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This Journal is intended to give delegates, representatives and other participants advance indications of the Health Assembly's programme of work. Additional information can be found in the *Guide for delegates to the World Health Assembly* (document [A79/DIV./2](#))

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### N° 6 Programme of meetings for Saturday, 23 May 2026

Time	Plenary <i>Assembly Hall, Palais des Nations</i>	Committee A <i>Auditorium, Building B, SS3, WHO HQ</i>	Committee B <i>Assembly Hall, Palais des Nations</i>
09:00		Eleventh meeting	Seventh meeting
13:00 (if required)		Twelfth meeting	Eighth meeting
Immediately after conclusion of Committees A and B	Seventh Plenary meeting		

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#### 159th session of the Executive Board, 25–26 May 2026, WHO headquarters Auditorium

##### Please note the following administrative arrangements:

Badges for Members of the Board, their alternates and advisers, and representatives of Member States and organizations invited to attend, will be issued at the at:

- **the Palais des Nations** from Friday, 22 May to Saturday, 23 May 2026 from 08:00–17:00
- **WHO Headquarters** on Monday 25 May from 08:00–17:00 and on Tuesday, 26 May 2026 from 08:00 until the closure of the Executive Board session.

## Restaurant facilities on Saturday, 23 May 2026

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### **Palais des Nations:**

The Bar Concordia (A Building, ground floor): 07:30 until the close of the meetings.

Main cafeteria: 11:30–14:00

### **WHO Headquarters:**

The cafeteria (B Building, SS1): 11:30–14:00

The coffee shop “Place to B” (B Building main lobby, SS1): 07:30 until the close of the meetings

## Shuttle services between WHO HQ and UNOG Building A

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A shuttle service will be available to transport delegates between the following stops:

**WHO HQ:** parking P15 bis, near the cafeteria terrace. To facilitate access, delegates wearing a WHA badge will be able to enter the WHO premises through the terrace and cafeteria.

**UNOG:** in front of the VIP entrance of Building A, door 14, at the rear of the Assembly Hall.

## 1. Dates and working hours

The World Health Assembly opened on Monday, 18 May 2026 at 09:00. The working hours of the Health Assembly are from 09:00 to 12:00 and 14:30 to 17:30 (CEST). The Health Assembly will close no later than Saturday, 23 May 2026, as decided by the Executive Board at its 158th session.

## *Saturday, 23 May 2026*

### **Eleventh and twelfth meetings of Committee A — Auditorium, Building B, SS3, WHO Headquarters**

09:00 and 13:00 (if required)

#### **Draft fourth report of Committee A**

Document (Draft) A79/41 containing two decisions entitled:

- *Draft global strategy for integrated emergency, critical and operative care, 2026–2035*
- *Increasing availability, ethical access and oversight of transplantation of human cells, tissues and organs*

and four resolutions entitled:

- *Precision medicine: a path towards targeted, personalized and equitable care*
- *Strengthening equitable access to diagnostic imaging through teleradiology*
- *Reducing the burden of stroke: strengthening prevention, acute care, rehabilitation and health system readiness*
- *Advancing smart, efficient pharmacovigilance as an essential tool for robust, sustainable, resilient and responsive health systems, for everyone, everywhere*

## **Item 12 (Provide health) *continued***

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

*The following sub-items will be taken together: 12.5 & 12.8*

- **Item 12.5 *continued***

#### **Primary healthcare**

- Document A79/5

- **Item 12.8 *continued***

#### **Report of the Expert Advisory Group on the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel**

- Documents A79/5, A79/5 Add.3 and A79/5 Add.5

*The following sub-items will be taken together: 12.7 & 12.9*

- **Item 12.7**

#### **Substandard and falsified medical products**

- Document A79/5

- **Item 12.9**

#### **Draft updated global action plan on antimicrobial resistance**

- Documents A79/5, A79/5 Add.2 and EB158/2026/REC/1, decision EB158(6)

