



World Health
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EXECUTIVE BOARD

**Special session on the draft thirteenth general
programme of work
Geneva, 22–23 November 2017**

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Programme of work

Objectives

The special session has the following objectives:

- to consider the draft thirteenth general programme of work (GPW 13)
- to solicit comments from the Executive Board that will be used by the Secretariat to prepare a revised draft GPW 13 for consideration by the Executive Board at its 142nd session

Working hours

The special session will respect the following working hours:

09:30–12:30 and 14:30–17:30

Day 1
Welcome coffee (09h00)
Current context and challenges; Promote health, keep the world safe, serve the vulnerable The Chairman of the Executive Board will open the meeting. The Director-General will provide opening remarks on the context for the meeting and its intended objectives. The Secretariat will provide a presentation on the draft GPW 13. Board members, Member States, intergovernmental organizations and non-State actors will be invited to make overall comments on the draft GPW 13.
Day 1
Strategic priorities This session will provide an opportunity for a more in-depth examination of the proposed strategic priorities related to health coverage, health emergencies, and health priorities. The Secretariat will provide a brief presentation and Member States will have the opportunity to provide comments.

Day 2**Strategic shifts**

This session will provide an opportunity for a more in-depth examination of the key strategic shifts that WHO will focus on in order to meet the strategic targets, namely: step up global leadership; drive impact in every country; and focus global public goods on impact. The Secretariat will provide a brief presentation and Board members and Member States will have an opportunity to provide comments.

Organizational shifts

This session will examine the organizational shifts set out in the draft GPW 13, which are required in order to bring about the vision of WHO successfully driving impact at country level. The Secretariat will provide a presentation giving information on the matter, and Board members and Member States will be invited to comment.

Wrap-up

During this session, the Chairman of the Executive Board will summarize the views expressed by Board members and Member States in order to enable the Secretariat to revise the draft GPW 13 so that it may be further considered by the Board at its 142nd session in January 2018. The Director-General will provide closing comments.

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Provisional agenda (annotated)

- 1. Opening of the session**
- 2. Adoption of the agenda and method of work**
- 3. Draft thirteenth general programme of work**

The Director-General will present for the Board's consideration the draft general programme of work 2019–2023. The draft general programme of work is fully aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals. It offers a statement of vision, mission and priorities for WHO, as well as clear strategic priorities, strategic shifts and organizational shifts. It is also in harmony with the Director-General's agenda for change and reflects the shifts in WHO's methods of work that will be required to support that change.

- 4. Closure of the session**

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