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N° 4 Programme of meetings for Thursday, 21 May 2026

Time	Committee A <i>Auditorium, Building B, SS3, WHO HQ</i>	Committee B <i>Assembly Hall, Palais des Nations</i>
09:00	Sixth meeting	Third meeting
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18:00	Eighth meeting	

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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.

2. Programme of work of the Health Assembly

Thursday, 21 May 2026

Sixth meeting of Committee A — Auditorium, Building B, SS3, WHO Headquarters

09:00

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 following item and sub-item will be taken together: 11 & 12.3

Item 11 (Provide health) continued

Recommitting to accelerate progress towards malaria elimination

- Document A79/4

Item 12 (Provide health) continued

Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board

- **Item 12.3 continued**

Communicable diseases

- Immunization Agenda 2030
 - Document A79/5
- Road map for neglected tropical diseases 2021–2030
 - Document A79/5
- End TB Strategy
 - Documents A79/5 and EB158/2026/REC/1, decision EB158(3)

Item 14 (Protect health) continued

Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board

- **Item 14.3 continued**

Poliomyelitis

- Document A79/5

If time permits:

The following sub-items will be taken together: 12.1 & 12.2

Item 12 (Provide health) continued

Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board

- **Item 12.1**

Follow-up to the political declaration of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases

- Documents A79/5, A79/INF./6 and EB158/2026/REC/1, resolution EB158.R1, decisions EB158(1) and EB158(2)

- **Item 12.2**

Mental health

- Document A79/5

Third and fourth meetings of Committee B — Assembly Hall, Palais des Nations

09:00 and 14:30

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*

Item 17 *continued*

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

- **Item 17.2 *continued***

Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem

- Documents A79/12 and EB158/2026/REC/1, resolution EB158.R6

Item 18 (Power and performance) *continued*

Review and update on matters considered by the Executive Board and the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board

Staffing matters

- **Item 18.3**

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

- Documents A79/17 and A79/28

The following agenda sub-items will be taken together: 18.7, 18.8, 18.9 & 18.10

Audit and oversight matters

- **Item 18.7**

Report of the External Auditor

- Documents A79/18 and A79/29

- **Item 18.8**

Report of the Internal Auditor

- Documents A79/19 and A79/29

- **Item 18.9**

External and internal audit recommendations: progress on implementation

- Documents A79/20 and A79/29

- **Item 18.10**

Proposed amendments to the process for the selection of the External Auditor

- Documents A79/5 and EB158/2026/REC/1, decision EB158(19)

The following agenda sub-items will be taken together: 18.11, 18.12 & 18.13

Management, legal and governance matters

- **Item 18.11**

Prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment

- Document A79/5

- **Item 18.12**
Governance reform
 - Secretariat implementation plan on reform
 - Document A79/5

- **Item 18.13**
Update on the Infrastructure Fund
 - Geneva buildings renovation strategy
 - Document A79/5
 - Update on information management and technology
 - Document A79/5

The following agenda sub-items and item will be taken together: 18.14, 18.15, 18.16 & 19

Staffing matters

- **Item 18.14** *continued*
Human resources: annual report
 - Documents A79/21 and A79/30
- **Item 18.15**
Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules
 - Documents A79/5 and EB158/2026/REC/1, resolution EB158.R8
- **Item 18.16**
Report of the International Civil Service Commission
 - Document A79/5

Item 19 (Power and performance)

Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee

- Document A79/22

If time permits

The following item and sub-item will be taken together: 20 & 20.1

Item 20 (Power and performance)

Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations

- Document A79/23
- **Item 20.1**
Reform of the global health architecture and the UN80 Initiative
 - Documents A79/24, A79/24 Add.1 and A79/31

Seventh and eighth meetings of Committee A — Auditorium, Building B, SS3, WHO Headquarters

14:30 and 18:00

Item 14 (Protect health) *continued*

Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board

- **Item 14.5**
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
 - Documents A79/32¹, A79/A/CONF./4 and A79/A/CONF./4 Add.1

¹ Document A79/32 will not be issued; the Secretariat will provide a verbal update in respect of this sub-item.