*The following sub-items will be taken together: 12.6 & 12.10*

- **Item 12.6**

#### **Health in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

- Document A79/5

- **Item 12.10**

#### **Harmonization of regulatory approaches, governance and standards for data, digital health and artificial intelligence in the health sector**

- Document A79/5

### **Finalization of resolutions/decision and reports**

## **Seventh and eighth meetings of Committee B — Assembly Hall, Palais des Nations**

09:00 and 13:00 (if required)

### **Draft third report of Committee B**

Document (Draft) A79/40 containing one decisions entitled:

- *Reform of the global health architecture and the UN80 Initiative*

and one resolution entitled:

- *Communications of the United Nations Secretary-General as depositary of the Constitution of the World Health Organization*

### **Item 15 (Promote health) continued [Item transferred from Committee A]**

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

*The following sub-items will be taken together: 15.1, 15.3 & 15.4*

- **Item 15.1**

- Strengthening rehabilitation in health systems**

- Document A79/5

- **Item 15.3**

- The health of Indigenous Peoples**

- Documents A79/5 and EB158/2026/REC/1, decision EB158(10)

- **Item 15.4**

- Maternal, infant and young child nutrition**

- Document A79/5

*The following sub-items will be taken together: 15.2 & 15.5*

- **Item 15.2**

- Well-being and health promotion**

- Documents A79/5 and EB158/2026/REC/1, decision EB158(9)
    - Outcome of the WHO Commission on Social Connection
    - Document A79/5

- **Item 15.5**

- Draft strategy on the economics of health for all**

- Documents A79/5, A79/5 Add.1 and EB158/2026/REC/1, decision EB158(8)

#### **Finalization of resolutions/decision and reports**

## **Seventh Plenary meeting — Assembly Hall, Palais des Nations**

Immediately after conclusion of Committees A and B

### *Item 8 continued*

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#### **Reports of the main committees**

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### **Item 9**

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#### **Closure of the Health Assembly**

### 3. Report of meetings

#### Ninth meeting of Committee A

*In the Chair:*

Dr Timur Sultangaziyev (Kazakhstan)

The Chair called upon The Rapporteur, Mr Ronald Basiimwa (Uganda), to read out the draft third report of Committee A, document (draft) A79/39 containing two decisions entitled:

- *End TB strategy*
- *Follow-up to the political declaration of the fourth high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases and the promotion of mental health and well-being*

and three resolutions entitled:

- *Steatotic liver disease: a missing piece in the global noncommunicable disease response*
- *Global action to advance health equity for people with haemophilia and other bleeding disorders*
- *Public health implications of the unprovoked attacks by the Islamic Republic of Iran on civilians and essential civilian infrastructure in Gulf Cooperation Council countries and Jordan*

The decisions and resolutions were approved and the draft report adopted.

#### Item 12 (Provide health) *continued*

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

#### Item 12.4 *continued*

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#### Universal health coverage

- Draft global strategy for integrated emergency, critical and operative care, 2026–2035
- Increasing availability, ethical access and oversight of transplantation of human cells, tissues and organs
- Rare diseases: a global health priority for equity and inclusion

The Chair reopened the agenda sub-item and invited delegations to take the floor.

At the invitation of the Chair, Assistant Director-General, Health Systems, Access and Data addressed the Committee.

The Chair reopened the agenda sub-item and invited delegations to take the floor.

The Committee noted the reports pertaining to this discussion as contained in document A79/5, and approved draft resolutions EB158.R2: *Precision medicine: a path towards targeted, personalized and equitable care*, EB158.R3: *Strengthening equitable access to diagnostic imaging through teleradiology*, EB158.R4: *Reducing the burden of stroke: strengthening prevention, acute care, rehabilitation and health system readiness* and EB158.R5: *Advancing smart, efficient pharmacovigilance as an essential tool for robust, sustainable, resilient and responsive health systems, for everyone, everywhere*.

The Committee also approved draft decisions EB158(4): *Draft global strategy for integrated emergency, critical and operative care, 2026–2035* and EB158(5): *Increasing availability, ethical access and oversight of transplantation of human cells, tissues and organs*.

