



**High-level meetings on pandemic preparedness prevention and response,
universal health coverage and the fight against tuberculosis
20, 21 and 22 September 2023**

LOGISTICS NOTE

1. Overview

The General Assembly’s health-related high-level meetings on **pandemic preparedness, prevention and response, universal health coverage and the fight against tuberculosis** will be held on 20, 21 and 22 September 2023 respectively, in accordance with resolution 77/275 entitled “Scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response”, resolution 75/315 entitled “Scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting on universal health coverage” and resolution 77/274 entitled “Scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting on the fight against tuberculosis”.

The high-level meeting on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response will focus on the theme: “Creating and maintaining political momentum and solidarity for Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response”.

The high-level meeting on universal health coverage will focus on the theme: “Universal health coverage: expanding our ambition for health and well-being in a post-COVID world”.

For the high-level meeting on the fight against tuberculosis the overall theme will be “Advancing science, finance and innovation, and their benefits, to urgently end the global tuberculosis epidemic, in particular by ensuring equitable access to prevention, testing, treatment and care”.

The schedule of the three meetings will be as follows:

10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Opening segment (Conference Room 1)
10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.	Plenary Segment (Conference Room 1)
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Multi-stakeholder panel 1 (Conference Room 2)
3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Multi-stakeholder panel 2 (Conference Room 2)
5:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Closing segment (Conference Room 1)

2. Political Declarations

Each of the three high-level meetings shall approve a concise and action-oriented political declaration, agreed in advance by consensus through intergovernmental negotiations, to be submitted by the President of the General Assembly for adoption by the General Assembly.

3. Opening, plenary segments and closing

The opening segments of the three high-level meetings will feature statements by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the World Health Organization. Additionally, the meetings on Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response and Universal Health Coverage will feature the President of the World Bank Group as well as eminent high-level champions of pandemic prevention preparedness and response as well as of universal health coverage, respectively.

During the high-level meeting on the fight against tuberculosis, the following speakers will also address the General Assembly: the President of the Economic and Social Council, the Chair of the Stop TB Partnership Board, an eminent high-level champion of the fight against tuberculosis and a person affected by tuberculosis

The plenary segment of the high-level meetings on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response (A/RES/77/275) and the fight against tuberculosis (A/RES/77/274) will comprise statements by Member States and members of the United Nations specialized agencies. For the high-level meeting on universal health coverage (A/RES/75/315), the plenary segment will feature statements by Member States and Observers of the General Assembly.

The closing segments will comprise summaries of the multi-stakeholder panels and concluding remarks by the President of the General Assembly. Additionally, a person affected by tuberculosis will speak at the closing segment of the high-level meeting on the fight against tuberculosis.

Seating

Seating will follow the General Assembly seating protocol and will be 1+1 for each delegation.

4. List of speakers

In accordance with the aforementioned resolutions, the plenary segments will be held from 10.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. A list of speakers for the plenary segments is established in accordance with the established practices of the General Assembly, and the time limits for statements will be three minutes for national statements made by individual delegations and five minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States.

Inscription on the list of speakers for the three high-level meetings opened on the e-deleGATE platform on Tuesday, 1 August (Wednesday, 2 August, for Universal Health Coverage), and will remain open until Tuesday, 5 September, at 6 p.m. EDT. The list of speakers will be circulated prior to the high-level meetings.

Members of the United Nations specialized agencies which do not have access to e-Speakers and wish to inscribe on the list of speakers for the high-level meeting on pandemic prevention,

preparedness and response should email the name and title of their speaker to Mr. Dino Del Vasto (del-vasto@un.org)

Members of the United Nations specialized agencies which do not have access to e-Speakers and wish to inscribe on the list of speakers for the high-level meeting on the fight against tuberculosis should email the name and title of their speaker to Mr. Victor Leu (leu@un.org).