Item 12 (Provide health) *continued*

Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board

The following sub-items will be taken together: 12.1 & 12.2

- **Item 12.1** *continued*

Follow-up to the political declaration of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases

- Documents A79/5, A79/INF./6 and EB158/2026/REC/1, resolution EB158.R1, decisions EB158(1) and EB158(2)

- **Item 12.2** *continued*

Mental health

- Document A79/5

- **Item 12.4**

Universal health coverage

- Documents A79/5 and EB158/2026/REC/1, resolutions EB158.R2, EB158.R3, EB158.R4 and EB158.R5
- Draft global strategy for integrated emergency, critical and operative care, 2026–2035
- Documents A79/5 and EB158/2026/REC/1, decision EB158(4)
- Increasing availability, ethical access and oversight of transplantation of human cells, tissues and organs
- Documents A79/5 and EB158/2026/REC/1, decision EB158(5)
- Rare diseases: a global health priority for equity and inclusion
- Document A79/5

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

- **Item 12.5**

Primary healthcare

- Document A79/5

- **Item 12.8**

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

If time permits:

Item 15 (Promote health)

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

Friday, 22 May 2026

Sixth Plenary meeting — Assembly Hall, Palais des Nations

09:00

Item 8

Reports of the main committees

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*

Item 6

Executive Board: election

- Document A79/37

Ninth and tenth meetings of Committee A — Auditorium, Building B, SS3, WHO Headquarters

Immediately after conclusion of Item 6 in Plenary and 14:30

Item 15 (Promote health)

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)

Fifth and sixth meetings of Committee B — Assembly Hall, Palais des Nations

Immediately after conclusion of Item 6 in Plenary and 14:30

The following item and sub-item will be taken together: 20 & 20.1

Item 20 (Power and performance)

Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations

- Document A79/23

- **Item 20.1**

Reform of the global health architecture and the UN80 Initiative

- Documents A79/24, A79/24 Add.1 and A79/31

- **Item 20.2**

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

- Documents A79/5, A79/5 Add.4, A79/B/CONF./2, A79/B/CONF./2 Add.1, A79/B/CONF./3, A79/B/CONF./3 Add.1 and EB158/2026/REC/1, decision EB158(12)

Item 22 (Power and performance)

(THREE discussions; (i) Provide Health; (ii) Protect Health & Power and Performance; and (iii) Promote Health)

Matters for information: progress reports

- Documents A79/26 and A79/26 Add.1

Provide health

- A. Social participation for universal health coverage, health and well-being (resolution WHA77.2 (2024))
- B. Increasing access to medical oxygen (resolution WHA76.3 (2023))
- C. Public health dimension of the world drug problem (decision WHA75(20) (2022))
- D. The global health sector strategies on, respectively, HIV, viral hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections (resolution WHA75.20 (2022))
- E. Improving access to assistive technology (resolution WHA71.8 (2018))
- F. Eradication of dracunculiasis (resolutions WHA64.16 (2011) and WHA78.14 (2025))
- G. Reproductive health: strategy to accelerate progress towards the attainment of international development goals and targets (resolution WHA57.12 (2004))
- H. Availability, safety and quality of blood products (decision WHA75(17) (2022))
- I. WHO strategy on research for health (resolution WHA63.21 (2010))
- J. Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property (resolution WHA75.14 (2022))

Protect health & Power and performance

- K. Strengthening laboratory biological risk management (resolution WHA77.7 (2024))
- L. Pandemic Influenza Preparedness: sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits (resolution WHA64.5 (2011))
- M. Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks (resolution WHA60.1 (2007))
- R. Strategy for integrating gender analysis and actions into the work of WHO (resolution WHA60.25 (2007))

Promote health

- N. 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))
- O. WHO global strategy for food safety (decision WHA75(22) (2022))
- P. Accelerating efforts for preventing micronutrient deficiencies and their consequences, including spina bifida and other neural tube defects, through safe and effective food fortification (resolution WHA76.19 (2023))
- Q. Decade of Healthy Ageing 2020–2030 (decision WHA73(12) (2020))

Saturday, 23 May 2026

Eleventh meeting of Committee A — Auditorium, Building B, SS3, WHO Headquarters

09:00

Finalization of resolutions/decisions and reports

Seventh meeting of Committee B — Assembly Hall, Palais des Nations

09:00

Finalization of resolutions/decisions and reports

Seventh Plenary meeting — Assembly Hall, Palais des Nations

Immediately after conclusion of Committees A and B

Item 8 continued

Reports of the main committees

Item 9

Closure of the Health Assembly

3. Report of meetings

Fifth Plenary meeting

In the Chair:

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

Later: Dr Assa Badiallo Touré (Mali) Vice-Chair

Report of the Committee on Credentials

The President presented the report of the Committee on Credentials (document A79/34) which was approved by the Health Assembly.

Item 7

Awards

- Document A79/INF./1

The President welcomed the distinguished recipients of the prizes and the representatives of the foundations. The WHO Director-General Dr Tedros was invited to address the Health Assembly.

• 2026 Sasakawa Health Prize

The President announced that the 2026 Sasakawa Health Prize has been awarded to the Banconi Community Health Association (ASACOBA) of Mali.

Mr Yohei Sasakawa, Chairman of the Nippon Foundation and WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination, addressed the Assembly on behalf of the Sasakawa Health Foundation.

