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The Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) presents his compliments to Member States and Associate Members and has the honour to convene the Seventy-third World Health Assembly at 12:00 (CET) on 18 May 2020. The Health Assembly will close no later than Tuesday 19 May, 2020.

In light of the current global situation, the Health Assembly will be held virtually, using video conferencing technologies. Details for accessing the virtual platform will be provided following completion of the registration process.

Online registration is required for the Health Assembly. Registration can be initiated as of 30 April 2020 by going to the following link: <https://extranet.who.int/bpmext/meetingregistration.aspx>., using the following username: whauser, and password: V>e%xu=sa@070D0C9F99.

Instructions for online registration are available for downloading from the Governance website (<http://www.who.int/governance/registration/en/index.html>). Registration should be completed by 14 May 2020.

The provisional agenda for the Health Assembly was agreed by the Executive Board at its 146th session and is available in document A73/1 (https://apps.who.int/gb/e/e_wha73.html).
... The abridged provisional agenda, which sets forth items proposed for consideration during the May meeting of WHA73, is enclosed.

Documents for the Seventy-third session of the World Health Assembly can be accessed on the Internet through the WHO website (<http://www.who.int/gb/>), as they become available.

The Director-General of the World Health Organization takes this opportunity to renew to Member States and Associate Members the assurance of his highest consideration.

GENEVA, 29 April 2020

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REGISTRATION

Online registration is required for both the Executive Board and the World Health Assembly and the online registration system will be available as of **30 April 2020**.

Before each meeting, an invitation will be sent to Member States indicating a link to access the electronic Governing Bodies Meeting Registration System in order to register one Focal Point at the Permanent Mission in Geneva, who will be responsible for registering the delegation. Member States without a Permanent Mission in Geneva should designate a Focal Point in the capital. The same process will apply to all categories of invited participants (the United Nations, Observers, Intergovernmental Organizations and non-State actors in official relations with WHO).

Once a Focal Point has been entered into the registration system, he/she will receive by email a unique username and password, and the link to access the registration system.

The Focal Point will register and submit the names and titles of the delegates and attach a note verbale containing the composition of the delegation.

The WHO Office of Governing Bodies will verify the information received from the Focal Point, which will then be submitted into the registration system to generate the List of Participants and send the log in details to access the virtual meeting.

CREDENTIALS

The credentials shall be issued by the Head of State, the Head of Government, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Health, or any other appropriate authority, i.e. Permanent Missions and senior government officials, such as Directors-General for Health. Member States will be represented at the Assembly by not more than three delegates. Alternates and advisers may accompany delegates. A copy of the credentials will have to be uploaded and submitted through the online registration system **before the opening of the session of the World Health Assembly (WHA)**. Credentials should include the following information for each participant: LAST NAME (in capital letters), first name, title, function, institution, city, gender (unless indicated in title).

Provisional agenda (abridged)¹

PLENARY

1. Opening of the Health Assembly²

1.2 Election of the President

1.3 Election of the five Vice-Presidents³

1.4 Adoption of the agenda

Documents A73/1 and A73/1 Add.1

3. Address by Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General

Document A73/3

4. Invited speaker(s)

6. Executive Board: election

9. Closure of the Health Assembly⁴

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¹ In the context of the restrictions imposed in response to the pandemic of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), and through a written silence procedure, the Executive Board has approved the arrangements for a virtual World Health Assembly to be held, using video conferencing technology. This *de minimis* session will only consider an abridged version of the Provisional agenda.

² During the opening of the Health Assembly, Member States will be invited to also consider the adoption of special procedures, the verification of credentials and the adoption of a written silence procedure. Please see the timetable for more details.

³ The Committees of the Health Assembly will not convene.

⁴ Under this item, Member States will be invited to consider suspending the Health Assembly until it can meet in a resumed session later in 2020.