climate change and health

Document A77/4

##### 15.5 Economics and health for all

Document A77/4

### **Pillar 4: More effective and efficient WHO providing better support to countries**

#### **16. Financing and implementation of the Programme budget 2022–2023 and outlook on financing of the Programme budget 2024–2025**

Documents A77/14 and A77/15

#### **17. Draft fourteenth general programme of work, 2025–2028**

Document A77/16

#### **18. Sustainable financing: WHO investment round**

Documents A77/17 and EB154/2024/REC/1, decision EB154(1)

## COMMITTEE B

### 19. Opening of the Committee<sup>1</sup>

### 20. Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan

Document A77/18

## Pillar 4: More effective and efficient WHO providing better support to countries

### 21. Budget and finance matters

#### 21.1 Results Report 2023 (Programme budget 2022–2023: performance assessment) and Financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

Documents A77/19, A77/20 and A77/INF./2

#### 21.2 Scale of assessments 2025–2026<sup>2</sup>

#### 21.3 Status of collection of assessed contributions, including Member States in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution

Document A77/21

#### 21.4 Special arrangements for settlement of arrears [if any]

#### 21.5 Assessment of new Members and Associate Members [if any]

#### 21.6 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules [if any]

### 22. Audit and oversight matters

#### 22.1 Report of the External Auditor

Document A77/22

#### 22.2 Report of the Internal Auditor

Document A77/23

#### 22.3 External and internal audit recommendations: progress on implementation

Document A77/24

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<sup>1</sup> Including election of Vice-Chairs and Rapporteur.

<sup>2</sup> No document will be issued on this subject. It is proposed that the Health Assembly be invited to consider deleting the subitem.

**23. Staffing matters**

23.1 Human resources: annual report

Document A77/25

23.2 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules

Documents A77/4 and EB154/2024/REC/1, resolution EB154.R9

23.3 Report of the International Civil Service Commission

Document A77/4

23.4 Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee

Document A77/26

**24. Management, legal and governance matters**

24.1 Prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment

Document A77/4

24.2 Process of handling and investigating potential allegations against WHO Directors-General

Document A77/27

24.3 Secretariat implementation plan on reform

Document A77/28

**25. Update on the Infrastructure Fund**

- Geneva buildings renovation strategy

Document A77/29

**26. Agreements with intergovernmental organizations**

Document A77/30

**27. Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations**

Document A77/31

**28. Updates and future reporting: strengthening integrated, people-centred health services**

Document A77/32

**29. Matters for information: progress reports**

Document A77/33

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

- A. The global health sector strategies on, respectively, HIV, viral hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections (resolution WHA75.20 (2022))
- B. Preparation for the high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on universal health coverage (resolution WHA72.4 (2019))
- C. Reproductive health: strategy to accelerate progress towards the attainment of international development goals and targets (resolution WHA57.12 (2004))
- D. Eradication of dracunculiasis (resolution WHA64.16 (2011))
- E. Integrated people-centred eye care, including preventable vision impairment and blindness (resolution WHA73.4 (2020))
- F. Human organ and tissue transplantation (decision WHA75(18) (2022))
- G. Availability, safety and quality of blood products (decision WHA75(17) (2022))
- H. Public health dimension of the world drug problem (decision WHA75(20) (2022))

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

- I. Pandemic influenza preparedness: sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits (resolution WHA64.5 (2011))
- J. Strengthening health emergency preparedness and response in cities and urban settings (resolution WHA75.7 (2022))

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- K. WHO global strategy for food safety (decision WHA75(22) (2022))
- L. Reducing public health risks associated with the sale of live wild animals of mammalian species in traditional food markets – infection prevention and control (decision WHA75(23) (2022))
- M. Outcome of the SIDS Summit for Health: For a Healthy and Resilient Future in Small Island Developing States (resolution WHA75.18 (2022))
- N. Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property (resolution WHA75.14 (2022))

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- O. Strategy for integrating gender analysis and actions into the work of WHO (resolution WHA60.25 (2007))

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## Preliminary daily timetable for the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly

May 2024	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
<b>Monday 27</b>				
09:00	High-level welcome <sup>1</sup>	–	–	–
	1. Opening of the Health Assembly	–	–	–
	1.1 Appointment of the Committee on Credentials			
	1.2 Election of the President			
	1.3 Election of the five Vice-Presidents, the Chairs of the main committees, and establishment of the General Committee			
Upon closure of the plenary	–	–	–	General Committee
14:30	– Presidential address			
	1.4 Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items to the main committees	–	–	–
	2. Report of the Executive Board on its 153rd and 154th sessions, and on its seventh special session			
	3. Address by Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General			
	– General discussion	Upon commencement of the General discussion	–	–
		10. Opening of the Committee		

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<sup>1</sup> This will include item 4, Invited speaker(s).

