

**17th WHO EXPERT COMMITTEE ON THE SELECTION AND
USE OF ESSENTIAL MEDICINES**

Open Session: Salle C, WHO headquarters
Geneva, 23 March 2009

DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE OPEN SESSION

09:30 Opening by the Chair

09:35 Opening remarks by Dr Carissa Etienne, Assistant Director-General, Health Systems and Services (HSS)

09:40 Update on current activities from the Secretariat:

Selection of essential medicines

- Dissemination of the reports of the 15th and the 16th WHO Expert Committees
- Future meetings of the WHO Expert Committee
- Report on activities since the 16th WHO Expert Committee

10:30 Coffee/Tea

11:00 Update on current activities from the Secretariat (continued):

- Report of the Second Subcommittee
- Second List of Essential Medicines for Children
- Review of the Terms of Reference for the Subcommittee

11:30 Comments on the agenda items

Participant Statements*

12:30 Closure

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