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In addition to the Guide for delegates to the World Health Assembly (document A62/DIV/2), which provides general information on the organization of the Health Assembly, this preliminary number of the Journal of the Sixty-second World Health Assembly is intended to give delegates, representatives and other participants advance indications of the Health Assembly's tentative programme of work.

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Badges

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I. Date and place

The Sixty-second World Health Assembly will open in Geneva on Monday, **18 May 2009 at 10:00**. The Health Assembly will be held in the Palais des Nations, located near the Place des Nations and Avenue de la Paix and most easily reached by the entrance gate on the Route de Pregny. A proposal, in accordance with the Director-General's meeting with Member States representatives on 7 May, will go before the General Committee to close the Health Assembly no later than Friday, 22 May 2009.

II. Tentative programme of work of the Health Assembly

Subject to decisions to be taken by the Health Assembly and the General Committee, the following tentative programme of work has been prepared. The working hours of the Health Assembly are from 09:00 to 12:00 and from 14:30 to 17:30.

Monday, 18 May 2009

Time	Plenary	Committee A	Other
10:00	First plenary meeting		
10:30			General Committee
14:30	Second plenary meeting		
After commencement of general discussion under Item 3		First meeting	

First plenary meeting

10:00

Delegations will sit in the English alphabetical order of names of Member States commencing with the letter "N" as decided by the drawing of lots. Delegates and other participants are kindly requested to take their seats a few minutes before 10:00.

- Item 1 **Opening of the Assembly**
- Item 1.1 – Appointment of the Committee on Credentials
- Item 1.2 – Election of the President of the Sixty-second World Health Assembly
- Item 1.3 – Election of the five Vice-Presidents, the Chairmen of the main committees, and establishment of the General Committee

Examination and submission to the Health Assembly of recommendations on such questions as:

- Adoption of the provisional agenda as proposed by the Executive Board
- Addition of supplementary items, if any, to the provisional agenda
- Initial allocation to the main committees of items of the agenda
- Deferment of any item to a future Health Assembly
- Programme of work of the Health Assembly

Second plenary meeting

14:30

- **Presidential address**
- Item 1.4 – Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items to the main committees
- Announcement by the President inviting suggestions regarding election of Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board
- Item 2 **Reports of the Executive Board on its 123rd and 124th sessions**
- Item 3 **Address by Dr Margaret Chan, Director-General**
 - General discussion

First meeting of Committee A**After commencement of general discussion under Item 3**

- Item 10 **Opening of the Committee**
 - Including election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur
- Item 12 **Technical and health matters**

Tuesday, 19 May 2009

Time	Plenary	Committee A	Other
09:00	Third plenary meeting	Second meeting	
14:00			Committee on Credentials
14:30	Fourth plenary meeting		
After conclusion of Item 4 in Plenary		Third meeting	

Third plenary meeting

09:00

- Item 3 (continued) – General discussion

¹ Rules 29 and 30 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly define membership of and attendance at the General Committee. Web link: <http://www.who.int/governance>.

Second meeting of Committee A **09:00**

Item 12 (continued) **Technical and health matters**

Committee on Credentials **14:00**

Fourth plenary meeting **14:30**

Item 4 **Invited speaker**

Item 3 (continued) – General discussion

Third meeting of Committee A **After conclusion of Item 4 in Plenary**

Item 12 (continued) **Technical and health matters**

Wednesday, 20 May 2009

Time	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
09:00	Fifth plenary meeting			
After conclusion of Item 5 in Plenary		Fourth meeting	First meeting	
14:30		Fifth meeting	Second meeting	
17:30				General Committee

Fifth plenary meeting **09:00**

– Report of the Committee on Credentials

Item 5 **Admission of new Members and Associate Members [if any]**

Item 3 (continued) – General discussion

Fourth meeting of Committee A **After conclusion of Item 5 in Plenary**

Item 11 **Medium-term strategic plan, including Proposed programme budget 2010-2011**

