

Virtual Meeting Platform for WHA73

PLATFORM

Interprefy platform will be used for *de minimus* virtual sessions of WHA73 and EB147. More information about the platform is available at <https://www.interprefy.com/>.

The platform was chosen based on its use at other UN agencies such as ITU, UNOG and WTO; and, among similar platforms, the ability to support the largest number of participants.

In addition to the Interprefy platform, the virtual sessions will also be broadcast on the WHO web site in all six official languages.

PARTICIPANTS TYPES AND LIMITS

The platform supports around 300 speakers (able to raise their hand and take the floor) and 2,000 viewers (able to follow the session but unable to take the floor). Sessions will have separate links for speakers and participants.

The role of a participant in a session is determined in advance of a session and cannot be switched while it is in progress.

Given the limit of 300 speakers, each Member State will have a speaker defined for each of the sessions. The remaining delegates will follow the sessions as viewers.

Speakers representing a member state for different sessions can be different. The role of speakers for the sessions will be defined with input provided by the Member States' Registration Focal Points.

REGISTRATION AND ACCOUNT FOR ACCESSING THE PLATFORM

Access to the platform will be secured through accounts and pass codes delivered via email and/or SMS to mobile phones. All delegates will be provided with accounts linked to their email address and mobile numbers to access the platform.

The process of registration of delegates remains unchanged - Registration Focal Points will register delegate using the eMRS registration system. This year, we are requesting delegates' email addresses and mobile phone numbers to be used for their accounts to access the virtual meeting platform.

After the Registration Focal Point has entered the delegates' information in the registration system, the Secretariat will send emails to each of the delegates with information on the creation of their account, instructions to access the virtual platform, and the process to upload video statements and transcripts.

As the creation of accounts to access the platform requires some time, we request the Registration Focal Points to register delegates as soon as is practicable, preferably by the first half of next week.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CONNECTING TO THE PLATFORM

A standard browser running on a personal computer is enough to connect to the platform. Google Chrome is recommended. Firefox and Microsoft Edge (80+) are also supported.

An Internet connection with bandwidth of 2mbps or higher is required.

Headsets with microphones and webcam are required for speakers to make interventions.

Tablets or mobile devices are not recommended for participating in the virtual sessions.

TESTING THE PLATFORM

Participants may wish to conduct a test of the interpret platform in advance to ensure they have the right equipment and settings to join. Testing and live guidance is available at the following link:

<https://interpret.world/login=S-WHO-QA-test>

The link will establish connection with virtual meeting support personnel, who will be available from Monday, 11 May to Friday, 15 May from 07:00 until 22:00 CEST (GMT+2) every day. They will help with the test and provide training on how to use the platform. The test does not require any authentication.

Participants should carry out the above testing with the equipment and the location that they plan to use for the WHA73 virtual sessions.

SUPPORT

Registration Focal Points, delegates and their support staff can contact the Secretariat any time before the sessions if they require support for the creation of accounts and testing of the platform; and during the sessions if they face issues joining. The contact email is:

WHA-ITsupport@who.int.