

EB146 Agenda Management

This document has been prepared in response to the agreement by EB143 that “the Secretariat should provide in advance of each session a document listing each agenda item, outlining the corresponding action requested of the Board. In consultation with the EB Bureau, the Secretariat should propose how each item will be handled.”

With respect to time allotted for statements, the Officers of the Executive Board have proposed the following.

- Regional statements* – 5 minutes,
- Executive Board members – 2 minutes,
- Member States not represented on the Board – 1.5 minutes.
- Observers– 1.5 minutes.
- UN and other intergovernmental organizations– 1.5 minutes.
- Non-state actors in official relations with WHO- 1.5 minutes
- Following statements by all participants that are not member of the Executive Board, EB member may be invited to provide and additional comments set at 1.5 minutes.

With respect to items on the EB agenda that were considered previously by the PBAC¹, please note that the Chair intends to ask the PBAC Chair to report on the specific recommendations and guidance proposed by the PBAC. In this way, discussion will focus on the PBAC report (as contained in document EB146/3), rather than having another full discussion of each of the documents, which already benefited from an in-depth discussion last week. The Board will decide whether it concurs with the PBAC’s recommendations and proposed guidance. If the EB concurs, then the Secretariat should take that guidance into account in implementing its mandates. Such elements will guide the Secretariat in its work and will be duly reflected in reports to governing bodies under existing mandates.

The agenda items considered by the PBAC will be taken up on Tuesday, along with items 24.1 Membership of the Independent Expert Oversight and Advisory Committee and 24.2 Participation in Programme Budget and Administration Committee.

* 5 minutes are allocated for regional or group statements based on the understanding that the members on behalf of whom the statement is made are discouraged from subsequently taking the floor and repeating any elements of the statement.

¹ This includes agenda items 21.1, 21.2, 22.2, 23.1, 23.3, 25.3, 25.4, 25.5, 25.6, and 25.7

The table below proposes an approach to handling each item on the EB146 agenda. It will be updated periodically and shared with Member States to assist in their preparations for the Executive Board.

EB146 Agenda items

Item	Title	Action requested/Comments
Pillar 1: One billion more people benefitting from universal health coverage		
6	Primary health care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Document EB146/5 contains the draft operational framework for primary healthcare, developed in response to resolution WHA72.2. - The Board is invited to note the report and support the implementation of the draft operational framework for primary health care, towards the commitments in the Declaration of Astana and the high-level political declaration on universal health coverage. - <u>Document EB146/38 Add.1 Review of primary health care implementation at the country level will also be discussed under this item.</u> - <i>The Secretariat understands that Kazakhstan is planning to introduce a draft resolution under this item.</i>
7	Follow-up to the high-level meetings of the United Nations General Assembly on health-related issues	
7.1	Universal health coverage: moving together to build a healthier world	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Included on the provisional agenda as recommended by the Officers of the Board. - The landmark political declaration of the high-level meeting on universal health coverage entitled “Universal health coverage: moving together to build a healthier world” (United Nations General Assembly resolution 74/2, adopted 10 October 2019) is the most comprehensive set of health commitments ever adopted at this level and a powerful statement of the world we want. - Document EB146/6 presents the highlights, achievements and challenges from WHO’s 2019 monitoring report “Primary health care on the road to universal health coverage”, and the next steps for WHO in order to help Member States to deliver universal health coverage. - The Board is invited to note the report
7.2	Political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Documentation includes a report outlining policy options and cost-effective interventions to support Member States in relation to mental health and well-being and the reduction in the number of premature death from NCDs attributed to air pollution, as well as a report on implementation of the global strategy to reduce the harmful use