Discussion of this agenda sub-item was closed.

## Item 12.5

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### Primary healthcare

## Item 12.8

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### Report of the Expert Advisory Group on the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel

The Chair opened the grouped agenda sub-items, drew the Committee's attention to relevant documents A79/5, A79/5 Add.3 and A79/5 Add.5 and invited delegates to consider the draft resolution contained in document A79/5 Add.3.

The floor was opened for discussion.

Discussion of these agenda sub-items was suspended and the meeting adjourned.

## Fifth meeting of Committee B

*In the Chair:*

Dr Kwabena Mintah Akandoh (Ghana)

The Chair called upon The Rapporteur, Ms Shalaka Kujur (India), to read out the draft second report of Committee B, document (draft) A79/38 containing three decisions entitled:

- *Report of the External Auditor*
- *Proposed amendments to the process for the selection of the External Auditor*
- *Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee*

And three resolutions entitled:

- *Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem*
- *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*
- *Salaries of staff in ungraded positions and of the Director General*

The decisions and resolutions were approved and the draft report adopted.

## Item 20 (Power and performance) *continued*

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### Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations

#### Item 20.1 *continued*

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#### Reform of the global health architecture and the UN80 Initiative

The Chair reopened the subitem and invited comments from the floor. The Chair invited the Regional Director for Africa, the Chef de Cabinet and the Director-General to address the Committee.

The Committee noted the reports contained in documents A79/23 and A79/24 and approved the draft decision contained in paragraph 4 of document A79/31 and the agenda subitem was closed.

#### Item 20.2

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#### Communications of the United Nations Secretary-General as depositary of the Constitution of the World Health Organization

The Chair opened the subitem and drew the Committee's attention to document A79/5 Add.4 and resolution EB158(12) contained in document EB158/2026/REC/1. The proponents of the amendments contained in documents A79/B/CONF./2 and A79/B/CONF./3 withdrew their proposals. Following informal discussions between Member States, A79/B/CONF./4 was presented to the Committee for consideration. The agenda item was suspended and the meeting was adjourned.

## **Tenth meeting of Committee A**

*In the Chair:*

Mr Ibrahim Nishan Ahmed (Maldives) Vice-Chair

### **Item 12 (Provide health) continued**

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

##### **Item 12.5 continued**

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##### **Primary healthcare**

##### **Item 12.8 continued**

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#### **Report of the Expert Advisory Group on the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel**

The Chair reopened the grouped agenda sub-items and invited comments from the floor.

Discussion of this agenda sub-item was suspended and the meeting was adjourned.

## **Sixth meeting of Committee B**

*In the Chair:*

Dr Kwabena Mintah Akandoh (Ghana)

### **Item 15 (Promote health) continued [Item transferred from Committee A]**

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

##### **Item 15.1**

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##### **Strengthening rehabilitation in health systems**

##### **Item 15.3**

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##### **The health of Indigenous Peoples**

##### **Item 15.4**

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

The Chair opened the grouped agenda sub-items and invited comments from the floor.

Discussion of the agenda sub-items was suspended.

### **Item 20 (Power and performance) continued**

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

##### **Item 20.1 continued**

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##### **Reform of the global health architecture and the UN80 Initiative**

The Chair reopened the subitem and invited comments from the floor. The Committee noted the report contained in document A79/5 Add.4. The Committee approved the proposed amendments contained in document A79/B/CONF./4 and adopted the draft resolution contained in EB158(12) as amended.

The meeting was adjourned.

## Seventh Plenary meeting

*In the Chair:*

Dr Víctor Elías Atallah Lajam (Dominican Republic)  
President of the Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly

The President opened the meeting and informed the Health Assembly that formal credentials have been received from the Plurinational State of Bolivia. In accordance with previous practice, the President has examined these credentials and found them to be in conformity with the Rules of Procedure of the Health Assembly. The President recommended that the Plurinational State of Bolivia be accepted as having formal credentials. The Health Assembly approved the President's recommendation.

