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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 attach the draft provisional agenda for the 144th session of the Executive Board to be held from 24 January to 1 February 2019.

Any proposal from a Member State or Associate Member to include an item on the agenda should reach the Director-General not later than 12 weeks after circulation of the draft provisional agenda or 10 weeks before the commencement of the session of the Executive Board whichever is earlier. Proposals should therefore reach the Director-General by 18 September 2018.

The Director-General draws to the attention of Member States and Associate Members that, in accordance with Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, any proposal for inclusion on the agenda of any item **shall be accompanied by an explanatory memorandum.**

Following receipt of proposals, the Director-General will draw up the provisional agenda in consultation with Officers of the Executive Board. The provisional agenda will be annotated and will explain any recommendations made regarding the deferral or exclusion of proposals. It will be dispatched to Member States with the letter of convocation no later than eight weeks before commencement of the 144th session of the Executive Board.

The Director-General takes this opportunity to renew to Member States and Associate Members the assurance of his highest consideration.

GENEVA, 26 June 2018

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Draft provisional agenda

- 1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Report by the Director-General**
- 3. Report of the Regional Committees**
- 4. Report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board**
- 5. Strategic priority matters**
 - 5.1 Proposed programme budget 2020–2021
 - 5.2 Public health preparedness and response: Report of the Independent Oversight and Advisory Committee for the WHO Health Emergencies Programme
 - 5.3 Polio
 - Eradication
 - Transition
 - 5.4 Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
 - 5.5 Health, environment and climate change
 - 5.6 Addressing the global shortage of, and access to, medicines and vaccines, including for cancer prevention and control
 - 5.7 Eleventh revision of the International Classification of Diseases
- 6. Other technical matters**
 - 6.1 Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework for the sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits
 - 6.2 Member State mechanism on substandard and falsified medical products
 - 6.3 Human resources for health
 - 6.4 Promoting the health of refugees and migrants

7. Managerial, administrative and governance matters

- 7.1 WHO reform
- 7.2 Evaluation of the election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization
- 7.3 Engagement with non-State actors
- 7.4 Membership of the Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee
- 7.5 Multilingualism
- 7.6 World health days
- 7.7 Reports of committees of the Executive Board
 - Foundations and awards
- 7.8 Future meetings of the governing bodies
 - Provisional agenda of the Seventy-second World Health Assembly
 - Date and place of the 145th session of the Executive Board

8. Financial matters

- 8.1 Financing and implementation of the Programme budget 2018–2019
- 8.2 Scale of assessments for 2020–2021
- 8.3 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules [if any]

9. Human resources

- 9.1 Appointment of the Regional Director for South-East Asia
- 9.2 Appointment of the Regional Director for the Western Pacific
- 9.3 Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations
- 9.4 Report of the Ombudsman
- 9.5 Human resources update, including on the global internship programme
- 9.6 Report of the International Civil Service Commission
- 9.7 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules [if any]

10. Matters for information

- 10.1 Outcome of the third High-level meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and control of Non-communicable diseases
- 10.2 Outcome of the Second International Conference on Nutrition
- 10.3 Outcome of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on ending tuberculosis
- 10.4 Evaluation: update
- 10.5 Reports of advisory bodies
 - Expert committees and study groups
 - Expert advisory panels and committees and their membership

11. Closure of the session

Note: in line with resolution WHA67.2 (2014), the following items will be considered by the Health Assembly under progress reports.

Communicable diseases
<i>Addressing the burden of mycetoma (resolution WHA69.21 (2016))</i>
<i>Global technical strategy and targets for malaria 2016–2030 (resolution WHA68.2 (2015))</i>
<i>Eradication of dracunculiasis (resolution WHA64.16 (2011))</i>
<i>Pandemic influenza preparedness: sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits (resolution WHA64.5 (2011))</i>
Noncommunicable diseases
<i>Sustaining the elimination of iodine deficiency disorders (resolutions WHA60.21 (2007))</i>
Promoting health through the life course
<i>Strategy for integrating gender analysis and actions into the work of WHO (resolution WHA60.25 (2007))</i>
<i>Working towards universal coverage of maternal, newborn and child health interventions (resolution WHA58.31 (2005))</i>
Health systems
<i>The role of the health sector in the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management towards the 2020 goal and beyond (decision WHA70(23) (2017))</i>
<i>Promoting the health of refugees and migrants (resolution WHA70.15 (2017))</i>
<i>Strengthening emergency and essential surgical care and anaesthesia as a component of universal health coverage (resolution WHA68.15 (2015))</i>
<i>Regulatory system strengthening for medical products (resolution WHA67.20 (2014))</i>
<i>WHO's response, and role as the health cluster lead, in meeting the growing demands of health in humanitarian emergencies (resolution WHA65.20 (2012))</i>
<i>Substandard/spurious/falsely labelled/falsified/counterfeit medical products (resolution WHA65.19 (2012))</i>
<i>Health workforce strengthening (resolution WHA64.6 (2011))</i>
<i>Strengthening nursing and midwifery (resolution WHA64.7 (2011))</i>
<i>Progress in the rational use of medicines (resolution WHA60.16 (2007))</i>
Corporate services/enabling functions
<i>Human resources for health and implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations' High-Level Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth (resolution WHA70.6 (2017))</i>

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