	prevention and control of non-communicable diseases	<p>of alcohol, in response to decision WHA72(11).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In response to the request of the Health Assembly to the Director-General in decision WHA72(11) (2019) to report on the implementation of WHO's global strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol during the first decade since its endorsement and the way forward, and in line with the Director-General's commitment to prepare the report in full consultation and engagement with Member States, the Secretariat embarked on a broad consultative process. Document EB146/7 Add.1 provides the findings of the consultative process on implementation of the global strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol, with a focus on challenges, opportunities and the way forward. - The Board is invited to note the report and to provide guidance on the way forward to (1) consider the menu of policy options and cost-effective interventions in Annex 1 to promote mental health and well-being; (2) finalize the work of the Secretariat described in Annex 2 to prepare a menu of policy options and cost-effective interventions to reduce the number of premature deaths from noncommunicable diseases attributed to air pollution; and (3) strengthen the implementation of the global strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol. The report also contains an annex on the challenges and opportunities for promoting access to affordable diagnostics, screening and early diagnosis as part of a comprehensive approach to the prevention and control of NCDs. - Two discussions are anticipated under this item; the first on annexes 1, 2, and 4, and the second on annex 3 and document EB147/7 Add.1. - <i>Thailand, with other Member States, has introduced a draft decision under this item.</i>
8	Global vaccine action plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The report covers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achievements made against the global vaccine action plan • Preliminary information on key priorities for a proposed global Immunization Agenda 2030; including the epidemiological aspects and feasibility of measles and rubella eradication (in response to resolution WHA70.14) • Preliminary information on proposed work on defeating meningitis by 2030 - The Board is invited to note the report and focus its deliberations on how to take forward work on immunization and meningitis, thus ensuring the succession from the global vaccine action plan and framework for meningitis prevention and control. - <i>The Secretariat understands that the United States of America with Eswatini is planning to introduce a draft resolution under this item.</i> - <i>The Secretariat also understands that Burkina Faso is planning to introduce a draft resolution under this item.</i>
9	Accelerating the elimination of cervical cancer as a global public health problem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The report presents a draft global strategy to accelerate cervical cancer elimination, with clear goals and targets for the period 2020–2030 developed in response to decision EB144(2). - The Board is invited to note the report. It is also invited to consider the draft strategy and provide further guidance regarding the next steps to be taken to accelerate cervical cancer elimination.

		- <i>The Secretariat understands that Australia with other Member States is planning to introduce a draft resolution under this item.</i>
10	Ending tuberculosis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two reports will be considered on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document EB146/10 contains a report on progress achieved in implementing the End TB Strategy response to resolution WHA67.1. The Board is invited to note the report, and to advise on what further actions are required to reach the Sustainable Development Goal and End TB targets for 2030 and 2035. • Document EB146/11 contains a draft global strategy for tuberculosis research and innovation as mandated by resolution WHA71.3. The Board is invited to consider a draft decision. - It is expected that the two reports under this item will be discussed together. - <i>The Secretariat understands that the Russian Federation is planning to introduce a draft resolution under this item.</i>
11	Epilepsy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This item was included on the agenda as proposed by Member States and recommended by the Officers of the Executive Board. The document contains a report on Epilepsy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board is invited to note the report. In its discussions, the Board may wish to focus on: • ways to close the treatment gap, which remains significant despite the availability of cost-effective treatment (antiseizure medication); • actions that may be taken by Member States, the Secretariat and other partners to tackle the health, social and public impact of epilepsy. - <i>The Secretariat understands that the Russian Federation is planning to introduce a draft decision under this item.</i>
12	Integrated, people-centred eye care, including preventable blindness and impaired vision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Included on the provisional agenda as recommended by the Officers of the Board. - The report contained in document EB146/13 sets forth the rationale for action to integrate the delivery of people-centred eye care services into the health system. The Board is invited to note the report and to provide guidance on next steps. - <i>The Secretariat understands that Indonesia with other Member States is planning to introduce a draft resolution under this item.</i>
13	Neglected tropical diseases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Included on the provisional agenda as recommended by the Officers of the Board. - The Board is invited to note the report and provide guidance on next steps to advance global action on neglected tropical diseases. - <i>The Secretariat understands that Tanzania on behalf of the African Group is planning to introduce a draft decision under this item.</i> - <i>The Secretariat understands that the United Arab Emirates is also planning to introduce a draft decision under this item.</i>

