WHO’s Financing Dialogue

Towards improving the alignment, predictability, flexibility and transparency of WHO’s funding and reducing its vulnerability

25–26 November 2013
9:30–12:30 and 14:00–17:00
Executive Board Room, WHO headquarters

Meeting objectives:
(i) to review progress since June towards full funding of the 2014–2015 Programme Budget;
(ii) to identify areas of underfunding in view of expressed financing commitments/intentions; and
(iii) to identify solutions to address areas of underfunding and improve the quality of WHO’s funding.

Annotated Agenda

DAY 1

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<th>Session 1: Funding of WHO’s 2014–2015 Programme Budget</th>
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| 08h30-09h30 | Registration and Coffee  
WHO Headquarters, Main Building, Geneva |
| 09h30-10h00 | Opening  
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 the context for the meeting, its intended outcomes, and work undertaken since the launch of the financing dialogue in June 2013.  
The Secretariat will present a short demonstration of WHO’s new web portal. |
| 10h00-12h30 | Presenter: Dr Mohamed Jama, Assistant Director-General, General Management, WHO  
Moderator: Mr Keshav Desiraju, Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare, India  
Secretariat presentation: the Secretariat will present WHO’s overall funding outlook for 2014–2015 – including secured funding and associated funding shortfalls – and present the challenges posed for implementation of WHO’s 2014-15 Programme Budget.  
Discussion: the subsequent moderated discussion provides an opportunity for participants to: seek clarification on WHO’s current funding status; share financing commitments or intentions; and discuss perspectives and challenges related to achievement of full funding of WHO’s 2014-15 Programme Budget. |
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<td><em>Key discussant: Ms Elissa Golberg, Permanent Representative and Ambassador to the UN in Geneva, Canada</em></td>
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<td>This session will provide an opportunity for participants to examine the issues identified in the preceding session with a view to explore solutions to address WHO’s existing funding shortfalls.</td>
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<td>This moderated discussion will explore ways to: achieve alignment of contributions with WHO’s Programme Budget; increase predictability, flexibility and transparency of funding; and enable participants to share perspectives on innovative approaches to reduce the vulnerability of WHO’s financing.</td>
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<td>Participants will be invited to share experiences and perspectives on potential actions-specific steps that can be taken by both other contributors and the Secretariat to assist in addressing these challenges.</td>
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<td>Participants will be invited to propose and discuss mechanisms for implementing and monitoring identified solutions towards full funding of WHO’s Programme Budget.</td>
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**DAY 2**

Day 2 will continue the discussion concerning solutions towards WHO’s funding challenges. In addition, a series of moderated discussions will further examine specific issues, such as those outlined below, related to WHO’s financing and the financing dialogue that have arisen during Regional Committee meetings, Member State consultations, financing dialogue bilateral meetings, as well as during the course of discussions in Day 1.

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### Session 2: Financing of Administrative and Management Costs

**Presenter:** Mr Nick Jeffreys, Comptroller & Director/Finance, WHO  
**Moderator:** Dr Nils Daulaire, Assistant Secretary for Global Affairs, Department of Health and Human Services, USA

This discussion will include a description of how the Secretariat is considering to take forward external recommendations, focusing on: i) increased transparency of these costs, which will support improved management; and ii) more sustainable financing – also to include adequate provision for capital financing.

The session outcome is expected to provide suggestions to the Secretariat which will help it to finalize recommendations to be considered by the Executive Board in January 2014 as regards future financing of administrative and management costs, and to improve contributor proposal budgeting, to ensure full cost recovery.

### Lunch

### Session 3: Monitoring and Tracking Results, improving accountability and transparency

**Presenter:** Mr Scott Pendergast, Coordinator/ Planning, Resource Coordination and Performance Monitoring, WHO  
**Moderator:** Dr Nils Daulaire, Assistant Secretary for Global Affairs, Department of Health and Human Services, USA

The Secretariat will outline initiatives to strengthen monitoring and reporting of implementation of WHO’s 2014-15 Programme Budget throughout the course of the biennium and offer participants the opportunity to help guide our work in this area.

### Session 4: Evaluating the Financing Dialogue and the Resource Mobilization Experience

**Presenter:** Mr David Webb, Director/Office of Internal Oversight Services, WHO  
**Moderator:** Dr Dirk Cuypers, Chair of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board

The 66th World Health Assembly decided that an evaluation of the financing dialogue and resource mobilization experiences would be presented to the Health Assembly in 2014 for Member State review and guidance on any corrective action, where appropriate, in advance of proceeding with the financing process for the proposed programme budget 2016-2017. This session will summarize the evaluation approach the Secretariat is proposing and invite input from meeting participants.

### Way Forward and Closing

The Director-General and Chair of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee of the Executive Board will provide closing remarks.