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Programme of meetings for Friday, 24 May 2013

Time	Plenary <i>Assembly Hall</i>	Committee A <i>Room XVIII</i>	Committee B <i>Room XVII</i>	Other <i>Room XXIV</i>
09:00	Eighth meeting			
Upon conclusion of Item 8 in Plenary		Eighth meeting	Fourth meeting	Drafting group on noncommunicable diseases
14:30–17:30		Ninth meeting	Fifth meeting	

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Draft second report of Committee B

Document (Draft) A66/68 containing nine resolutions entitled:

- *Status of collection of assessed contributions, including Member States in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution*
- *Special arrangements for settlement of arrears: Tajikistan*
- *Scale of assessments for 2014-2015*
- *Foreign exchange risk management*
- *Report of the External Auditor*
- *Follow-up of the report of the Working Group on the Election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization*
- *Real estate*
- *Agreements with intergovernmental organizations*
- *Reassignment of South Sudan from the Eastern Mediterranean Region to the African Region*

And one decision entitled:

- *Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee*

Item 17 (continued) Health systems (Item transferred from Committee A)

Item 17.3 (continued) – Universal health coverage

Documents A66/24, A66/A/Conf./2 and A66/A/Conf./2 Add.1

Item 17.1 – Substandard/spurious/falsely-labelled/falsified/counterfeit medical products

Document A66/22

Item 17.2 – Follow-up of the report of the Consultative Expert Working Group on Research and Development: Financing and Coordination

Document A66/23

Item 17.4 – The health workforce: advances in responding to shortages and migration, and in preparing for emerging needs

Document A66/25

Item 17.5 – eHealth and health Internet domain names

Documents EB132/2013/REC/1, resolution EB132.R8 and A66/26

Saturday, 25 May 2013**Item 13 (continued) Noncommunicable diseases**

Item 13.1 (continued) – Draft comprehensive global monitoring framework and targets for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases

Documents A66/8, A66/8 Add.1, A66/A/Conf./1 and A66/A/Conf./1 Add.1

Item 13.2 (continued) – Draft action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases 2013–2020

Documents A66/9, A66/9 Corr.1, A66/A/Conf./1 and A66/A/Conf./1 Add.1

Monday, 27 May 2013

Committee A	Room XVIII
Eleventh meeting	9:00 – 12:00
Twelfth meeting	14:30 – 17:30
Item 14	Promoting health through the life course
Item 14.1	– Monitoring the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health in the post-2015 development agenda

Committee B	Room XVIII
Sixth meeting	09:00 – 12:00
Seventh meeting	14:30 – 17:30

Item 18	Progress reports
	Noncommunicable diseases
	A. Strengthening noncommunicable disease policies to promote active ageing (resolution WHA65.3)
	B. Global strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol (resolution WHA63.13)
	C. Sustaining the elimination of iodine deficiency disorders (resolution WHA60.21)
	Preparedness, surveillance and response
	D. Strengthening national health emergency and disaster management capacities and the resilience of health systems (resolution WHA64.10)
	E. Climate change and health (resolution EB124.R5)
	Communicable diseases
	F. Eradication of dracunculiasis (resolution WHA64.16)
	G. Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks (resolution WHA60.1)
	Health systems
	H. Patient safety (resolution WHA55.18)
	I. Drinking-water, sanitation and health (resolution WHA64.24)
	J. Workers' health: global plan of action (resolution WHA60.26)
	K. Strategy for integrating gender analysis and actions into the work of WHO (resolution WHA60.25)
	L. Progress in the rational use of medicines (resolution WHA60.16)
	M. Health policy and systems research strategy
	Finalization of resolutions and reports

Tuesday, 28 May 2013

Committee A	Room XVIII
Thirteenth meeting	09:00
	Finalization of resolutions and reports
Plenary	Assembly Hall
Ninth meeting	Immediately following the closure of Committee A
Item 8 (continued)	Reports of the main committees
Item 9	Closure of the Assembly

II. Report of meetings

Sixth meeting of Committee A

Chairman: Dr Walter T. Gwenigale (Liberia)

Later: Dr Lester Ross (Solomon Islands), Vice-Chairman

Draft second report of Committee A

The Chairman opened the meeting and invited the Rapporteur (Dr Victor Cuba Oré [Peru]), to read out the second draft report of Committee A, document (draft) A66/65 containing one resolution entitled:

- *Towards universal eye care: a global action plan 2014–2015*

The resolution was approved and the second draft report of Committee A was adopted.

