

Ready, Set, Influence: WHA77

WHA77 Capacity Building Webinar for PMNCH partners



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Objectives



- Provide an overview on 77th World Health Assembly (WHA77) proceedings and women's, children's and adolescents' health (WCAH) issues that will be discussed, including a deep dive on the proposed resolution on Accelerate progress towards reducing maternal, newborn and child mortality in order to achieve Sustainable Development Goal targets 3.1 and 3.2 (Agenda Item 11.7)
- Share with PMNCH partners opportunities to engage at WHA77 in person and virtually to advocate for WCAH
- Garner interest and commitment to align behind common asks and advocacy for WCAH
- Connect and bring together stakeholders from all PMNCH constituencies around WHA77

Agenda

| 14:00-14:05 | Welcome - Thahira Mustafa, PMNCH Secretariat • Welcoming the audience to the webinar |
|----------------------------|---|
| 14:05-14:15 | What is WHA and how does it function? – Sarah Kessler, WHO HRP Understanding the functioning of the WHA Overview of WHA77 |
| 14:15-14:30 | Overview of WCAH issues during WHA77– Margot Nauleau, Save the Children; Chair, PMNCH CSO engagement group for WHA77 • Explanation of key WCAH issues on the WHA77 agenda • Overview of the resolution on maternal, newborn and child mortality (Agenda Item 11.7) and advocacy alignment |
| 14:30-14:40 | How to engage at WHA77 in person and virtually - Giulia Gasparri and Kieran O'Dowd, PMNCH Secretariat Opportunities to engage at WHA77 in person and virtually, including WCAH-related side events Overview of the PMNCH social media toolkit for WHA77 |
| 14:40-14:50 | How to prepare an official statement – Arwa Hany Sharaby, IFMSA Liaison Officer to WHO • Developing and contributing to official non-state actor (NSA) statements during WHA |
| 14:50-14:55 14:55-15:30 | Summary - Thahira Mustafa Q&A Session and close - Moderated by Thahira Mustafa |

What is WHA and how does it function?

Sarah Kessler

WHO & UN Special Programme HRP

Interactive report

Who.int/reproductivehealth/en/ Kesslers@who.int



The governance of global health

What is the purpose?

- WHA is the supreme decision-making body for WHO and is comprised of 194 Member States.
- Main function is to determine the policies of the Organization
- WHA appoints the Director-General, supervises financial policies, reviews and approves the proposed programme budget
- Also considers reports of the Executive Board and considers which further action, study, investigation or reporting may be required

How often does it convene and who participates?

- · Annually in May; Special sessions of the WHA can be convened when extraordinary circumstances arise
- All Member States; NSAs in official relations with WHO (NGOs, private sector, philanthropic foundations, academic institutions), UN representatives and representatives of other intergovernmental organizations. Subject to Rule 22, representatives of the Press and of other information agencies may also attend.
- The WHA is presided over by one president and five-vice presidents, elected by Member States during the opening of the WHA; annual rotation by WHO region

Structure

- Plenary
- Committee A: technical matters plus the programme budget (items under GPW13 pillars 1 to 3)
- Committee B: more administrative matters
 Each committee elects a Chair, two Vice-Chairs, and a Rapporteur; annual rotation by WHO region





How is the agenda set?

- The WHA agenda is prepared by the Director-General and is considered by the Executive Board (EB) in January each year
- The WHA agenda is typically similar to the preceding EB agenda; where WHA items have already been discussed by the EB, they are indicated as such
- There is also an indication of which items will be discussed in plenary, Committee A, and Committee B
- Some items are only discussed at the WHA rather than at the EB (e.g. progress reports are only on the WHA agenda)
- Member States may propose items for the WHA agenda 4 weeks prior to the commencement of the EB





SEVENTY-SEVENTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY 27 May-1 June 2024

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Provisional agenda¹

PLENARY

- Opening of the Health Assembly
 - 1.1 Appointment of the Committee on Credentials
 - 1.2 Election of the Presiden
 - 1.3 Election of the five Vice-Presidents, the Chairs of the main committees, and establishment of the General Committee
 - 1.4 Adoption of the agenda and allocation of items to the main committees