14	Global strategy and plan of action public health, innovation and intellectual property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Included on the provisional agenda as recommended by the Officers of the Board - In decision WHA71(9) (2018), the Seventy-first World Health Assembly requested the Director-General to implement the recommendations of an overall programme review panel, as defined in an implementation plan, consistent with the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property, and to report on progress in implementing the decision. By the same decision, the Health Assembly decided to urge Member States also to further discuss the recommendations of the review panel not emanating from the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property. - The report contained in document EB146/15 presents progress made in implementing the decision. - The Board is invited to take note of the report. In its discussions, the Board is invited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comment on progress reported, including the development of the draft implementation plan for 2020–2022; • take stock of further discussions and actions that have taken place to implement decision WHA71(9), in particular operative paragraph (2) in which Member States were urged to further discuss the recommendations of the review panel not emanating from the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property. - <i>The Secretariat understands that Brazil is planning to introduce a draft decision under this item.</i>
Pillar 2: One billion more people better protected from health emergencies		
15	Public health emergencies: preparedness and response	
15.1	The Independent Oversight and Advisory Committee for the WHO Health Emergencies Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Item 15.1 and 15.2 will be taken up on Thursday morning and may be preceded by an update on the coronavirus outbreak</u> - The Board is invited to note the document containing the report of the Independent Oversight and Advisory Committee for the WHO Health Emergencies Programme.
15.2	WHO's work in health emergencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Board is invited to note the document containing the report on WHO's work in health emergencies, prepared in response to decision WHA68(10) and resolution EBSS3.R1. - <i>The Secretariat understands that Finland with other Member States is planning to introduce a draft resolution under this item.</i>
15.3	Influenza preparedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Board is invited to note the document, which includes, among other things, a report prepared with inputs from Member States and stakeholders on the treatment of influenza virus sharing and the public health considerations thereof by existing relevant legislation and regulatory measures, including those implementing the Nagoya Protocol. The Executive Board is invited to note this report. In its discussions, the Board may wish to focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • suggestions for further sensitizing Member States to the importance of timely influenza virus sharing;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ways to promote influenza prevention and control strategies, including through the use of seasonal vaccination. <p><i>The Secretariat understands that a Member State may be planning to introduce and draft resolution or decision under this item.</i></p>
15.4	The public health implications of implementation of the Nagoya Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Document EB146/19 contains the interim report requested by decision WHA72(13) on current pathogen-sharing practices and arrangements, the implementation of access and benefit-sharing measures, as well as the potential public health outcomes and other implications. The report provides: background information on WHO's work to date on access and benefit-sharing arrangements; an update on the Secretariat's work in implementing decision WHA72(13) and a proposed workplan for the period February 2020 to March 2021. The Executive Board is invited to note the report and to endorse the proposed next steps presented in paragraphs 20–25. The Board is also invited to provide any further guidance that it may deem necessary on this matter.
15.5	Cholera prevention and control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board is invited to note the report on cholera prevention and control, which was prepared in response to resolution WHA71.4. The Board may wish to focus its discussions on how to ensure that surveillance and early reporting of cholera is strengthened in line with the International Health Regulations (2005) and that cholera prevention and control measures are developed and implemented in affected countries, in accordance with resolution WHA71.4.
16	Poliomyelitis	
16.1	Poliomyelitis eradication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following presentation of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative Polio Endgame Strategy 2019–2023 to the Seventy-second World Health Assembly, the report provides an update on the status of polio eradication against the three key goals of the strategy and summarizes the remaining challenges to securing a lasting polio-free world. The Board is invited to note the report. <i>The Board will also be invited to consider a draft decision proposed by the Secretariat.</i>
16.2	Polio transition planning and polio post-certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Document EB146/22 contains the report on the planning and implementation of the transition process as mandated by decision WHA70(9). The Board is invited to note the report and to provide advice on the best way to support the development, finalization, implementation of national polio transition plans for the various countries concerned.
Pillar 3: One billion more people enjoying better health and well-being		
17	Decade of Healthy Ageing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The report contains a proposal for Decade on Health Ageing 2020–2030, which was developed with Member States and inputs with partners in line with resolution WHA69.3 <i>The report contains a draft decision for consideration.</i>