Item 14 (continued) Promoting health through the life course

Item 14.1 (continued) – Monitoring the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals

- Health in the post-2015 development agenda

The Chairman reopened this item and drew the Committee's attention to the reports contained in documents A66/13 and A66/47. The Chairman opened the discussion, then gave the floor to the Secretariat who responded to issues raised. It was suggested that the agenda item remain open pending further consideration and discussion of the suggested amendments during an informal working group scheduled for 16:00, Thursday, 23 May. Discussion of the item was suspended pending the results of the informal working group.

Item 14.2

- Follow-up actions to recommendations of the high-level commissions convened to advance women's and children's health

The Committee was invited to consider document A66/14 and the draft resolution EB132.R4: *Implementation of recommendations of the United Nations Commission on Life-saving Commodities for women and children* contained in document EB132/2013/REC/1. At the invitation of the Chairman, the representative of the Executive Board made some introductory remarks. The floor was opened for discussion. It was announced that discussion of this item would resume at the next meeting of Committee A.

The Chairman announced that a number of items would be transferred to Committee B:

- 17.1 Substandard/spurious/falsely-labelled/falsified/counterfeit medical products
- 17.2 Follow-up of the report of the Consultative Expert Working Group on Research and Development: Financing and Coordination
- 17.3 Universal health coverage
- 17.4 The health workforce: advances in responding to shortages and migration, and in preparing for emerging needs
- 17.5 eHealth and health Internet domain names
- 18 Progress reports.

Second meeting of Committee B

Chairman: Mrs Kathryn Tyson (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Later: Dr Poonam Khetrpal Singh (India), Vice-Chairman

Draft first report of Committee B

The Chairman opened the meeting and invited the Rapporteur (Mr Jilali Hayim [Morocco]) to read out the first draft report of Committee B, document draft A66/66, containing two resolutions entitled:

- *Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan*
- *Financial report and audited financial statements for the period 1 January – 1 December 2012*

The resolutions were approved and the first draft report of Committee B was adopted.

Item 24 Management and legal matters

- Item 24.4 – Reassignment of South Sudan from the Eastern Mediterranean Region to the African Region

The Chairman opened the agenda item and invited the Committee to consider the draft resolution contained in documents A66/43 and A66/43 Add.1. The draft resolution was approved without amendment.

Item 21 (continued) Financial matters

- Item 21.2 – Status of collection of assessed contributions, including Member States in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent that would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution

- Item 21.3 – Special arrangements for the settlement of arrears: Tajikistan

The Secretariat responded to questions raised. The Committee approved the draft resolution contained in document A66/55. The draft resolution contained in document A66/45 was approved as amended.

- Item 24.1 – Scale of assessments for 2014-2015
- Foreign exchange risk management

The Chairman opened the item and gave the floor to the Chairman of Programme, Budget and Administration Committee (PBAC) of the Executive Board who outlined the report of PBAC contained in document A66/56. The Committee considered the draft resolutions EB132.R6: *Scale of assessments 2014-2015* and the draft resolution contained in document A66/32 entitled *Foreign exchange risk management*. The Committee approved the two draft resolutions.

Item 22 Audit and oversight matters

- Item 22.1 – Report of the External Auditor

The Chairman invited the Chairman of the PBAC to inform the Committee of the PBAC's discussion on this item. The External Auditor then presented its report. The Assistant Director-General of the General Management cluster and the Director-General responded to questions raised. The Committee approved the draft resolution contained in document A66/58.