Document A77/1

2. Report of the Executive Board on its 153rd and 154th sessions, and on its Seventh special session

Document A77/2

3. Address by Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General²

Document A77/3

- Invited speaker(s)
- 5. Admission of new Members and Associate Members [if any]
- 6. Executive Board: election
- 7. Awards

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- 8. Reports of the main committees
- 9. Closure of the Health Assembly



¹ In accordance with Rules 3 and 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, the provisional agendi (providing document numbers) will be dispatched, together with the notice of convocation, not less than 60 days before 27 May 2024.

² The main address by the Director-General will be delivered during the high-level welcome, which is scheduled to take place on Monday, 27 May 2024.

Focus on decisions/resolutions

In line with Article 23 of the Constitution, the Health Assembly has the authority to make recommendations to Members with respect to any matter within the competence of the Organization.

What is a resolution?

A resolution is the formal expression of the opinion or will of the WHA or EB

What is a decision?

- A decision is another type of formal action taken by the Health Assembly or Board that often concerns procedural matters such as elections, appointments, and time and place of future sessions
- Decisions are also sometimes used to record the adoption of a text representing the consensus of the Health Assembly or Board



WHA77 at a glance

- Dates: 27 May to 1 June 2024 (PBAC 22-24 May, EB 3-4 June)
- Location: Palais des Nations, Geneva Switzerland.
- **Delegations:** Only delegates with official WHA badges will be able to attend in person. NSAs are allowed 6 delegates per organization. (Please note that PMNCH is not allowed any badges for its members).
- Livestream: WHA sessions can be watched live online (in all UN languages)
 here: Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly (who.int)
- Daily schedule: The WHA schedule for each day is published in the daily journal here: <u>WHA77 (who.int)</u>
- WHA77 Roundtables: from 28 May to 1 June (13:00-14:15 CEST). More information available in the daily journal. Can be followed live here:
 Strategic Roundtables: Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly (who.int)

Where can I find official meeting documentation?

Please bookmark our website now: https://apps.who.int/gb/gov/







All WHA77 documents and livestream can be accessed on the WHO website here: Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly (who.int)





Overview of WCAH issues to be discussed during WHA77

– Margot Nauleau, Save the Children; Chair, PMNCH CSO engagement group for WHA77

Relevant agenda items for WCAH at WHA77 (non-exhaustive!)



- 11.1 Universal health coverage (resolution)
- 11.2 Prevention and control of non-communicable diseases incl. MHPSS (resolution)
- 11.4 Immunization Agenda 2030
- 15.3 Maternal, infant and young child nutrition
- 15.4 Climate change, pollution and health (resolution)
- 11.7 Acceleration towards the Sustainable Development Goal targets for maternal health and child mortality (resolution)

Resolution on MNCH at WHA77



- Many countries are not on track to achieve the SDG targets 3.1 and 3.2
- A majority of these countries are in the African region
- --> To address this, Somalia tabled a resolution on "Accelerating progress towards reducing maternal, newborn and child mortality to achieve SDG targets 3.1 and 3.2"
- Negotiations between November 2023 and May 2024 (still ongoing)
- Currently 12 co-sponsors
- Topics addressed include quality health services and medicines (UHC), nutrition, sexual and reproductive health and rights, health and care workforce etc.

PMNCH CSO engagement group of NSAs in official relations





- Information sharing among CSOs on a Member States led process
- Key messages and inputs to influence the text of the resolution
- Social media engagement
- Lancet global health commentary
- Join the Informal pre-meeting on item 11.7. on the 21 May at 9am CET. Watch here: <u>Informal</u> <u>WHA77 pre-meetings for Member States, non-State actors</u> in official relations and the Secretariat (who.int)

Download the document here: Key asks to

Member States for the 77th World Health Assembly draft resolution (who.int)

KEY ASKS TO MEMBER STATES FOR THE 77™ WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY DRAFT RESOLUTION

Acceleration towards the Sustainable Development Goal targets for maternal health and child mortality

