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SIXTY-FOURTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY
GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION FOR MEDIA

16- 24 May 2011

Geneva -The Sixty-fourth World Health Assembly (WHA) will take place from 16-24 May 2011 at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland. Issues to be discussed at the WHA include: Pandemic influenza preparedness, sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines, health-related MDGs, smallpox and the destruction of the variola virus, the future of financing for WHO, cholera and the mechanism for control and prevention, draft WHO HIV/AIDS strategy 2011-2015, infant and young child nutrition and child injury prevention, youth and health risks, safe management of drinking water and management of waste material, eradication of poliomyelitis, onchocerciasis control, climate change and health prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases and malaria.

The World Health Assembly is the annual meeting of the World Health Organization's (WHO) 193 Member States and it is the supreme decision-making body of WHO which sets the policy for the Organization and approves the budget.

The **full agenda** can be found in the six UN languages at:
http://apps.who.int/gb/e/e_wha64.html

The provisional agenda, the Daily Journal (which summarizes the day's events) and other **WHA documents** can be found at <http://www.who.int/gb> and are available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

The days on which particular items will be discussed could change as the agenda progresses, so the **schedule** for the day will be posted **on the web every morning** from Monday 16 May at:
http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA63/A63_Jpre-en.pdf

Technical briefings:

There will be **four technical briefings** which will take place from 12:30 to 14:00hrs in Room XII. Please note these sessions are open to the media and interpretation will be provided in six languages.

For more details on the substance of these technical briefings, see page 7 on http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA63/A63_Jpre-en.pdf

Tuesday, 17 May 2011

Public health concerns and radiation health.

Wednesday, 18 May 2011

Addressing noncommunicable diseases - current status and moving forward.

Thursday, 19 May 2011

Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health.

Friday, 20 May 2011

Towards a successful implementation of the WHO global code of Practice on the International recruitment of health personnel: challenges and opportunities.

Below is a list of agenda items and other events which may be of particular interest to journalists.

Monday, 16 May

9:30-12:00 Opening of the 64th World Health Assembly

Venue: Palais des Nations, Assembly Hall

Main issues:

- Election of the President of the 64th World Health Assembly
- Election of the five Vice-Presidents, the Chairmen of the main Committees A and B, and the establishment of the General Committee
- Adoption of the provisional agenda as proposed by the Executive Board
- Address by the President of the 64th World Health Assembly
- Address by Mr Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, Director General, United Nations Office at Geneva
- Address by Didier Burkhalter, Conseiller fédéral suisse, Chef du Département fédéral de l'Intérieur.

Afternoon session:

- **14:30-15h00** : Address by WHO Director-General Dr Margaret Chan
- Opening of Committee A

Tuesday, 17 May

11:30- 12:30: Speeches by invited speakers.

11:30-12:00: Mrs Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of Bangladesh.

12:30-13:00: Mr Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Thursday, 19 May

17:00 Awards ceremony

Venue: Palais des Nations, Assembly Hall

During the World Health Assembly, five prizes will be awarded to the following recipients.

1. Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Prize – The winner is Professor Amjad Daoud Niazi from Iraq for his significant contribution to public health in Iraq.

2. Sasakawa Health Prize - The prize will be awarded jointly to Dr Eva Siracká, President of the Slovak League against Cancer, Slovakia, and the Pequeña Familia de María/Albergue Maria Association, Panama.

3. United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Prize - The award will be awarded jointly to Aged Care, Maldives and to the Association Tchadienne Communauté pour le Progrès, Chad.

4. State of Kuwait Prize for Research in Health Promotion is awarded jointly to Mr WANG De Chen, Director of the Institute of Health Education, Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, China, and to the Association Tchadienne Communauté pour le Progrès, Chad.

5. Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health is awarded to the Clodomiro Picado Institute, Costa Rica.

Tuesday, 24 May

- Finalization of reports and resolutions
- Speech of the WHO Director-General
- Speech of the President of the 64 World Health Assembly
- Closing of the Assembly (in the afternoon)
- News release will be sent immediately after the closing of the Assembly

As usual, at the closing of the World Health Assembly, a session of the Executive Board will follow. It will take place on Wednesday, 25 May.