Item 12 (continued) **Technical and health matters**

First meeting of Committee B **After conclusion of Item 5 in Plenary**

Item 13 **Opening of the Committee**

– Election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur

Item 14 **Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan**

Fifth meeting of Committee A**14:30**Item 12 (continued) **Technical and health matters****Second meeting of Committee B****17:30**Item 15 **Programme and budget matters****General Committee****17:30**

To draw up the list for the annual election of Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board and review the programme of work

Thursday, 21 May 2009

Time	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B
09:00	Sixth plenary meeting		
Immediately after Plenary adjourns		Sixth meeting	
Immediately after conclusion of Item 11 in Committee A			Third meeting
14:30		Seventh meeting	Fourth meeting
17:00	Seventh plenary meeting		

Sixth plenary meeting**09:00**Item 8 **Reports of the main committees****Sixth meeting of Committee A****Immediately after Plenary adjourns**Item 11 (continued) **Medium-term strategic plan, including Proposed programme budget 2010-2011**Item 12 (continued) **Technical and health matters****Third meeting of Committee B****Immediately after conclusion of Item 11 in Committee A**Item 15 (continued) **Programme and budget matters**Item 16 **Audit and oversight matters**

Report of the Internal Auditor

Item 17 **Financial matters**Item 18 **Staffing matters****Seventh meeting of Committee A****14:30**

For conclusion of any items remaining open

Fourth meeting of Committee B**14:30**

For conclusion of any items remaining open

Seventh plenary meeting**17:00**

Item 7

Awards

Item 6

Executive Board: election**Friday, 22 May 2009**

Time	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B
09:00		Eighth meeting	Fifth meeting
14:30		Ninth meeting	Sixth meeting
Immediately following the closure of Committees A and B	Eighth plenary meeting		

Eighth meeting of Committee A**09:00**

– Finalization of resolutions and reports

Fifth meeting of Committee B**09:00**

– Finalization of resolutions and reports

Ninth meeting of Committee A**14:30**

– Finalization of resolutions and reports

Sixth meeting of Committee B**14:30**

– Finalization of resolutions and reports

Eighth plenary meeting**Immediately following the closure of Committees A and B**

Item 8

Reports of the main committees

Item 9

Closure of the Assembly

III. Other meetings

The Secretariat has been advised that the following meetings will take place before and during the Health Assembly:

Sunday, 17 May 2009

- 10:00–16:30 Sixteenth Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe (SCRC),
WHO HQ, Salle C Fourth session
There will be interpretation in English and Russian.
- 14:30–16:30 Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the South-East Asia Region
WHO HQ, Salle A
- 17:00–18:30 Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the European Region
WHO HQ, EB room *There will be interpretation in English, French, German and Russian.*

Monday, 18 May 2009

- 08:00–09:00 Meeting of the delegations of Members States of the African Region
Room XVI *There will be interpretation in English and French.*
- 08:15–09:00 Meeting of the Council of the Arab Ministers of Health
Room IX
- 08:30–09:00 Coordination meeting of the Nordic Group
Room IV
- 08:30–09:30 Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Western Pacific Region
Room VIII
- 08:30–10:00 Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Region of the Americas
Room XII *There will be interpretation in English and Spanish.*
- 09:00–09:45 Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Eastern Mediterranean Region
Room IX *There will be interpretation in Arabic, English and French.*
- 11:00–12:00 Meeting of the delegations of the Caribbean countries
Room IV
- 12:00–14:00 High-level Consultation on Influenza A(H1N1)
Room XVII *There will be interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.*
- 12:30–14:00 Meeting of the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA)
Room IV

Tuesday, 19 May 2009

- 08:00–09:00 Meeting of the delegations of Members States of the African Region
Room XVI *There will be interpretation in English and French.*
- 08:00–09:00 Meeting of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Caucus of Health Ministers
Room XXIV
- 08:15–08:45 Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Eastern Mediterranean Region
Room IX *There will be interpretation in Arabic, English and French.*
- 08:30–09:00 Coordination meeting of the Nordic Group
Room IV

