

## **Practical aspects relating to the conduct of the joint plenary meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response and the Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) for Member States, Associate Members, regional economic integration organizations, and relevant stakeholders**

1. The **provisional agenda** for the joint plenary meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB) and the Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) (WGIHR) to be held on 21 and 24 July 2023 is now online.<sup>1</sup>
2. To help prepare for the meeting, please note the following **practical aspects** as proposed by the INB and WGIHR Bureaux:
  - (1) The plenary meeting will be in a hybrid format and will take place at the following times:
    - Friday 21 July 2023, from 14:00 to 17:00 (CEST)
    - Monday 24 July 2023, from 09:00 to 12:00 (CEST)
  - (2) In line with previous plenary meetings and the promotion of transparency in the work of the INB and the WGIHR, the Bureaux propose that the meeting be publicly webcast. Invited participants for the discussions will include Member States, Associate Members, regional

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<sup>1</sup> Available on the documentation pages of both the INB and WGIHR documentation pages (<https://apps.who.int/gb/inb/> and <https://apps.who.int/gb/wgihhr/>, respectively).

economic integration organizations and relevant stakeholders as per documents A/INB/5/4 and A/WGIHR/3/3.

- (3) To facilitate efficient work, participants are kindly requested to note the following:
- For the WGIHR, the revised article-by-article compilation of amendments is the basis for consideration of the proposed amendments and is available online.<sup>1</sup>
  - For the INB, the Bureau’s text of the WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response (WHO CA+) (document A/INB/5/6) is the basis for consideration and is available online.<sup>2</sup>
  - The revised list of topics of common interest will be posted online.
- (4) With respect to the agenda, the discussions are envisaged as follows:
- (i) Under agenda item 2, participants will be invited to exchange views on the objective and scope of the instruments, the relationship between them, and definitional considerations, including in relation to a public health emergency of international concern and pandemic.
  - (ii) Under agenda item 3, participants will be invited to discuss topics of common interest to the INB and the WGIHR and provide views on how to move further towards coherence and complementarity between the two instruments.
  - (iii) In line with established practice, speaking times will be four minutes for group/regional statements, three minutes for Member States and two minutes for relevant stakeholders.
- (5) After the meeting, the INB and WGIHR Bureaux will prepare a summary of the main outcomes of the discussion, which will be circulated to all Member States.

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<sup>1</sup> Available on the documentation page of the first meeting of the WGIHR ([https://apps.who.int/gb/wgihhr/e/e\\_wgihhr-1.html](https://apps.who.int/gb/wgihhr/e/e_wgihhr-1.html), accessed 6 July 2023).

<sup>2</sup> Available on the documentation page of the fifth meeting of the INB ([https://apps.who.int/gb/inb/e/e\\_inb-5.html](https://apps.who.int/gb/inb/e/e_inb-5.html), accessed 6 July 2023).