

Preliminary daily timetable for the Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly

1. In 1979, the Thirty-second World Health Assembly, in resolution WHA32.36, decided that the Executive Board “shall fix a preliminary daily timetable for the Health Assembly’s consideration of its agenda and the General Committee shall review and approve this timetable, subsequently revising it if and when required”. At its 148th session (in January 2021), the Board considered a preliminary daily timetable for the Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly, which is submitted herewith (see Annex) to the General Committee. The timetable has been drawn up on the assumption that the Health Assembly will wish to limit the time allowed to each speaker (Rule 55 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly) and bearing in mind resolution WHA50.18 (1997) which approved the request to delegates to limit to five minutes their statements in plenary. The timetable should be considered as indicative since the actual timing of items and subitems will depend on how the work of the Health Assembly proceeds.

2. The Board decided that the Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly should open on Monday, 24 May 2021, and close no later than Tuesday, 1 June 2021.¹

¹ Decision EB148(18).

ANNEX

**PRELIMINARY DAILY TIMETABLE FOR THE
SEVENTY-FOURTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY**

May 2021	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
Monday 24				
10:00	High-level welcome ¹ 1. Opening of the Health Assembly 1.1 Appointment of the Committee on Credentials 1.2 Election of the President 1.3 Election of the five Vice-Presidents, the Chairs of the main committees, and establishment of the General Committee	–	–	–
	General Committee
14:00	– Presidential address 1.4 Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items to the main committees 2. Report of the Executive Board on its 147th and 148th sessions, and on its special session on the COVID-19 response 29.2 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 3. Address by the Director-General	–	–	–

¹ This will include item 4, Invited speaker(s).

May 2021	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
Monday 24 (continued)	– General discussion	Upon commencement of the General discussion 10. Opening of the Committee Pillar 1 13. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board	–	–
Tuesday 25	3. Address by the Director-General – General discussion (continued) ...	Pillar 2 17. Public health emergencies: preparedness and response ...	– ...	– ...
13:00				Committee on Credentials
14:00	3. Address by the Director-General – General discussion (continued)	Pillar 2 17. Public health emergencies: preparedness and response (continued) 18. Mental health preparedness for and response to the COVID-19 pandemic	–	–
Wednesday 26	– Report of Committee on Credentials 5. Admission of new Members and Associate Members	Pillar 1 13. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board (continued)	24. Opening of the Committee 26. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board Pillar 4 25 Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan	–
10:00 and 14:00				
17:30		–	–	General Committee (list for election, Executive Board)

May 2021	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
Thursday 27 10:00 and 14:00		Pillar 4 11. Proposed programme budget 2022–2023 12. WHO results framework: an update Pillar 1 13. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board (continued)	Pillar 4 26. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board (continued) 27. Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee 28. Report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board	–
Friday 28 10:00 and 14:00	6. Executive Board: election 7. Awards	Pillar 1 14. Health in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development 15. Health workforce 16. Committing to implementation of the Global Strategy for Women’s, Children’s and Adolescents’ Health (2016–2030)	Pillar 4 29. Financial matters 30. Audit and oversight matters	
Saturday 29 10:00 and 14:00		Pillar 2 19. The public health implications of implementation of the Nagoya Protocol 20. Enhancement of laboratory biosafety 21. Poliomyelitis	Pillar 4 31. Management and legal matters 32. Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations 33. Updates and future reporting	

May 2021	Plenary	Committee A	Committee B	Other
Monday 31 10:00 and 14:00		Pillar 3 22. Review of and update on matters considered by the Executive Board 23. WHO global plan of action to strengthen the role of the health system within a national multisectoral response to address interpersonal violence, in particular against women and girls, and against children	Pillar 4 34. Matters for information	–
Tuesday 1 June 10:00 and 14:00	8 Reports of the main committees (continued) 9. Closure of the Health Assembly	– Finalization of resolutions/decisions and reports	– Finalization of resolutions/decisions and reports	–

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