(based on draft as of 3rd April)

In pursuit of accelerating progress towards reducing maternal, newborn, and child mortality, urgent and sustainable investment in primary health services is imperative. A continuum of care must be ensured for women and children across the life course. This includes the promotion and protection of sexual and reproductive health and rights are inherent to the prevention of maternal mortality and morbidity. Accessible and affordable skilled delivery at birth, quality postnatal care, specialized care for small and sick newborns, promotion of breastfeeding and good nutrition, as well as accessible immunization and timely diagnosis and treatment of diseases, are among the critical interventions that will prevent deaths among women, newborn and children.

At the heart of this endeavor lies the indispensable role of a well-trained and educated health and care workforce. Midwives, nurses, obstetrician-gynaecologists, and community health workers are pivotal in achieving the health-related targets set forth by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and must operate within supportive and respectful environments that foster collaboration, mutual respect and shared decision-making. They serve as guardians of patient safety, mitigating avoidable risks and harm. Their influence also extends beyond clinical expertise to promoting healthy behaviors and guiding appropriate health-seeking practices, essential for the survival and flourishing of women, children, and adolescents.

In light of these principles, and recognizing the urgency of the matter, we urge Member States to consider the halow suggested inputs for the inclusion of comprehensive language on women's, children's, and adolescents' health in the forthcoming resolution, "Accelerate progress towards reducing maternal, newborn, and child mortality in achieve SDG targets 3.1 and 3.2" considered for adoption at the 77th World Health Assembly. Such inclusion not only reaffirms Member States' commitment to achieving global health goals but also sets the stage for equilibration and comprehensive health systems for generations to come.

We congratulate Somalia for its leadership in preparing and leading negotiations on the resolution "Accelerate progress towards reducing maternal, newborn and child mortality in order to achieve SDG targets 3.1 and 3.2". We welcome this initiative as a way to call attention to the gaps that urgently need to be addressed, and importantly, to reach consensus among Member States on the means to be implemented so that all countries reach the Sustainable Development Goals targets related to maternal and child health and wellbeing by 2030. More effective coordination and implementation of existing strategies, policies and investment is critical to end preventable maternal and child deaths.

Sexual and reproductive health and rights

- We welcome references to SDG targets 5.6 and 5.3 (PP8-9). Universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights are inherent to the prevention of maternal mortality and morbidity.
- We suggest building language of former PP15 on stigma and underreporting into current PP6. "Deeply concerned by the preventable tragedies of maternal, newborn and child deaths and cognizant that postpartum hemorrhage, eclampsia and pre-eclampsia, sepsis, embolism and unsafe abortion are the leading direct causes of maternal mortality, and prematurity, birth trauma and asphyxia, acute respiratory infections, malaria, diarrhoea and congenital anomalies are the leading direct causes of child under-5 mortality; and that unless we provide effective interventions for the causes where they are most needed and address social stigma associated with maternal health-related issues such as abortion, HIV infection and obstetric violence, we will not progress towards UHC by 2030."
- We suggest removing the term "preconception/pre-pregnancy" care in OP 3.2 and request the use of the term "reproductive health" instead to ensure women's behaviour, activities and employment options, are not restricted:

"To develop relevant guidance to improve reproductive health care including the ability to prevent unintended pregnancies, [...]"

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How to engage at WHA77 in person and virtually

– Giulia Gasparri and Kieran O'Dowd, PMNCH Secretariat

How to engage at WHA77



In person:

Participate in official WHA77 proceedings and make official interventions through individual or constituency statements to advance WCAH messaging.

PMNCH partners making these statements are invited to share them with the PMNCH Secretariat to amplify them on PMNCH channels

Hold bilateral meetings with Member States and conduct Member State outreach to advance key WCAH advocacy asks and propose messages to influence WHA resolutions (e.g. MNCH Resolution)

Attend PMNCH Lives in the Balance Series and other partner sideevents during WHA77 to network, ensure alignment and disseminate WCAH messaging.

PMNCH will also have a booth in the UN Palais and we invite you all to visit us and connect with PMNCH members.