- Item 22.2 – Report of the Internal Auditor

The Chairman invited the Chairman of the PBAC to inform the Committee of the PBAC's discussion on this item. The Secretariat responded to questions raised. The Committee noted the report contained in document A66/59.

Item 23**Staffing matters**

Item 23.1

- Human resources: annual report

The Chairman invited the Chairman of the PBAC to inform the Committee of the PBAC's discussion on this item. The Secretariat responded to questions raised. The Director-General commented on the discussions. The Committee noted the report of the Secretariat contained in document A66/60.

Item 23.2

- Report of the International Civil Service Commission

The Chairman opened the item and invited comments from the floor. The Secretariat responded to questions raised. The Committee noted the report of the 38th Annual report of the Report of the International Civil Service Commission.

Item 23.3

- Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules

The Chairman opened the item. The Committee noted the report contained in document A66/38.

Item 23.4

- Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

The Chairman opened the item.. The Secretariat responded to the question raised and the Committee noted the report contained in document A66/39.

Item 23.5

- Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee

The Chairman opened the item and the Committee approved the nominations of Dr Viroj Tangcharoensathien (Thailand) as a member of the WHO Staff Pension Committee for a three-year term until May 2016; Mrs P.T. Toelulpe (Samoa) as a member for the remainder of her term of office until May 2014; and Dr Mahmoud N. Fikry (United Arab Emirates) and Mr Alejandro Henning (Argentina) as alternate members for three years until May 2016.

The Chairman informed the Committee that following consultations between the Vice-Chairs of Committees A and B and approval by the President of the Health Assembly, agenda items 17 and 18 would be transferred from Committee A to Committee B.

Seventh meeting of Committee A

Chairman: Dr Walter T. Gwenigale (Liberia)

Item 14 (continued) Promoting health through the life course

Item 14.2 (continued) – Follow-up actions to recommendations of the high-level commissions convened to advance women's and children's health

The Chairman reopened this item to continue discussion of the report contained in document A66/14 and the draft resolution EB132.R4: *Implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Commission on Life-Saving Commodities for Women and Children* contained in document EB132/2013/REC/1. The draft resolution was approved as amended.

Item 14.3

- Social determinants of health

The Chairman opened this agenda item and invited comments from the floor on the report contained in document A66/15. The Secretariat was then invited to respond to the issues raised. The Committee noted the report and the item was closed.

Item 15**Preparedness, surveillance and response**

Item 15.1

- Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)

Following a request from Member States for a briefing on the Novel Coronavirus situation, the Chairman opened the agenda item and, exceptionally, invited the Secretariat (Dr Keiji Fukuda) to take the floor. Following the Secretariat's presentation, the Chairman invited the delegate of Saudi Arabia (Dr Zaid Memish) to make a presentation. The Chairman then opened the floor for discussion. Discussion of this item will resume at the next meeting of Committee A.

Third meeting of Committee B

Chairman: Mrs Kathryn Tyson (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Item 24 (continued) **Management and Legal matters**

- Item 24.1 – Follow-up of the report of the Working Group on the Election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization

The Chairman invited the Committee to consider the draft resolution EB132.R14 contained in document EB132/2013/REC/1. The Committee approved the draft resolution without amendment.

- Item 24.2 – Real estate

The Chairman invited the Chairman of Programme, Budget and Administration Committee (PBAC) of the Executive Board to inform the Committee of the PBAC's discussion on this item. The Secretariat responded to questions raised. The Committee approved the draft resolution contained in document A66/62 without amendment.

- Item 24.3 – Agreements with intergovernmental organizations

The Chairman opened the item and invited comments from the floor. The Committee approved the draft resolution contained in document A66/46.

Item 25 **Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations**

The Chairman opened the item and invited comments from the floor. The Committee then noted the report contained in document A66/44.

Item 17 **Health Systems** (*Item transferred from Committee A*)

- Item 17.3 – Universal health coverage

The Chairman opened the item for discussion. The item remained open to be discussed at a later meeting of the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned.