### Item 6

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#### **Executive Board: election**

The President drew attention to the list of 10 Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board as drawn up by the General Committee in accordance with Rule 101 of the Rules of Procedure and two delegations took the floor. The Health Assembly accepted the list and the following were therefore declared elected:

- Bhutan
- China
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Georgia
- Guinea
- Kuwait
- Mozambique
- South Sudan
- Surinam
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

### Item 8

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#### **Reports of the main committees**

##### **Draft first report of Committee A**

The President read out the draft first report of Committee A, document (draft) A79/33 containing one decision entitled:

- *Outcome of the open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group (IGWG) on the WHO Pandemic Agreement in relation to the drafting and negotiation of the Annex described in Article 12 of the WHO Pandemic Agreement*

The decision was adopted and the first report of Committee A was approved.

##### **Draft second report of Committee A**

The President read out the read out the draft second report of Committee A, document (draft) A79/36 containing two decisions entitled:

- *Health emergency in Lebanon*
- *Health emergency in Ukraine and refugee-receiving and -hosting countries, stemming from the Russian Federation's aggression*

The decisions were adopted and the second report of Committee A was approved.

### **Draft third report of Committee A**

The President read out the read out the draft third report of Committee A, document (draft) A79/39 containing two decisions entitled:

- *End TB strategy*
- *Follow-up to the political declaration of the fourth high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases and the promotion of mental health and well-being*

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- *Public health implications of the unprovoked attacks by the Islamic Republic of Iran on civilians and essential civilian infrastructure in Gulf Cooperation Council countries and Jordan*

One delegation took the floor and requested an editorial amendment in the translation of the title of the resolution: Public health implications of the unprovoked attacks by the Islamic Republic of Iran on civilians and essential civilian infrastructure in Gulf Cooperation Council countries and Jordan. The delegation also requested clarification on the financial implications of the resolution.

The Secretariat invited the delegation to take the floor following the adoption of the third report of Committee A.

The decisions and resolutions were adopted and the third report of Committee A was approved.

In response to an invitation from the President, one delegation took the floor to inform the Assembly of their desire to disassociate from the resolution and they requested that this be formally noted in the summary records.

In response to the questions from the floor, the Secretariat informed the Assembly that the financial costing was available in document A79/A/CONF./4 Add.1 and that the editorial amendment would be transmitted to the editorial team. Furthermore, the Secretariat confirmed that the request would be noted in the summary records.

### **Draft first report of Committee B**

The President read out the read out the draft first report of Committee B, document (draft) A79/35 containing two decisions entitled:

- *Results Report (Programme budget 2024–2025: performance assessment) and Financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025*
- *Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan*

One delegation took the floor.

The decisions were adopted and the first report of Committee B was approved.

### **Draft second report of Committee B**

The President read out the read out the draft second report of Committee B, document (draft) A79/38 containing three decisions entitled:

- *Report of the External Auditor*
- *Proposed amendments to the process for the selection of the External Auditor*
- *Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee*

And three resolutions entitled:

- *Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem*

- *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*
- *Salaries of staff in ungraded positions and of the Director General*

The decisions and resolutions were adopted and the second report of Committee B was approved.

The President gave the floor to two delegates who had requested the right of reply.

In response to a point of order, one delegate requested that the third intervention under the right of reply not be reflected in the summary records. The President took note of the request and confirmed that the intervention would not be included in the summary records.

At the invitation of the President, the Legal Counsel informed the Health Assembly that no further interventions would be permitted, as both delegates had exercised their two rights of reply.

#### 4. Official side-events and other meetings

Official side-events and other meetings will be held during the World Health Assembly. These are listed on the governing bodies website:

[https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf\\_files/WHA79-other-meetings/A79\\_other\\_meetings.pdf](https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA79-other-meetings/A79_other_meetings.pdf)

#### 5. Arrangements for conduct of discussion in meetings

##### Verbal statements

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Member State delegations are asked to observe the time limit for verbal statements during the sessions: individual statements by Member States and Associate Members will be limited to **two minutes** (220 words), Regional and group statements will be limited to **three minutes** (330 words).