Amplify WCAH messaging on social media

Virtually:

Amplify PMNCH advocacy asks and partners' official statements on social media, websites and events to ensure greater and more aligned collaboration to influence the WHA negotiations (e.g. MNCH Resolution)

Support PMNCH's exercise on tracking and reporting Member States' interventions during WHA proceedings If interested in supporting these efforts, please contact Giulia Gasparri at gasparrig@who.int

Attend virtual side events to disseminate WCAH messaging

Amplify WCAH messaging on social media

Key resources to support your engagement



Key advocacy messages to improve the health of women, children and adolescents - 77th World Health Assembly (who.int)

Key asks to Member States for the 77th World Health Assembly draft MNCH resolution (who.int)

Additional resources:

- Lancet Commission on Investing in Health 3.0 (CIH3.0): Concept Note for the PMNCH Board – will present emerging findings at the Lives in the Balance financing event on the 29th May. CIH3.0 report will be launched at the WHS in Berlin in October
- 2-pager brief with ENAP-EPMM and Child Survival Action
- PMNCH Adolescent Well-being Investment Case Brief
- PMNCH Adolescent Well-being Investment Case Full Document. To be launched during the Lives in the Balance financing event on the 29th May.
- PMNCH Advocacy Brief: Investing in women's, children's, and adolescents' health (WCAH) for equitable and sustainable economic and societal progress

Key advocacy messages to improve the health of women, children and adolescents



77th World Health Assembly, Geneva, Switzerland, 27 May - 1 June 2024

Get ready, set, influence!

the WHA77 Resolution Accelerate progress towards SDG targets 3.1 and 3.2.

· Counter the anti-rights rights of women and girls, and accelerate financing and national universal health coverage (UHC) plans. Prioritize adolescent wel

plans and strategies and invest in adolescent well-being

life course and strengthen primary health systems to aver-

· Invest in well-trained health workforce, including midwives



All resources will be available here



WHA77 WCAH Side-events





Investing in Women, Children and Adolescents







- Opening event with spotlight on maternal, newborn and child health, Sunday, 26 May 2024, 18:00-20:00, Vieux Bois
- Investing in Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health with spotlight on adolescent well-being, Wednesday, 29 May 2024, 18:00-20:00, Fairmont Hotel

Register for on-site or virtual attendance

26, 29 May 2024

PMNCH Lives in the Balance -Registration form (typeform.com)

Partner events around women's, children's and adolescents' health and well-being

Would you like to share your WHA77-event with PMNCH to be featured here? Please fill out our event form.

What's killing our youth? The

26 May 2024, 17:00-18:30 CET



Walk the Talk 2024

26 May 2024





Congenital Anomalies and

27 May 2024, 08:30-10:00 CET

Impact of Road Traffic Crashes and Universal Health: Leaving No One





health and well-being 28 May 2024, 18:00-20:00 CET

29 May 2024, 13:00-14:15 CET

29 May 2024, 7:30-9:00 CET







Health in the climate crisis: from global policy to integrated action

29 May 2024, 07:30-09:00 CET

opportunities, risks, and

30 May 2024, 13:00-14:15 CET

global action against antimicrobia

31 May 2024, 13:00-14:15 CET



Diverse, equitable and inclusive innovation for a more secure, malaria-free world

27 May 2024, 17:30 CET



27-29 May 2024

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UHC2030 CSEM Networking Space at WHA77

27-29 May 2024, 8:00-17:00 CET



Climate change and health: a global vision for joint action

1 June 2024, 13:00-14:15 CET



All for Health, Health for All: the WHO Investment Case, 2025-2028



Celebrating 50 years of immunization progress: honouring impact of investing in global achievements, embracing innovation, and envisioning the

What is the health and economic



Event submission (office.com)



PMNCH social media toolkit



Don't forget to make your voice heard and amplify WCAH messaging on social media

Download the WHA77 Lives in the Balance Social Media Toolkit here



Keep an eye out for a PMNCH E-blast on 22 May with all things WHA including a link to the recording of this event; key advocacy messages to improve the health of women, children and adolescents; information about PMNCH advocacy briefs and reports to be launched during WHA; and a link to the recording of an informal pre-meeting for Member States and non-State actors to be held on 21 May. It will be one of the last opportunities to garner interest of Member States to sign onto the Resolution and for non-state actors to voice their key advocacy asks.