Mr Amadou Ouattara accepted the award on behalf of the Banconi Community Health Association (ASACOBA) and addressed the Health Assembly.

• 2026 United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Prize

The President announced that the 2026 United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Prize has been awarded to Dr Worawit Tontiwattanasap of Thailand.

Dr Hussain Abdul Rahman Al Rand, Assistant Undersecretary for Public Health Sector, Ministry of Health and Prevention of the United Arab Emirates, addressed the Assembly on behalf of the United Arab Emirates Health Foundation.

Dr Thapakorn Jittanoon accepted the award on behalf of Dr Worawit Tontiwattanasap and addressed the Health Assembly.

• 2026 His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah Prize for the Promotion of Healthy Ageing

The President announced that the 2026 His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah Prize for Research in Health Care for the Elderly and in Health Promotion has been awarded jointly to Professor Bruno Vellas of France and SingHealth of Singapore.

H.E. Sheikh Dr Salman Khalifah Al-Sabah, Undersecretary for the Ministry of Health of the State of Kuwait, addressed the Assembly on behalf of the State of Kuwait Health Promotion Foundation.

Professor Maria Soto accepted the award on behalf of Professor Bruno Vellas, and addressed the Health Assembly.

Professor Ng Wai Hoe accepted the award on behalf of SingHealth of Singapore, and addressed the Health Assembly.

- **2026 Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health**

The President announced that the 2026 Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health has been awarded to Professor Mohammad Abul Faiz of Bangladesh.

Dr Il-soo Ha, President of the of the Korea Foundation for International Healthcare, addressed the Assembly on behalf of the Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Fund.

Professor Mohammad Abul Faiz accepted the award and addressed the Health Assembly.

- **2026 Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion**

The President announced that the 2026 Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion has been awarded to Dr Amr Mohamed Kandeel of Egypt.

H.E. Dr Aaron Motsoaledi, Minister of Health, Ministry of Health of South Africa, addressed the Assembly.

Dr Amr Kandeel accepted the award and addressed the Assembly.

Item 3 *continued*

- General discussion

The President resumed consideration of item 3 and invited the delegate of Greece and Botswana to address the Assembly.

These speakers were followed by the delegates of Cameroon, Iraq, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Trinidad and Tobago, Belarus, Eritrea, Sierra Leone, Chad, Timor-Leste, Central African Republic, Somalia, North Macedonia, Zambia, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Ecuador, Croatia, Mauritius, the Federated States of Micronesia, Burundi, Sao Tome and Principe, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Belize, Equatorial Guinea, Madagascar, Papua New Guinea, Cabo Verde, Guyana, representatives of the Holy See, the Sovereign Order of Malta, the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), the African Union and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Two delegations exercised the right of reply.

The agenda item was closed and the meeting adjourned.

Fourth meeting of Committee A

In the Chair:

Mr Ibrahim Nishan Ahmed (Maldives) Vice-Chair

The Chairman called upon The Rapporteur Mr Ronald Basiimwa (Uganda) to read out the first draft 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 approved and the draft report adopted.

Item 14 (Protect health) *continued*

Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board

Item 14.1 *continued*

WHO's work in health emergencies

Item 14.2 *continued*

Strengthening the evidence base for public health and social measures

The Chair reopened the agenda sub-items and gave the floor to delegates to give an explanation of vote under Rule 77 of the Rules of Procedure. the agenda sub-items were closed.

Item 14.4

Implementation of resolution WHA75.11 (2022)

The Chair opened the agenda item and drew the Committee's attention to relevant documents and invited delegates to provide guidance on the questions contained in document A79/10 and consider the draft decision contained in document A79/A/CONF./1.

A point of order was raised to close the debate on this agenda item. Two delegations spoke against the motion to close the debate and requested a recorded vote in accordance with Rule 73 of the Rules of Procedure.

The vote resulted in 10 votes in favour, 54 votes against, with 35 abstentions and 82 Members absent, so the motion was rejected and the floor opened for discussion.

At the invitation of the Chair, the Director, Humanitarian and Disaster Management, on behalf of the Executive Director, WHO Health Emergencies Programme, addressed the Committee.

A recorded vote was requested on noting the report contained in document A79/10.

In accordance with Rule 73 of the Rules of Procedure, a recorded vote was taken resulting in: 62 votes in favour, 9 votes against, with 33 abstentions and 77 Members absent.

The report was therefore noted.

A recorded vote was requested on approving the draft decision entitled Health emergency in Ukraine and refugee-receiving and -hosting countries, stemming from the Russian Federation's aggression, contained in document A79/A/CONF./1, in accordance with Rule 73 of the Rules of Procedure. The vote resulted in: 62 votes in favour, 9 votes against, with 37 abstentions and 73 Members absent.

