Meeting objectives:

(i) to review progress towards full funding of the Programme budget 2016–2017 and improved implementation of the guiding principles of the Financing Dialogue;

(ii) to highlight WHO’s role in contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals during the post-2015 transition period following the Millennium Development Goals; and

(iii) to examine progress made on, and future plans for, key priority areas such as emergency reform and coordination of resource mobilization efforts.

Annotated Agenda

Thursday 5 November 2015

8:30 – 9:30 Registration, WHO Headquarters, Main Building, Geneva

9:30 – 12:30 Opening of the meeting and consideration of the funding of the Programme budget 2016–2017

Video presentation.

The Chair of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board will open the meeting with introductory remarks.

The Director-General will provide context for the meeting, its intended outcomes, and progress on the dialogue principles as part of WHO reform.

Presenter: Dr Hans Troedsson, Assistant Director-General, General Management, WHO

The Secretariat will present WHO’s overall funding outlook for the biennium 2016–2017 – including secured funding and associated funding shortfalls – and will present the challenges posed for implementation of WHO’s Programme budget 2016–2017. The presentation will include a demonstration of the newly revised programme budget web portal.

The subsequent moderated discussions will provide an opportunity for participants to seek clarification on WHO’s current funding status, share financing commitments and intentions, and discuss perspectives and challenges related to the achievement of full funding of WHO’s programme budgets in 2016–2017, including the increase of assessed contributions.

12:30 – 14:30 LUNCH

14:30 – 16:00 Session 1 – Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

Moderator: Dr Chris Elias, President, Global Development Programme, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Key discussant: H.E. Ms Rosemary McCaurney, Permanent Representative of Canada, UN (Geneva)

Key discussant: H.E. Mr Wu Hailong, Permanent Representative of People’s Republic of China, UN (Geneva)

WHO respondent: Dr Matshidiso Moeti, Regional Director AFRO

The session will provide the participants with the opportunity to discuss how WHO can contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and targets, as well as supporting the UN development system’s collective impact in efforts to strengthen the capacities of countries to attain these new targets.

This moderated discussion will explore WHO’s role in: building capacity in relevant institutions to respond to the ambitious new goals; nurturing ownership and commitment to global health development in a growing number of protagonists; securing funding for the new agenda; shaping the architecture for global health; and measuring effectiveness and impact in health governance.
16:00 – 17:30  Session 2 – Ensuring accountability for results and resources

Moderator: Dr Dirk Cuypers, President Board of Directors, Federal Public Health Services, Belgium
Panelist: Mr Robert Samels, Chair WHO Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee
Panelist: Mr. Donal Brown, Director Global Funds Department, DFID, United Kingdom
Panelist: Mr Andreas Mlitzke, Director Compliance, Risk Management and Ethics, WHO
WHO respondent: Ms Zsuzsanna Jakab, Regional Director EURO

The panelists will comment on progress made by the WHO Secretariat in increasing accountability, and will consider the challenges faced in developing an efficient and robust system and plans for overcoming them. Concrete experiences and best practices will also be shared.

The moderated discussions will focus on how contributors will continue supporting WHO in strengthening its accountability. Drawing on the lessons learnt, participants will further explore ways to institutionalize good practices and address the current challenges.

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9:30 – 11:00  Session 3 – Promoting coordinated WHO resource mobilization

Presenter: Dr Gaudenz Silberschmidt, a.i. Director Coordinated Resource Mobilization, WHO
Key discussant: H.E. Mr. Jimmy Kolker, Assistant Secretary for Global Affairs, DHHS, USA
Key discussant: H.E. Mr L. Hjelmåker, Global Health Ambassador, Sweden
WHO respondent: Dr Ala Alwan, Regional Director EMRO

The WHO Secretariat will present details of progress made in strengthening the coordination of resource mobilization efforts across the Organization, including plans to reinforce the implementation of the dialogue principles of predictability, alignment and flexibility, transparency and broadening of the base of contributors, as well as plans to improve results reporting.

Key discussants will share information on efforts made and challenges faced in implementing the dialogue principles since the Financing Dialogue was launched in 2013. Participants will be invited to explore ways of tackling challenges encountered by both contributors and WHO Secretariat, and to consider what contributors can do to ensure their continued support to WHO.

11:00 – 12:50  Session 4 – Addressing health emergencies

Moderator: Mr Elhadj As Sy, Secretary General, IFRC
Presenter: Dr David Nabarro, Chair, Advisory Group on Reform of WHO’s Work in Outbreaks and Emergencies with Health and Humanitarian Consequences
Presenter: Dr Sarah England, Senior Adviser, Office of the Director-General, WHO

The presenters will provide an update on the work of the Advisory Group, which has met regularly to provide guidance on the proposed reforms. In addition, the status of the WHO Contingency Fund for Emergencies will be examined within the context of the emergency reform process, the contributions and pledges received and the gaps remaining.

The moderated discussions will focus on ways to further strengthen and consolidate the Organization’s capacities to respond to and prepare for any crises that may have an impact on people’s health or disrupt the delivery of health care services.

12:50 – 13:00  Closing remarks