



REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Provisional Agenda item 10.2

*Seventy-second Session  
New Delhi  
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**Governing Body matters:  
Review of the Draft Provisional Agenda of the  
146th session of the WHO Executive Board**

The 146th session of the WHO Executive Board will be held at WHO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, on 3–8 February 2020.

Any proposal from Member States or Associate Members of WHO to include an item on the Agenda should reach the Director-General of the World Health Organization not later than 12 weeks after the 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 2019.

The High-Level Preparatory Meeting noted the Draft Provisional Agenda of the 146th session of the WHO Executive Board and the modalities for proposing any additional Agenda item to the Executive Board Bureau within the given timeline of 18 September 2019.

The Member States delegates, displaying regional solidarity, supported the following proposals:

- (i) **Strengthening the control of harmful use of alcohol:** Delegates highlighted that the harmful use of alcohol is not only a public health emergency in the Region but also a threat to social inequalities and socioeconomic development of the Region due to violence, injuries, alcohol-related crimes, harm caused by others' drinking, and other social harms. They also reiterated the context of strengthening the Global Alcohol Policy after the decade of implementing the Global Strategy to reduce harmful use of alcohol. It was, therefore, proposed that a decision be adopted by the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia to endorse and support the submission of a proposal from Thailand to include a substantive Agenda item on "Strengthening the control of harmful use of alcohol" in the Provisional Agenda of the 146th session of the WHO Executive Board.

- (ii) **Vision for all:** Member States discussed the impact of vision on every stage of life, and its importance being essential for development, communication, education, livelihoods, well-being and independence of individuals, particularly women and older persons, and the social and economic development of communities. Keeping in view the culmination of Vision 2020 and the need for a renewed commitment to eye health for the decade up to 2030, it was proposed that a decision be adopted by the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia to endorse and support the submission of a proposal from Indonesia to include an Agenda item on “Vision for all” in the Provisional Agenda of the 146th session of the Executive Board with the objective of adopting a resolution on the subject at the Seventy-third World Health Assembly in 2020.

The HLP Meeting made the following recommendations for consideration by the Seventy-second Session of the Regional Committee:

#### **Actions by Member States**

- (1) Take note of the Draft Provisional Agenda of the 146th session of the Executive Board, and the timelines indicated by the Chair, for sending any proposed additional Agenda item(s), to the Officers of the Executive Board by 18 September 2019, accompanied by an explanatory memorandum.

#### **Actions by WHO**

- (1) To note the proposals submitted by Member States for inclusion in the Draft Provisional Agenda of the 146th session of the Executive Board.
- (2) Convey the decision of the Seventy-second Session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia under Provisional Agenda item No. 10.2: “Review of the Draft Provisional Agenda of the 146th session of the WHO Executive Board” to the WHO headquarters Secretariat.

The Draft Provisional Agenda for the 146th session of the WHO Executive Board along with the HLP Meeting recommendations are placed before the Seventy-second Session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia for its review, comment and noting, as appropriate.

## **Draft provisional agenda**

- 1. Opening of the session**
- 2. Adoption of the agenda**
- 3. Report by the Director-General**
- 4. Report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board**
- 5. Report of the regional committees to the Executive Board**

### **Pillar 1: One billion more people benefitting from universal health coverage**

- 6. Primary health care**
- 7. Follow-up to the political declaration of the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases**
- 8. Global vaccine action plan**
- 9. Accelerating the elimination of cervical cancer as a global public health problem**
- 10. Ending tuberculosis**
- 11. Epilepsy**

### **Pillar 2: One billion more people better protected from health emergencies**

- 12. Public health emergencies: preparedness and response**
  - 12.1 The Independent Oversight and Advisory Committee for the WHO Health Emergencies Programme
  - 12.2 WHO's work in health emergencies
  - 12.3 Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework for the sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits

12.4 The public health implications of implementation of the Nagoya Protocol

12.5 Cholera prevention and control

**13. Poliomyelitis**

13.1 Poliomyelitis eradication

13.2 Polio transition planning and polio post-certification

**Pillar 3: One billion more people enjoying better health and well-being**

**14. Decade of Healthy Ageing**

**15. Maternal, infant and young child nutrition**

**Pillar 4: More effective and efficient WHO providing better support to countries**

**16. Data and innovation: global strategy on digital health**

**17. Budget and finance matters**

17.1 Programme budget 2020–2021

17.2 Financing and implementation of the Programme budget 2018–2019 and outlook on financing of the Programme budget 2020–2021

17.3 Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules [if any]

**18. Governance matters**

18.1 WHO reform

18.2 Engagement with non-State actors

18.3 World health days

18.4 Provisional agenda of the Seventy-third World Health Assembly and date and place of the 147th session of the Executive Board

**19. Management matters**

19.1 Evaluation: update and proposed workplan for 2020–2021

19.2 Evaluation of the election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization

19.3 Update on the infrastructure fund strategy

**20. Committees of the Executive Board**

20.1 Membership of the Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee

20.2 Participation in the Programme Budget and Administration Committee

20.3 Foundation committees and selection panels

20.4 Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion

**21. Staffing matters**

21.1 Appointment of the Regional Director for Africa

21.2 Appointment of the Regional Director for Europe

21.3 Statement by the representative of the WHO staff associations

21.4 Report of the Ombudsman

21.5 Human resources: update

21.6 Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules [if any]

21.7 Report of the International Civil Service Commission

**22. Matters for information: reports of advisory bodies: Expert committees and study groups**

**23. 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.

<b>Pillar 1. One billion more people benefitting from universal health coverage</b>
<i>Addressing the burden of snakebite envenoming (resolution WHA71.5 (2018))</i>
<i>Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property: overall programme review (decision WHA71(9) (2018))</i>
<i>Strengthening integrated, people-centred health services (resolution WHA69.24 (2016))</i>
<i>Towards universal eye health: a global action plan 2014–2019 (resolution WHA66.4 (2013))</i>
<i>Eradication of dracunculiasis (resolution WHA64.16 (2011))</i>
<i>Reproductive health: strategy to accelerate progress towards the attainment of international development goals and targets (resolution WHA57.12 (2004))</i>
<b>Pillar 2. One billion more people better protected from health emergencies</b>
<i>Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks (resolution WHA60.1 (2007))</i>
<b>Pillar 4. More effective and efficient WHO providing better support to countries</b>
<i>WHO strategy on research for health (resolution WHA63.21 (2010))</i>

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