The decision was approved.

Three delegates gave an explanation of vote under Rule 77 of the Rules of Procedure.

Item 14.3

Poliomyelitis

The Chair opened the agenda item and drew the Committee's attention to relevant document A79/5 and opened the floor for discussions.

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

First meeting of Committee B

In the Chair:

Dr Kwabena Mintah Akandoh (Ghana)

Item 16

Opening of the Committee

The Chair expressed his gratitude for his election and welcomed delegates and observers. In accordance with Rule 35 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the Committee elected by acclamation, Dr Abdulrahman Alqashaan (Kuwait) and Mr Bonanza Perwira Taihutu (Indonesia) as Vice-Chairs and Ms Shalaka Kujur (India) as Rapporteur.

One delegation took the floor to request that the European Union be invited to attend and participate without vote in deliberations of the meetings, sub-committees, drafting groups or other subdivisions thereof, and addressing matters falling within the European Union competence in the Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly.

Item 18 (Power and performance)

Review and update on matters considered by the Executive Board and the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board

Budget and finance matters

Item 18.1

Results Report (Programme budget 2024–2025: performance assessment) and financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

Item 18.2

Financing, implementation and performance framework of the Programme budget 2026–2027

- Reporting on operational efficiencies

Staffing matters

Item 18.14

Human resources: annual report

The Chair opened the agenda sub-items and invited the Chair of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee (PBAC) to provide information on the recommendations of the PBAC. The Chair then opened the floor for discussion and the Secretariat responded to questions raised. The Committee noted the reports contained in documents A79/13, A79/14, A79/15, A79/16 and A79/21 Add.1 and approved the decision contained in document A79/27 paragraph 10.

The meeting was adjourned.

Fifth meeting of Committee A

In the Chair:

Dr Timur Sultangaziyev (Kazakhstan)

Later: Mr Ibrahim Nishan Ahmed (Maldives) Vice-Chair

Item 11 (Provide health)

Recommitting to accelerate progress towards malaria elimination

Item 12 (Provide health)

Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board

Item 12.3

Communicable diseases

- Immunization Agenda 2030
- Road map for neglected tropical diseases 2021–2030
- End TB Strategy

The Chair opened this grouping of agenda sub-items and drew the Committee's attention to relevant documents A79/4 and A79/5.

Delegates were invited to provide guidance on the questions contained in document A79/4 as well as consider the draft decision recommended by the Executive Board in decision EB158(3), contained in document EB158/2026/REC/1. The floor was opened for discussion. Discussion of this grouping of agenda items was suspended, and the meeting adjourned.

Second meeting of Committee B

In the Chair:

Dr Kwabena Mintah Akandoh (Ghana)

Item 17

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

Item 17.1

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

The Chair opened the sub-item for discussion and invited the Committee to consider the draft decision contained in document A79/B/CONF./1 *Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan*. The Chair invited comments from the floor and the secretariat responded to questions raised. The Committee noted the report contained in document A79/11.

In accordance with Rule 73 of the Rules of Procedure, a recorded vote was taken. The vote resulted in 89 votes in favour to 5 votes against, with 31 abstentions and 56 Member States absent.

The draft decision contained in document A79/B/CONF./1 was adopted. Several delegates gave an explanation of vote under Rule 77 of the Rules of Procedure and the sub-item was closed.

Item 17.2

Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem

The Chair opened the sub-item and invited the Committee to consider the draft resolution EB158.R6 contained in document EB158/2026/REC/1 *Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem*. The Chair proposed an amendment to the draft resolution and invited comments from the floor.

Consideration of the sub-item was suspended and the meeting was adjourned.

4. Strategic roundtables, official side-events and other meetings

Strategic roundtables, 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

Video streaming

The strategic roundtable 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_Strategic_Roundtables/index.html?lang=ar

Chinese: https://player.4am.ch/who/20260518-23_Strategic_Roundtables/index.html?lang=zh

English: https://player.4am.ch/who/20260518-23_Strategic_Roundtables/index.html?lang=en

French: https://player.4am.ch/who/20260518-23_Strategic_Roundtables/index.html?lang=fr

Russian: https://player.4am.ch/who/20260518-23_Strategic_Roundtables/index.html?lang=ru

Spanish: https://player.4am.ch/who/20260518-23_Strategic_Roundtables/index.html?lang=es

5. Arrangements for conduct of discussion in meetings

Verbal statements

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.

Written statements

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, (non-State actors are asked to copy nsastatements@who.int), clearly indicating the relevant agenda item or sub-item in the subject line.

Interpretation

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. 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

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
Chinese: 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
French: 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
Spanish: https://player.4am.ch/who/20260518-23_WHA79/index.html?lang=es

Documents

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).

WHO Bookshop

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.

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