18	Maternal, infant and young child nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The report describes the progress made in carrying out the comprehensive implementation plan on maternal, infant and young child nutrition endorsed by the Health Assembly in resolution WHA65.6 (2012) and updates on the related Global Nutrition Monitoring Framework as requested by decision WHA68(14) (2015). It also provides information on national measures to give effect to the International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes, adopted through resolution WHA34.22 (1981) and updated through subsequent related Health Assembly resolutions, and describes the progress made in drawing up technical guidance on ending the inappropriate promotion of foods for infants and young children. - The Executive Board is invited to note the report. In its discussions, the Board is invited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comment on progress made in relation to: the comprehensive implementation plan on maternal, infant and young child nutrition, implementation of the International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes and the guidance on ending the inappropriate promotion of foods for infants and young children; • identify areas for Secretariat action in support of Member States (involving the provision of for example, guidance, technical support and data); • discuss how the Secretariat may best support the preparation of Member States' financial and policy commitments at the nutrition summit, planned for 2020; - <i>The Executive Board is also invited to consider a decision point to streamline future reporting requirements on maternal, infant and young child nutrition.</i>
19	Accelerating efforts on food safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Included on the provisional agenda as recommended by the Officers of the Board. - The Board is invited to note the report and to provide advice on how Member States can strengthen: the development and implementation of Codex Standards; food safety legislation and regulations; other components of national food safety systems; and information exchange operations during food safety events. <i>The Secretariat understands that the Member States of the European Union with other Member States are planning to introduce a draft resolution under this item</i>
Pillar 4: More effective and efficient WHO providing better support to countries		
20	Data and innovation: global strategy on digital health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The report contains a draft global strategy on digital health developed in close consultation with Member States and with inputs from relevant stakeholders and in line with resolution WHA71.1. - <i>The report contains a draft decision for consideration.</i>

21	Budget and finance matters	
21.1	Programme budget 2020–2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In resolution WHA72.1, the Seventy-second World Health Assembly approved the Programme budget 2020–2021 and requested the Director-General, inter alia, to continue developing the results framework of the Thirteenth General Programme of Work, 2019–2023 (GPW13), in consultation with Member States, including through the regional committees, and to present the results framework to the Executive Board at its 146th session. The Executive Board is invited to note the report and provide strategic advice on the finalization of the measurement of the results framework. - This item is expected to be discussed in conjunction with the PBAC report
21.2	Financing and implementation of the Programme budget 2018–2019 and outlook on financing of the Programme budget 2020–2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Board is invited to note the report on the financing and implementation of the budget and the outlook on financing of the Programme Budget 2020-2021 - <u>Document EB146/29 Resource mobilization strategy will be included under item 21.2 (rather than item 21.1) as the subject matter is more closely related to the outlook on the financing of the Programme Budget 2020-2021.</u> The Board is invited to note the report. - This item is expected to be discussed in conjunction with the PBAC report
21.3	Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules [if any]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>DELETED</u>
22	Governance matters	
22.1	WHO reform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Board is invited to consider the revised draft guidelines on the posting of written statements on the WHO website and, subject to any further guidance it may wish to provide, <i>consider a draft decision regarding their application on a trial basis.</i> - In line with decision EB144(3) (2019), document EB146/32 contains several recommendations drawn up after an informal consultation with Member States on governance reform in September 2019, aimed at reducing the number of items on governing body agendas, and consolidating and managing reporting requirements on similar subjects. The report also describes an approach to regional inputs into global strategies and action plans. <i>The Board is invited to consider a draft decision.</i> - Document EB146/33 includes a revised proposal on the participation of NSAs in governing body meeting as requested by EB145. The Board is invited to note the report and decide, before permanent changes are considered, whether the proposed new approach to non-State actor participation should be tested during the Seventy-third World Health Assembly, or whether it should begin at the 147th session of the Executive Board and continue at the Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly. - <i>The reports are proposed to be taken up one at a time.</i>

22.2	Engagement with non-State actors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on the implementation of the Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors • Non-State actors in official relations with WHO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Documentation will include reports covering: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Document EB146/34 Implementation of FENSA as mandated by resolution WHA69.10 (2) Document EB146/38 Add.2 Initial evaluation of FENSA (3) Documents EB146/35 and EB146/35 Add.1 on proposals for admitting NSAs into official relations, the desirability of maintaining official relations, the deferral of reviews, and the suspension or discontinuation of official relations. - Document EB146/35 contains a draft decision for consideration. - This item is expected to be discussed in conjunction with the PBAC report
22.3	World health days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Executive Board at its 144th session considered document EB144/39 Rev.1 on world health days and agreed that the Secretariat would finalize a study on the cost-effectiveness of and rules for world health days. The report contained in document EB146/36 proposes an approach for considering proposals for World Health Days. The Board is invited to note the report and provide comments on the Secretariat's proposed approach to preparing a study on added value of, and rules for, world health days, weeks, years or decades. In particular: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Do Member States agree with the proposed approach outlined in paragraph 1(a) to (d)? (b) Are there other considerations that Member States would like to raise?
22.4	Provisional agenda of the Seventy-third World Health Assembly and date and place of the 147th session of the Executive Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In line with Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, Finland has proposed that an item be added to the agenda on the Public health implications of the Nagoya Protocol. - A proposal has also been received from Israel to shift the report currently under agenda item 18 to agenda item 13.2. - The Board is invited to consider draft decisions approving the provisional agenda of the Seventy-second World Health Assembly and deciding on the dates of the 147th session of the Executive Board.
23	Management matters	
23.1	Evaluation: update and proposed workplan for 2020–2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WHO's evaluation policy requires the Secretariat to report annually to the Executive Board on progress in the implementation of the biennial Organization-wide evaluation workplan. The EB report: (a) provides a brief progress update on the ongoing work; and (b) presents, for approval by the Board, the proposed evaluation workplan for the biennium 2020–2021, incorporating both the corporate and decentralized evaluations. - The Board is invited to note the report and approve the Organization-wide evaluation workplan for 2020-2021 - The Board will also be invited to note a report on a review of 40 years of primary health care implementation at country level produced in response to a request by the Board at its 142nd session. - The Evaluation Office will further submit a report on the initial evaluation of the implementation of the Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors for the Board's consideration. - This item is expected to be discussed in conjunction with the PBAC report

