

General Assembly

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Agenda item 127

Global health and foreign policy

Scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response

The General Assembly,

PP1. *Recalling* its resolution 78/3 of 5 October 2023, entitled “Political declaration of the General Assembly high-level meeting on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response”, in which it decided to hold a high-level meeting in 2026 on a comprehensive review of the implementation of the progress achieved in pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, **[Based on 78/3 OP78 - PPPR 2023 PD]**

PP2. *Recalling* its resolutions 75/27 of 7 December 2020 on the International Day of Epidemic Preparedness and 76/257 of 29 March 2022 on elevating pandemic prevention, preparedness and response to the highest level of political leadership, **[Verbatim 77/275 PP2 - PPPR 2023 modalities]**

PP3. *Noting with concern* that the COVID-19 pandemic has revealed serious shortcomings at the national, regional and global levels in preparedness for, timely and effective prevention and detection of, and response to potential health emergencies, including in the capacity and resilience of health systems, indicating the need to better prepare for future health emergencies, **[Verbatim 77/275 PP9 - PPPR 2023 Modalities]**

PP4. Recognize that health is a precondition for and an outcome and indicator of all three dimensions – economic, social and environmental – of sustainable development and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and that, despite progress made, challenges in global health, including major inequities and vulnerabilities within and among countries, regions and populations, still remain and demand persistent and urgent attention; **[Verbatim 78/3 OP2 - PPPR 2023 PD]**

OP1. *Decides* that the one-day high-level meeting on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response to be convened by the President of the General Assembly in collaboration with the World Health Organization shall be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York, in September 2026 during the general debate of the Assembly at its eighty-first session, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and consists of an opening segment, a plenary segment for general discussion, two multi-stakeholder panels and a brief closing segment;

OP2. *Also decides* that the overall theme of the high-level meeting will be:

“Fostering a multilateral and intergenerational approach to prevent, prepare for and respond to pandemics and public health emergencies, through equity and the principle of solidarity”

OP3. *Further decides* that:

(a) The opening segment, to be held from 10 to 10.30 a.m., will feature statements of the President of the General Assembly at its eighty-first session, the Secretary-General, the Director-General of the World Health Organization, as well as an eminent high-level champion of pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, selected, in consultation with Member States, by the President of the General Assembly and giving due consideration to gender balance and geographical representation; **[Based on 77/275 - PPPR 2023 modalities and 79/273 NCDs 2025 modalities]**

(b) The plenary segment, to be held from 10.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., will comprise statements by Member States and observers of the General Assembly; a list of speakers will be established in accordance with established practices of the Assembly, and the time limits for these statements will be three minutes for individual delegations and five minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States; **[Based on 77/275 - PPPR 2023 modalities]**

(c) The closing segment, to be held from 5.30 to 6 p.m., will comprise summaries of the multi-stakeholder panels and concluding remarks by the President of the General Assembly; **[Based on 77/275 - PPPR 2023 modalities]**

OP4. *Further decides* that the organizational arrangements for the two multi-stakeholder panels will be as follows:

(a) Two multi-stakeholder panels will be held in parallel to the plenary segment, one from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the other from 3 to 5 p.m.;

(b) The multi-stakeholder panels will address the following themes:

Panel 1: The world together: multilateral action for coordinated pandemic prevention, preparedness and response

Panel 2: Equitable access through sustainability and predictability: capacities and financing for strengthened pandemic prevention, preparedness and response

(c) Each of the two multi-stakeholder panels will be co-chaired by two representatives, one from a developed country and one from a developing country, to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly from among the Heads of State or Government attending the high-level meeting, in consultation with Member States, taking into account gender balance, level of development and geographical representation; **[Based on 77/275 - PPPR 2023 modalities]**

(d) The President of the General Assembly may invite parliamentarians, local governments, the heads or senior representatives of relevant United Nations entities and international financial institutions, development partners, civil society, the private sector, academia, medical and scientific associations, Indigenous Peoples, representative organizations of persons with disabilities and community organizations to serve as speakers on the panels, taking into account gender balance, level of development, geographical representation and the representation of youth and older persons; **[Based on 79/273 - NCDs modalities]**

OP5. *Decides* that the high-level meeting 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 Assembly; **[Based on OP5 77/275 - PPPR 2023 modalities]**

6. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, with the support of the World Health Organization and other relevant partners, to organize and preside over an interactive multi-stakeholder hearing, before the end of June 2026, with the active participation of with the active participation of regional organizations, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, invited civil society organizations, philanthropic foundations, academia, medical associations, the private sector, broader communities, ensuring the participation and voices of women, children, youth, Indigenous Peoples, and people of African descent, persons with disabilities, as well as appropriate senior-level representatives of Member States, observers of the General Assembly, parliamentarians, representatives of local governments, and relevant United Nations entities, as part of the preparatory process for the high-level meeting, and also requests the President to prepare a summary of the hearing prior to the high-level meeting; **[Based on OP6 79/273 - NCDs modalities]**

7. *Encourages* all Member States and members of the United Nations specialized agencies to participate in the high-level meeting, including the multi-stakeholder panels, at the highest possible level, preferably at the level of Heads of State and Government, and invites all observers of the General Assembly to be represented at the highest possible level; **[OP7 79/273 - NCD modalities verbatim]**

8. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of representatives of other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, relevant medical organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community and the private sector who may participate in the high-level meeting, including its panel discussions, taking into account the principles of transparency and equitable geographical representation, with due regard for gender parity, to submit the proposed list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis¹ and to bring the list to the attention of the Assembly, in a timely manner, for a final decision by the Assembly on participation in the high-level meeting; **[Based on OP9 79/273 - NCDs 2025 modalities]**

9. *Encourages* Member States to include in their delegations to the high-level meeting ministers from all relevant ministries, as appropriate, representatives such as parliamentarians, mayors and governors, representatives of civil society, including non-governmental organizations, Indigenous Peoples, people of African descent, persons with disabilities, community organizations and faith-based organizations, academic institutions and the private sector with expertise in pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, philanthropic foundations, and networks working in the field of pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, with due regard for gender balance and geographical representation; **[OP10 79/273 -NCDs modalities]**

10. Decides that the proceedings of the high-level meeting and the multi-stakeholder hearing shall be webcast, and encourages the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the World Health Organization to give the highest visibility to the high-level meeting, through all relevant media platforms and information and communications technologies; **[OP11 79/273 - NCDs modalities verbatim]**

¹ The list will include proposed as well as final names. The general basis of any objections, if requested by one or more States Members of the United Nations or States members of the specialized agencies, will be made known to the Office of the President of the General Assembly and the requester.