Observers of the General Assembly which do not have access to e-Speakers and wish to inscribe on the list of speakers for the high-level meeting on universal health coverage should email the name and title of their speaker to Ms. Chihiro Mitsuda (chihiro.mitsuda@un.org).

5. Multi-stakeholder panels

The multi-stakeholder panels will be held in parallel to the plenary segments and will address the following themes:

5.1. High-level meeting on pandemic preparedness, prevention and response:

- Panel 1: Ensuring equity through governance and accountability for PPPR by utilizing multi-sectoral coordination at all levels
 - Co-chairs:
 - H.E. Ms. Carla Vizzotti, Minister of Health of Argentina
 - H.E. Ms. Riina Sikkut, Minister of Health of Estonia
- Panel 2: Ensuring equity through capacity building for PPPR and harnessing timely, sustainable and innovative financing and investment
 - Co-chairs:
 - H.E. Prof. Dr. Karl Lauterbach, Minister of Health of Germany
 - H.E. Mr. Ong Ye Kung, Minister of Health of Singapore

5.2 High-level meeting on universal health coverage

- Panel 1: What is a primary health care approach and why does it matter?
 - Co-chairs:
 - H.E. Mr. William Samoei Ruto, President of Kenya
 - H.E. Ms. Acko Ankarberg Johansson, Minister of Healthcare of Sweden
- Panel 2: Aligning our investments for health and well-being in a post-COVID world
 - Co-chairs:
 - H.E. Mrs. Azhar Giniyat, Minister of Healthcare of Kazakhstan
 - H.E. Mr. Chris Fearne, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Health of Malta

5.3. High-level meeting on the fight against tuberculosis

- Panel 1: Accelerating multisectoral actions to ensure equitable high-quality people-centered tuberculosis care, and addressing determinants of tuberculosis in the context of universal health coverage
 - Co-chairs:
 - H.E. Mr. Budi Gunadi Sadikin, Minister of Health of Indonesia
 - H.E. Ms. Karina Rando, Minister of Public Health of Uruguay
- Panel 2: Scaling up adequate and sustainable national, regional and international financing to ensure equity in tuberculosis service delivery, innovative strategies, as well as for the research and development of new diagnostics, vaccines and medicines
 - Co-chairs:
 - H.E. Dr. Lia Tedesse, Minister of Health of Ethiopia
 - H.E. Dr. Alexandru Rafila, Minister of Health of Romania

5.4. Format for Panels, time limits for statements and expressions of interest

Discussions in the multi-stakeholder panels are intended to be interactive in nature and there will be no pre-established list of speakers. Time limits for interventions will be two minutes for individual delegations and three minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States. For planning purposes, Member States will be invited to express their interest to participate in one of the panels at each of the high-level meetings through the e-deleGATE system. However, expressions of interest do not necessarily guarantee participation. Further details on expressions of interest for the Panels will follow.

5.5. Seating arrangements for the Panels:

Seating will follow the General Assembly seating protocol and will be 1+1 for each delegation.

6. Participation of Member States, Observers, specialized agencies and related organizations

Member States are encouraged to participate in the high-level meetings, including the multi-stakeholder panels, at the highest possible level, preferably at the level of Head of State or Government. Observers, specialized agencies and related organizations are also invited to be represented at the highest possible level.

7. Participation of other stakeholders

Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council with relevant expertise are invited to register with the Secretariat to attend the high-level meetings.

The President of the General Assembly was requested to draw up lists of other relevant representatives of relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector with relevant expertise who may attend the high-level meetings. The Assembly approved the final [lists](#) during its plenary meeting on 25 July 2023.

The registration for organizations with special accreditation was opened on 28 July and closed on 11 August 2023.

The registration for organizations in consultative status with ECOSOC was opened on 2 August and closed on 11 August 2023.