Seventh Plenary meeting

In the chair: Dr Shigeru Omi (Japan)
President of the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly

Item 7 **Awards**

The President welcomed the distinguished recipients of the prizes, as well as Mr Yohei Sasakawa, WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination, Chairman of the Nippon Foundation, representing the Sasakawa Memorial Health Foundation; Dr Mahmoud Fikri, Assistant Undersecretary for Health Policy, representing the United Arab Emirates Health Foundation; His Excellency, Dr Mohammad Barrak Alhaify, Minister of Health of Kuwait, representing the State of Kuwait Prize for Research in Health Promotion and Dr Soo-Ku Lee, President of the Korea Foundation for International Health Care, representing the Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Fund.

• **2013 Léon Bernard Foundation Prize**

The President announced that the 2013 Léon Bernard Foundation Prize has been awarded to Dr Teng Shuzhong.

Dr Teng Shuzhong, Director of the Center of Disease Control and Prevention, Fenghuang County, is being honoured for the significant contribution he has made to health training and health-care services in the region of Fenghuang, Hunan Province, China.

Dr Teng Shuzhong was unable to attend the ceremony, and the Secretariat has arranged for the medal to be delivered to him.

In accordance with the provision of Article 8 of its Statutes, the Léon Bernard Committee decided to revise article 2 of the Statutes of the Léon Bernard Foundation in order to replace the term “social medicine” with “primary health care”. This revision was transmitted for information to the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly.

- **Sasakawa Health Prize**

Mr Yohei Sasakawa addressed the Health Assembly on behalf of the Sasakawa Memorial Health Foundation.

The 2013 Sasakawa Health Prize has been awarded to Professor No-Yai Park from the Republic of Korea.

Professor No-Yai Park has been instrumental in improving the quality of public health centres and health staff education, particularly in the area of maternal and child care nursing in the Republic of Korea.

Professor No-Yai Park received the award and addressed the Health Assembly.

- **United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Prize**

Dr Mahmoud Fikri, Assistant Undersecretary for Health Policies, representing the United Arab Emirates Health Foundation, addressed the Health Assembly.

The 2013 United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Prize was awarded to Dr Layla Ali Akbar Bastaki from Kuwait.

Dr Layla Ali Akbar Bastaki is being honoured for her outstanding contribution to the research and management of genetic disorders in her country. Through her studies and collaborations with genetic research centres, she has established various protocols covering the most common genetic disorders in Kuwait.

Dr Layla Ali Akbar Bastaki received the award and addressed the Health Assembly.

- **State of Kuwait Prize for Research in Health Promotion**

His Excellency, Dr Mohammad Barrak Alhaify, Minister of Health of Kuwait, addressed the Health Assembly on behalf of the State of Kuwait Prize for Research in Health Promotion.

The 2013 State of Kuwait Prize for Research in Health Promotion was awarded to Dr Guiqi Wang of China..

Dr Guiqi Wang is being honoured for his significant contribution to early detection and treatment of esophageal cancer in China. Dr Guiqi Wang and his colleagues have provided training courses for 2100 health professionals from 28 provinces. This increased screening capacity has optimized the primary health care system for cancer prevention and control in rural areas.

Dr Guiqi Wang received the award and addressed the Health Assembly.

- **Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health**

Dr Soo-Ku Lee, President of the Korea Foundation for International Health Care, addressed the Health Assembly on behalf of the Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Fund.

The 2013 Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health is shared between two candidates:

- Dr An Dong (China)

Dr An Dong is being recognized for dedication and outstanding contribution to the prevention and control of endemic fluorosis disease of coal-burning pollution type, in the Province of Guizhou in southwestern China.

- The Diabetes Society of Maldives

The Diabetes Society of Maldives is being honoured for its success in creating public awareness on diabetes, making health promotion interventions for the prevention of diabetes and other noncommunicable diseases in the Maldives, and for the training of local staff to offer counselling and eventual treatment.

Dr An Dong received the award and addressed the Health Assembly.

Ms Aishath Shiruhana, representing the Diabetes Society of Maldives, received the award and addressed the Health Assembly.