23.2	Evaluation of the election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Board is invited to consider the outcome of the informal consultations on the evaluation of the election of the Director-General. - <i>The report contains a draft decision for consideration.</i>
23.3	Update on the infrastructure fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information technology • Geneva buildings renovation strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Document EB146/40 responds to the request in decision WHA70(16) (2017) for reporting to the Board at future sessions both on the implementation of the infrastructure fund and on the financing of the fund and to the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee's request to the Secretariat for further updates on progress in information management and technology. The Board is invited to note the report and to provide guidance in particular, on the digital transformation of WHO. - Document EB146/41 provides an update on the status of the construction and renovation project including details of the progress made against previously reported timelines and cost updates. The Board is invited to note the report and consider a draft decision. - This item is expected to be discussed in conjunction with the PBAC report
24	Committees of the Executive Board	
24.1	Membership of the Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Document EB146/42 outlines the process used to for selection of two new members of the Committee. Document EB146/42 Add.1 invites the Board to consider proposals for membership of the Committee - <u>It is foreseen that this item will be considered with other PBAC-related items on Tuesday</u>
24.2	Participation in the Programme Budget and Administration Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Board is invited to note the report and consider options related to participation in the PBAC. <u>On 29 January a non-paper was circulated to EB members and Member States on behalf the Chair of the Board containing a possible compromise on this subject.</u> - <u>It is foreseen that this item will be considered with other PBAC-related items on Tuesday</u>
24.3	Foundation committees and selection panels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In-session document on health prizes and fellowships, following selection panel meetings that will be held during EB146. The Board is invited to consider the reports of the selection panels for prizes to be awarded in 2020.
24.4	Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Board will consider amending the statutes of the Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion. It is proposed that the item be taken up on Monday 3 February in order that the panel may convene during EB146.
25	Staffing matters	
25.1	Appointment of the Regional Director for Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Board is invited to consider the resolution of the Regional Committee for Africa nominating Dr Matshidiso Rebecca Moeti for reappointment as Regional Director - Proposed to be taken up on Monday
25.2	Appointment of the Regional Director for Europe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Board is invited to consider the resolution of the Regional Committee for Europe nominating Dr Hans Kluge as Regional Director - Proposed to be taken up on Monday

25.3	Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Board is invited to consider the report - This item is expected to be discussed in conjunction with the PBAC report
25.4	Report of the Ombudsman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Board is invited to consider the report - This item is expected to be discussed in conjunction with the PBAC report
25.5	Human resources: update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Board is invited to consider and note the report - This item is expected to be discussed in conjunction with the PBAC report
25.6	Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Board is invited to consider two draft resolutions as contained in document EB149/49 Rev.1. - This item is expected to be discussed in conjunction with the PBAC report
26.7	Report of the International Civil Service Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Board is invited to consider and note the annual report of the International Civil Service Commission. - This item is expected to be discussed in conjunction with the PBAC report
26	Matters for information	
26.1	Reports of advisory bodies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert committees and study groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Document EB146/51 includes the reports of the Twenty-second meeting of the Expert Committee on the Selection and Use of Essential Medicines and the Eighty-seventh report of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives. - Document EB146/51 Add.1 reports on the establishment and disestablishment of advisory panels, membership of the expert advisory panels, and meetings of expert committees. - The Board is invited to note the reports
27	Closure of the session	