08:30–09:00 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Western Pacific Region
12:30–14:00 Room IV	"The ePORTUGUÊSE network and country cooperation"
13:30–14:30 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the South-East Asia Region
13:00–14:30 Room IX	The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan: "Medicines transparency and good governance in Jordan"
17:30–19:00 Room IV	Inter-African Committee meeting. "Local knowledge: a community asset enhancing health promotion capacity and outcomes"
17:30–19:00 Room XXII	Alzheimer's Disease International: "The global impact of dementia"

Wednesday, 20 May 2009

08:00–09:00 Room VII	CMC Churches' Action for Health and Ecumenical Pharmaceutical Network: "A call to action: stimulating local and global actors to respond to the growing challenge of antimicrobial resistance". <i>By invitation only.</i>
08:00–09:00 Room XVI	Meeting of the Ministers of Health of the African Region <i>There will be interpretation in English and French</i>
08:15–08:45 Room IX	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Eastern Mediterranean Region <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, English and French.</i>
08:30–09:00 Room IV	Coordination meeting of the Nordic Group
08:30–09:00 Room XXIII	Coordination meeting of the Western European and Others Group (WEOG)
08:30–09:00 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Western Pacific Region
11:00–13:00 Room IV	Meeting of the Ministers of Health of the Gulf Cooperation Council States
13:00–15:00 Room XVI	Meeting of the Ministers of Health of the Non-Aligned Movement <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, English, French and Spanish.</i>
17:30–19:00 Room IX	Stichting Health Action International: "From education to regulations: innovative tools for the rational use of medicines"
17:30–19:00 Room XII	Impact of the economic and financial crisis on global health <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.</i>
18:00–20:00 Room VIII	UNITAID briefing on HIV/AIDS medicines patent pool <i>There will be interpretation in English and French</i>
18:00–20:00 Room XXII	Informal meeting with the Ministers of Health of guinea-worm endemic countries <i>There will be interpretation in English and French</i>

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08:00–09:00 Room XIV	International Health Partnerships and related Initiatives (IHP+) progress and new signatories
08:15–08:45 Room IX	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Eastern Mediterranean Region <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, English and French.</i>
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08:30–09:00 Room XXIII	Coordination meeting of the Western European and Others Group (WEOG)
08:30–09:00 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the Western Pacific Region
13:30–14:30 Room VII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the European Region <i>There will be interpretation in English, French, German and Russian.</i>
13:30–14:30 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the South-East Asia Region
17:00–18:00 Room IX	Briefing on Global Fund West and Central Africa Constituency. <i>By invitation only.</i>
17:30–19:00 Room VIII	Médecins Sans Frontières: "Access to medicines – new solutions?"
17:30–19:00 Room XXII	Stichting Health Action International: "The way forward for the Biomedical Research and Development Treaty"
17:30–19:00 Room VII	Telemedicine as a means to enhance Universal Access to Quality Health Services <i>There will be interpretation in English and Spanish.</i>
18:00–19:00 Room IV	"The Final Inch": Oscar-nominated film on polio eradication
18:00–19:30 Room XXIV	WHO meeting on "The role of civil society in primary health care renewal" <i>There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.</i>

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IV. Provisional list of speakers for the general discussion in plenary

Mexico
South Africa
Thailand
United States of America
China
Czech Republic (The delegate of the Czech Republic will speak on behalf of the European Union)
Jordan (The delegate of Jordan will speak on behalf of the Arab Health Ministers Council)
Kenya
Bangladesh
Brazil
Australia
Norway
Islamic Republic of Iran
Nigeria
Myanmar
Canada
Viet Nam
Greece
Egypt
Zimbabwe
Maldives
Cuba
Republic of Korea
Russian Federation
Afghanistan
Angola
Sri Lanka
Paraguay
Malaysia
Georgia
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Burkina Faso
Bhutan
Argentina
Brunei Darussalam
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Morocco
Seychelles
Indonesia
Peru
Japan
Turkey
Cote d'Ivoire
Uruguay
New Zealand
Italy
Plurinational State of Bolivia
Papua New Guinea

Spain
Monaco
Kazakhstan
Finland
Israel
Sweden
Serbia
France
Belgium
Cyprus
Uzbekistan
Iceland
Portugal
Belarus
Pakistan
Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
African Union Commission

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