8. Registration of members of official delegations

The registration of official delegations (requests for UN grounds passes) of Member and Observer States and other entities accredited with the General Assembly, as well as specialized agencies and related organizations, will be carried out by the Protocol and Liaison Service by using the online e-Registration system, available through the e-deleGATE portal (<https://edelegate.un.int>). Delegations wishing to obtain information on the system may refer to the updated guidelines on e-Registration and frequently asked questions on the Protocol and Liaison Service website (www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/protocol/registration-processes). The deadline for registration to all high-level meetings during the high-level period of the 78th session of the General Assembly is Friday, 8 September 2023.

9. Access arrangements

9.1 Access for Member States

In addition to grounds passes, secondary access tickets will be needed to enter the opening, plenary and closing segments and multi-stakeholder panels in Conference Rooms 1 and 2.

For that purpose, every Permanent Mission will be issued **two** tickets for access to **Conference Room 1** and **two** tickets for access to **Conference Room 2**. These secondary access tickets, issued by the Protocol and Liaison Service, are transferable amongst members of a delegation.

The secondary access tickets for Member States will be distributed by the Protocol and Liaison Service on Thursday, 14 September 2023 between 2 and 6 p.m. in Conference Room A. Thereafter, access tickets may be collected in the Protocol Office at Room S-0200 during office hours.

9.2 Access for Observers of the General Assembly

Due to the limited capacity of the conference rooms, observers of the General Assembly are invited to send an expression of interest to attend the high-level meeting in writing to Ms. Oksana Orlova (Oksana.orlova@un.org), no later than 1 September 2023. Access and seating will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, and secondary access tickets will be distributed by the Protocol and Liaison Service on Thursday, 14 September 2023 between 2 and 6 p.m. in Conference Room A. Thereafter, access tickets may be collected in the Protocol Office at Room S-0200 during office hours. Note that access tickets will be issued only to those who receive confirmation of their participation.

9.3 Access for specialized agencies

Specialized agencies of the United Nations are invited to send an expression of interest to attend the high-level meetings to Mr. Gerard Cianciulli (cianciulli@un.org) no later than 1 September 2023. Access and seating will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, and secondary access

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9.4 Access for other UN entities

Other United Nations entities, including funds and programmes, are invited to send an expression of interest to attend the high-level meetings to Mr. Victor Leu (leu@un.org) no later than 1 September 2023. Access and seating will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, and participants should expect an email with details on time and location at which the secondary access cards are to be collected.

9.5 Access for NGOs and other stakeholders

The registration process for representatives of non-governmental organizations with ECOSOC consultative status and other organizations with special accreditation was open until 11 August 2023 at the UN Indico platform. Once the applicant receives a confirmation email, they should expect a further email with details on the time and location at which the special events ticket is to be collected.

Due to security restrictions for the High-Level week of the General Assembly, access to the United Nations Headquarters will be via the checkpoint at the 46th Street and 2nd Avenue. Please note that for security purposes, a valid government-issued photo ID and a copy of the letter of invitation/approval from the United Nations are required: (i) to receive the special events ticket and (ii) to enter the United Nations compound. Participants should arrive one hour prior to the start of the event to ensure enough time for the mandatory airport-standard security screening.

10. Media and Accreditation

Media are welcome to cover the high-level meetings and to arrange press encounters, in accordance with the United Nations media accreditation procedure. The deadline for media registration to all high-level meetings during the high-level period of the 78th session of the General Assembly is Friday, 8 September 2023.

The information on press encounters can be found at the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit (MALU) website, under Media Alert (<http://www.un.org/en/media/accreditation/alert.shtml>). For any other media inquiry other than accreditation, please contact the Office of the President of the General Assembly (sim.mellouh@un.org).

