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The Director-General of the World Health Organization has the honour to communicate to Members of the Organization the provisional agenda (abridged) for the 147th session of the Executive Board, which will open on Friday, 22 May 2020, commencing at 12:00 (CET).

In light of the current global situation, the 147th session of the Executive Board will be held virtually, using video conferencing technologies. Details for accessing the virtual platform will be provided following completion of the registration process.

Online registration is required for the Executive Board. Registration can be initiated as of 5 May 2020 by going to the following link: <https://extranet.who.int/bpmext/meetingregistration.aspx>, using the following username: ebuser, and password: W%i@be=fe%450CD12187.

Instructions for online registration are available for downloading from the Governance website (<http://www.who.int/governance/registration/en/index.html>).

... The provisional agenda for the Executive Board is available in document EB147/1 (https://apps.who.int/gb/e/e_eb147.html). The abridged provisional agenda, which sets forth items proposed for consideration during the 147th session of the Executive Board in May, is enclosed.

Documents for the 147th session of the Executive Board can be accessed on the Internet through the WHO website (<http://www.who.int/gb/>) as they become available.

The Director-General of the World Health Organization takes this opportunity to renew to Members of the Organization the assurance of his highest consideration.

GENEVA, 4 May 2020

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REGISTRATION

Online registration is required for both the Executive Board and the World Health Assembly and the online registration system will be available as of **5 May 2020**.

Before each meeting, an invitation will be sent to Member States indicating a link to access the electronic Governing Bodies Meeting Registration System in order to register one Focal Point at the Permanent Mission in Geneva, who will be responsible for registering the delegation. Member States without a Permanent Mission in Geneva should designate a Focal Point in the capital. The same process will apply to all categories of invited participants (the United Nations, Observers, Intergovernmental Organizations and non-State actors in official relations with WHO).

Once a Focal Point has been entered into the registration system, he/she will receive by email a unique username and password, and the link to access the registration system.

The Focal Point will register and submit the names and titles of the delegates and attach a note verbale containing the composition of the delegation.

The WHO Office of Governing Bodies will verify the information received from the Focal Point, which will then be submitted into the registration system to generate the List of Participants and send the log in details to access the virtual meeting.

CREDENTIALS

The credentials shall be issued by the Head of State, the Head of Government, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Health, or any other appropriate authority, i.e. Permanent Missions and senior government officials, such as Directors-General for Health. A copy of the credentials will have to be uploaded and submitted through the online registration system **before the opening of the 147th session of the Executive Board**. Credentials should include the following information for each participant: LAST NAME (in capital letters), first name, title, function, institution, city, gender (unless indicated in title).

Provisional agenda (abridged)¹

1. Election of Chair, Vice-Chairs and Rapporteur

2. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda²

Documents EB147/1, EB147/1 Add.1 and EB147/1 (annotated)

5. Managerial, administrative and financial matters

5.5 Committees of the Executive Board: filling of vacancies

Documents EB147/8 and EB147/8 Add.1

8. Future sessions of the Executive Board and the Health Assembly

Document EB147/10

9. Closure of the session³

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¹ In the context of the restrictions imposed in response to the pandemic of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), and through a written silence procedure, the Executive Board has approved the arrangements for a virtual session of the Executive Board to be held, using video conferencing technology. This *de minimis* session will only consider an abridged version of the Provisional agenda.

² During the opening of the session of the Executive Board, Member States will be invited to also consider the adoption of special procedures and of a written silence procedure. Please see the timetable for more details.

³ Under this item, Member States will be invited to consider suspending the session of the Executive Board until it can meet in a resumed session later in 2020.