May 2024	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
<b>Monday 27 (continued)</b>		<p><b>Pillar 4</b></p> <p>17. Draft fourteenth general programme of work, 2025–2028</p> <p>16. Financing and implementation of the Programme budget 2022–2023 and outlook on financing of the Programme budget 2024–2025</p> <p>18. Sustainable financing: WHO investment round</p>		
<b>Tuesday 28</b> 09:00 and 14:30	<p>3. Address by Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General</p> <p>– General discussion (continued)</p>	<p><b>Pillar 4</b></p> <p>17. Draft fourteenth general programme of work, 2025–2028 (continued)</p> <p>16. Financing and implementation of the Programme budget 2022–2023 and outlook on financing of the Programme budget 2024–2025</p> <p>18. Sustainable financing: WHO investment round (continued)</p> <p><b>Pillar 2</b></p> <p>13. Public health emergencies: preparedness and response</p> <p>13.4 Intergovernmental Negotiating Body to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response</p>		

May 2024	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
<b>Tuesday 28 (continued)</b>		13.3 Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) 13.1 The Independent Oversight and Advisory Committee for the WHO Health Emergencies Programme 13.2 Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)		Committee on Credentials
<b>Wednesday 29</b> 09:00 and	– Report of the Committee on Credentials 5. Admission of new Members and Associate Members [if any]	<b>Pillar 1</b> 11. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board 11.1 Universal health coverage 11.2 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 11.3 Draft global action plan for infection prevention and control 11.4 Immunization Agenda 2030 11.5 End TB Strategy 11.6 Road map for neglected tropical diseases 2021–2030	19. Opening of the Committee <b>Pillar 4</b> 21. Budget and finance matters 21.1 Results Report 2023 (Programme budget 2022–2023: performance assessment) and Financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 21.2 Scale of assessments 2025–2026 <sup>1</sup> 21.3 Status of collection of assessed contributions, including Member States in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution	

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May 2024	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
<p><b>Wednesday 29 (continued)</b></p> <p>14:30</p> <p>17:30</p>	<p>–</p> <p>–</p>	<p>11.7 Acceleration towards the Sustainable Development Goal targets for maternal health and child mortality</p> <p>11.8 Antimicrobial resistance: accelerating national and global responses</p> <p>12. Global technical strategy and targets for malaria 2016–2030</p>	<p>21.4 Special arrangements for settlement of arrears [if any]</p> <p>21.5 Assessment of new Members and Associate Members [if any]</p> <p>21.6 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules [if any]</p> <p>22. Audit and oversight matters</p> <p>22.1 Report of the External Auditor</p> <p>22.2 Report of the Internal Auditor</p> <p>22.3 External and internal audit recommendations: progress on implementation</p> <p>20. Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan</p>	<p>–</p> <p>General Committee (list for election, Executive Board)</p>
<p><b>Thursday 30</b></p> <p>09:00 and 14:30</p>		<p><b>Pillar 3</b></p> <p>15. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board</p> <p>15.1 Social determinants of health</p> <p>15.2 Maternal, infant and young child nutrition</p> <p>15.3 Well-being and health promotion</p> <p>15.4 Climate change, pollution and health</p> <p>15.5 Economics and health for all</p>	<p><b>Pillar 4</b></p> <p>23. Staffing matters</p> <p>23.1 Human resources: annual report</p> <p>23.2 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules</p> <p>23.3 Report of the International Civil Service Commission</p> <p>23.4 Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee</p> <p>24. Management, legal and governance matters</p> <p>24.1 Prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment</p>	

May 2024	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
<b>Thursday 30 (continued)</b>		<p><b>Pillar 2</b></p> <p>14. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board</p> <p>14.1 WHO's work in health emergencies</p> <p>14.2 Implementation of resolution WHA75.11 (2022)</p> <p>14.3 Global Health and Peace Initiative</p> <p>14.4 Poliomyelitis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poliomyelitis eradication</li> <li>• Polio transition planning and polio post-certification</li> </ul> <p>14.5 Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks</p>	<p>24.2 Process of handling and investigating potential allegations against WHO Directors-General</p> <p>24.3 Secretariat implementation plan on reform</p> <p>25. Update on the Infrastructure Fund</p> <p>26. Agreements with intergovernmental organizations</p> <p>27. Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations</p>	
<b>Friday 31 09:00 and 14:30</b>	<p>6. Executive Board: election</p> <p>7. Awards</p>	<p><b>Pillar 2</b></p> <p>13.4 Intergovernmental Negotiating Body to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response (continued)</p> <p>13.3 Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) (continued)</p> <p><b>Pillar 3</b></p> <p>15. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board (continued)</p>	<p><b>Pillar 4</b></p> <p>28. Updates and future reporting: strengthening integrated, people-centred health services</p> <p>29. Matters for information: progress reports</p>	-

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<b>May 2024</b>	<b>Plenary</b>	<b>Committee A</b>	<b>Committee B</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>June 2024</b> <b>Saturday 1</b> 09:00 and 14:30	8. Reports of the main committees 9. Closure of the Health Assembly	– Finalization of resolutions/ decisions and reports	– Finalization of resolutions/ decisions and reports	–

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