Regarding accreditation, media accompanying Heads of State or Government or Heads of Delegation, including official photo and video, must request media passes in advance through the eRegistration system on the e-Delegate portal: <https://delegate.un.int/>. Media members who wish to apply independently should follow the instructions at: <http://www.un.org/en/media/accreditation/accreditation.shtml> (please note, the deadline for media to apply independently is 1 September 2023)

All members of the media, with valid passes, will be escorted to designated media areas by MALU. Questions or concerns should be directed to MALU at malu@un.org or 212-963-6934. Information on media arrangements during the high-level week can be found at <http://www.un.org/en/media/accreditation/unga.shtml>

11. Webcast

The United Nations Webcast services will provide live streaming coverage of the three high-level meetings in the 6 official languages, as well as on-demand coverage (recorded video) in English and the original language, through the UN Web TV website at: <http://webtv.un.org>. The coverage will include the opening segments, plenary segments, the multi-stakeholder panels and the closing segments.

12. Documentation, Statements, Non-official language interpretation and Accessibility

12.1 Estatements

Written copies of all statements delivered during the meetings must be sent to estatemnts@un.org well in advance of the meetings, but no later than two hours before delivery, in order to ensure proper interpretation. Statements submitted to estatemnts@un.org will be available on the UN Journal website (<https://journal.un.org>). The statements will remain embargoed until their delivery and then posted.

The DGACM Documents Assistance Centre (DAC) located in the North Delegates Lounge in Room CB-0264 is a central point of support for delegates seeking documentation assistance.

12.2 Interpretation services

Statements made in any of the six official languages are interpreted into the other official languages. Speakers are requested to deliver the statement at a speed that is interpretable. While delegations are increasingly given a time frame in which to deliver their statements, they are kindly requested to do so at a normal speed, to enable the interpreters to provide an accurate and complete rendition of their statements. When statements are delivered at a fast pace, the quality of the interpretation may suffer. It is suggested not to exceed the speed of about 100 to 120 words per minute (as a guide for statements delivered in English) to ensure that the statement is delivered at a normal pace.

12.3 Interpretation from non-official languages and closed captioning services

Any speaker may also make a statement in a language other than the official languages. In such cases, the delegation in question must provide an interpreter from the non-official language into an official language. Exceptional arrangements for bidirectional interpretation facilities for Heads of State or Government may be requested. However, there will be only limited facilities to accommodate such non-official language interpreters on site. Delegations seeking to provide their own interpreters for non-official languages are requested to inform the Meetings Management Section of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management well in advance by email (gmeets@un.org), and to copy the Interpretation Service (is-unhq@un.org), the Protocol and Liaison Service (unprotocol@un.org) and the Broadcast and Conference Support Section ([request-](#)

for-services@un.org). The Meetings Management Section will provide further instructions as necessary.

Closed captioning (CART services) will be provided for the opening, plenary and closing segments, as well as for the multi-stakeholder panels of the high-level meetings.

12.4 Support for audio, visual and physical impairments

Delegations are requested to inform the Secretariat of the accessibility requirements of their delegates, in order to facilitate participation in meetings. Upon request, adjustments can be made to seating arrangements, with a view to enabling the participation of persons with disabilities, in accordance with paragraphs 33 and 34 of General Assembly resolution [73/341](#). For individual requests, please contact the Meetings Support Section of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (email: accessibilitycentre@un.org; telephone: 212 963 7348/9), no later than three working days prior to the meeting. Every effort will be made to assist with reasonable accommodation, should it be available.

The Meetings Support Section also offers a print-on-demand service for meeting participants requiring Braille copies of official documents. Requests for Braille copies should be sent to the Chief of the Meetings Support Section (email: chiefmss-dgacm@un.org), at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting date for processing. The Braille printouts can be collected at the Accessibility Centre, located in the first basement level of the Conference Building (room S-1B-032), adjacent to the Secretariat Building escalators.

The United Nations Accessibility Centre offers assistive information and communications technology to support those with auditory, visual or physical impairments. The assistive devices are available on-site or as a loan to participants with disabilities. The Accessibility Centre is located in the Conference Building (first basement level, by the Secretariat Building escalators). For further enquiries regarding available assistive tools, please contact the Centre (email: accessibilitycentre@un.org; telephone: 212 963 7348/9). More information is available at www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/accessibility.