Statements by Observers, invited representatives of the United Nations and other participating intergovernmental organizations, and non-State actors in official relations with the Organization will be limited to **one minute** (110 words). Non-State actor constituency statements will be limited to **two minutes** (220 words).

To ensure that statements are interpreted as clearly as possible, delegates are requested to submit a copy of their statements at least **30 minutes** in advance by email to [interpret@who.int](mailto:interpret@who.int).

##### Written statements

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Member States and Associate Members are invited to submit written statements for posting on the website in the language of submission in accordance with the guidelines for written statements in decision WHA75(12).

Observers, invited representatives of the United Nations and of other participating and intergovernmental organizations are also invited to submit written statements in accordance with those guidelines. Non-State actors are invited to submit written statements as per the practical information for representatives of non-State actors in official relations with WHO.

In accordance with the guidelines, statements may be provided in any of the six WHO official languages and should be limited to 500 words for individual statements and 800 words for group statements. They should be submitted to [statements@who.int](mailto:statements@who.int), (non-State actors are asked to copy [nsastatements@who.int](mailto:nsastatements@who.int)), clearly indicating the relevant agenda item or sub-item in the subject line.

## Interpretation

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Interpretation will be provided in the official languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish) to help delegates to follow the discussions. Delegates are requested to speak clearly and at a moderate speaking pace to enable clear and accurate interpretation. Copies of all statements should be submitted at least 30 minutes in advance by email to [interpret@who.int](mailto:interpret@who.int). Clearly indicate the name of the country delegation/group in the subject line of the email.

Note: a statement of three minutes at a moderate speaking pace is equivalent to approximately 330 words.

## 6. Announcements

### Video streaming

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The public sessions will be [webcast](#) in the six UN languages. The webcasts can be viewed on Mac and PCs, as well as all mobile devices including iPhone, iPad, Android and Windows-enabled phones.

Arabic: [https://player.4am.ch/who/20260518-23\\_WHA79/index.html?lang=ar](https://player.4am.ch/who/20260518-23_WHA79/index.html?lang=ar)  
Chinese: [https://player.4am.ch/who/20260518-23\\_WHA79/index.html?lang=zh](https://player.4am.ch/who/20260518-23_WHA79/index.html?lang=zh)  
English: [https://player.4am.ch/who/20260518-23\\_WHA79/index.html?lang=en](https://player.4am.ch/who/20260518-23_WHA79/index.html?lang=en)  
French: [https://player.4am.ch/who/20260518-23\\_WHA79/index.html?lang=fr](https://player.4am.ch/who/20260518-23_WHA79/index.html?lang=fr)  
Russian: [https://player.4am.ch/who/20260518-23\\_WHA79/index.html?lang=ru](https://player.4am.ch/who/20260518-23_WHA79/index.html?lang=ru)  
Spanish: [https://player.4am.ch/who/20260518-23\\_WHA79/index.html?lang=es](https://player.4am.ch/who/20260518-23_WHA79/index.html?lang=es)

### Documents

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Documents for the World Health Assembly can be accessed on the Internet through the WHO website ([https://apps.who.int/gb/e/e\\_wha79.html](https://apps.who.int/gb/e/e_wha79.html)).

### WHO Bookshop

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The WHO bookshop is located at WHO Headquarters, on the lower level mezzanine (sous-sol 1) of the main building (Building A), next to the café “A place to be”. The latest publications and information products issued by WHO and its regional offices are available at a 50% discount. WHO souvenirs are also on sale. During the Assembly period, the bookshop operates with extended hours, open Monday through Friday from 09:00 to 12:00 and from 13:00 to 19:00.

### WHA App

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The World Health Assembly application allows you to receive updates on the WHA79 programme of work and access documentation directly on your mobile device. Scan the QR code or search for “**WHO Meetings**” in the Apple or Google Stores on your phone.

Please note that you should uninstall previous versions of the WHA app.



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