At the conclusion of the Awards ceremony, the President informed the Health Assembly that a decision was taken to allow him to revise the programme of work of the two Committees. In consultation with the Chairs of the two Committees, it was decided to transfer the following agenda items from Committee A to Committee B:

- 17.1 Substandard/spurious/falsely-labelled/falsified/counterfeit medical products
- 17.2 Follow-up of the report of the Consultative Expert Working Group on Research and Development: Financing and Coordination
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III. Technical briefings

The following technical briefings will take place during the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly.

Friday, 24 May 2013

12:30–14:00

Room XII

Universal Health Coverage: what is it and how can progress be measured?

There will be interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish

Since the two WHA resolutions on universal health coverage (WHA58.33 of 2005 and WHA64.9 of 2011) many countries have sought to modify their health systems to provide universal coverage. An increasing number of governments have sought WHO technical and policy support in this endeavour. In February 2013, WHO and the World Bank jointly hosted a ministerial-level meeting on universal health coverage which included participation from ministries of health, ministries of finance, development partners, and civil society. A clear statement was requested regarding what universal health coverage is, what it is not, the actions countries can take to move closer to universal health coverage, and information on how countries can monitor their own progress. The technical briefing will include a report of the ministerial-level meeting, followed by a discussion of the framework for universal health coverage, and suggestions on how progress can be monitored.

IV. Other meetings

The Secretariat has been advised that the following meetings will take place during the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly:

Friday, 24 May 2013

07:45–08:45 Room VII	Group of the Americas (GRUA). <i>There will be interpretation in English and Spanish.</i>
08:00–08:45 Room XVI	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO 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 WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region. <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, English and French.</i>
08:30–08:50 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.
08:30–08:50 Room XXIV	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the European Region.
12:15–13:45 Room IX	Public-Private Partnerships in Afghanistan's hospital sector. Organized by the delegation of Afghanistan.
12:30–14:00 Room XXIII	Maternal and child health: Millennium Development Goals and beyond. Organized by the delegation of Bangladesh.
12:30–14:00 Room IV	Physical activity, sport and health. Organized by the Group of Friends on Sport for Development and Peace (co-chaired by the delegations of Costa Rica and Qatar).
12:45–14:15 Room XXIV	New medications for NTDs, tuberculosis and malaria: a new initiative, Global Health Innovative Technology Fund (GHIT). Organized by the delegation of Japan.
13:20–14:20 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
17:45–18:45 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region. <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, English and French.</i>
18:00–19:30 Room XII	Meeting of the Global Fund implementers. Organized by the delegation of Sudan. <i>There will be interpretation in English and French.</i>

Saturday, 25 May 2013

08:00–08:45 Room XVI	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO 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 WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region. <i>There will be interpretation in Arabic, English and French.</i>
08:30–08:50 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.
08:30–08:50 Room XXIV	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the European Region.
13:20–14:20 Room VIII	Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.

Monday, 27 May 2013

- 07:45–08:45
Room VII Group of the Americas (GRUA).
There will be interpretation in English and Spanish.
- 08:00–08:45
Room XVI Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO African Region.
There will be interpretation in English and French.
- 08:15–08:45
Room XII Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region.
There will be interpretation in Arabic, English and French.
- 08:30–08:50
Room XV Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region.
- 08:30–08:50
Room XXIV Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the European Region.
- 12:30–14:00
Room XXIV Recognize psoriasis as a serious, chronic autoimmune noncommunicable disease of high impact in people’s lives. Organized by the delegations of Argentina, Ecuador and Panama.
There will be interpretation in English, French and Spanish.
- 12:30–14:00
Room XXIII Ethical challenges of patients with chronic diseases and access to health systems: a case study. Organized by the delegation of Chile.
There will be interpretation in English and Spanish.
- 13:20–14:20
Room IV Meeting of the delegations of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region.
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There will be interpretation in Arabic, English and French.

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There will be interpretation in Arabic, English and French.

V. Announcements

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