Venue: Palais des Nations

The agenda of the Session of the Executive Board can be found at:
http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/EB127/B127_1-en.pdf

Media accreditation procedures for the World Health Assembly:

Correspondents wishing to cover the World Health Assembly are accredited by the United Nations Information Service (UNIS) at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. To be accredited, journalists should send a request to Mr. François Richer by fax (+41 22 917 0073) or email (fricher@unog.ch), along with:

- a letter signed by their editor-in-chief indicating the reason for accreditation and the dates for which accreditation is required;
- photocopies of media credentials (press card);
- copy of their passport.

For more information, journalists can call Mr Richer at the numbers +41 22 917 4359 or +41 (0)79 4770865 or visit the UNIS webpage at www.unog.ch, under “News & media” then “Information for Journalists” – “Accreditation”.

Once the accreditation has been granted by UNIS, journalists can collect their ground pass at the Pregny entrance gate (in front of the Red Cross building).

UNIS does not acknowledge receipt of requests for media accreditation. You may call the numbers above to check the status of your request.

WHO communications office:

Documents for journalists will be available at the WHO media documents office **Room A843** on the eighth floor of the Palais des Nations, as well as in Press Room 1 at the Palais. WHO media and communications staff will be in Rooms A631 and A633.

Media announcements:

Announcements will be made in the UN Press Room of the Palais des Nations via the loudspeaker system regarding the issuing of important documents and news releases, the scheduling of news conferences and briefings, and other items of interest to correspondents.

Press conferences and briefings:

Fadéla Chaïb, WHO Communications officer, will meet the press daily to brief about the day's activities except Monday 16 May (opening of the Assembly).

Tuesdays and Fridays: 10:30 as part of the UN regular press briefings, salle de presse III

Wednesday 18 May: 11:30 Salle de presse I

Thursday 19 May: 12:00 Salle de presse I

Monday 23 May: 11:30, Salle de presse I

Advance texts and material under embargo:

Some texts of speeches, statements and other material will be issued under embargo. Please respect the release date and hour indicated.

Access to meetings:

Most meetings at the World Health Assembly are open to media and can be

covered from **pecially designated press areas**. Correspondents should consult the Daily Journal for information on whether meetings are open or closed. To avoid access problems, journalists must wear their accreditation badges visibly.

Journalists may enter the floor of the Assembly Hall and committee rooms **only before or after meetings**, but must leave promptly when the meetings are about to begin.

Photographs:

Information on the WHO Photo Service for media can be obtained from Chris Black at +41 22 791 1460, +41 79 472 6054 (mobile) or e-mail blackc@who.int. Photographs in high resolution will be available for download from the WHO web site at: <http://www.who.int/entity/mediacentre>

Video for broadcasters

For information on recording events in the Assembly Hall (plenary session), interviews for broadcast TV and the feedpoint, contact Jean-Marc Glinz, Palais des Nations, Studio TV (under door 40 on Level 0) at +41 22 917 59 54, +41 79 475 5515 (mobile), or e-mail glinzi@who.int.

General information for photo & television correspondents

WHO requests that photo journalists respect the rules set out by Security and Protocol Officers at the World Health Assembly. Flash may be used, but photographers are encouraged to use telephoto lenses and avoid grouping around speakers so as not to disturb their work.

Filming and videotaping of the World Health Assembly is limited to news, documentary and educational coverage of the meetings. Accredited photo and television correspondents may cover all open meetings of the World Health Assembly and move around freely on the floor of the Assembly Hall and the main committee rooms before meetings are called to order; but must leave promptly when meetings are about to begin. Photographers and camera crews are not allowed on the podium in any of the meeting rooms, including the Assembly Hall.

Contact point for any questions relating to access issues for television and photography is Christopher Black +41 22 791 1460, +41 79 472 6054 (mobile) or e-mail blackc@who.int

Media contacts:

See attached document for a list of communications officers for each area of work.

All WHO information, fact sheet and news releases are available at www.who.int.

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From 16-24 May, 2011, several WHO media and communications staff will be located both at the Palais des Nations and at WHO Headquarters. To dial the UN office telephone numbers from inside the Palais des Nations, please omit the 022 91 before dialling the five-digit extension.

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