How to prepare an official statement

- Arwa Hany Sharaby, IFMSA Liaison Officer to WHO

How to prepare an official statement?



Interventions of delegates in Committee A and B

- Statements by individual non-State actors in official relations with the Organization will be limited to 1 minute (110 words) and constituency statements to 3 minutes (330 words).
- Non-State actors in official relations with WHO wishing to make a statement in Committees A or B should register on the non-State actors statements website (https://extranet.who.int/ nonstateactorsstatements/) and upload their statement. Statements uploaded on the statements website will be forwarded to the interpreters on behalf of non-State actors. If there are any questions about statements, contact nsastatements@who.int.

For more information, please consult WHA77 Guide for Delegates here:

Guide for delegates to the
Seventy-seventh World
Health Assembly
(who.int)

What elements make a good statement?

PMNCH

- Sharp and concise
- Stay within the allocated time. Otherwise your statement will be cut by the Chair
- For the MNCH Resolution session, use the CSO groups' advocacy messages to develop your statement https://pmnch.who.int/resources/publications/m/item/key-asks-to-member-states-for-the-77th-world-health-assembly-draft-resolution
- Coordinate the statement with other partners to increase its weight, e.g. through a constituency statement, mentioning that the statement is part of the PMNCH network
- Amplify the statement on social media after it is delivered. All PMNCH partners making statements are invited to share them with the PMNCH Secretariat (Thahira Mustafa mustafat@who.int and Giulia Gasparri gasparrig@who.int) so they can be amplified on PMNCH channels as well.

Committing to Implementation of the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health

24 May 2023 | Departmental news | Reading time: Less than a minute (213 words)

On the occasion of the 76th World Health Assembly, PMNCH has organized The Lives in the Balance series consisting of three events, touching on contemporary issues around women's, children's and adolescents' health and well-being, based on the World Health Assembly report on Committing to Implementation of the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health (2016–2030).

This is a key moment to assess the progress made since the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly, when the resolution WHA69.2 on this commitment was adopted. The resolution requested the Director-General and others to report regularly on progress towards women's, children's and adolescents' health to the World Health Assembly.

The report discussed by the PMNCH partners during Lives in the Balance events contains highlights from a full technical report on progress in and challenges to improving women's, children's and adolescents' health, including those caused by external threats such as the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, climate change and conflict.

Statements by PMNCH partners

- Amret
- Global Health Council, Inc.
- Handicap International Federation
- International Baby Food Action Network
 International Council of Nurses
- International Council of Nurses
 International Federation of Medical Students' Associations
- International Pharmaceutical Federation

76th World Health Assembly

AMREF Statement - Global strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health (2016–2030)

We are devastated by the stagnation and reversal of decades of progress for women's, children's and adolescents' health and well-being.

AMREF, the largest African development NGO and key leader within PMNCH supports the proposal from the Federal Government of Somalia, on behalf of 22 Member States of the Eastern Mediterranean Region, for a 2024 WHA-77 Resolution to accelerate progress for women's, children's and adolescents' health and well-being.

AMREF demands

- Strengthened commitments for women's, children's and adolescents' health and well-being, addressing inequities across the life course.
- Prioritization of comprehensive sexual and reproductive health and rights in national universal health coverage plans.
- 3. Realization of adolescent well-being in development plans and policies.
- 4. Support for health workers, including midwives, to provide quality and respectful services

Together, let us reclaim the gains and advance action for women, children and adolescents worldwide.

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PMNCH members attending WHA77

Rotary Action Group for Reproductive, Maternal and Child Health

DAI Global

Ferring Pharmaceutical

Abt Global

Babymigo

PATH
Transform Health
Maternity Foundation
Odibu Foundation
Community Centre for
Integrated
Development

Population Council GIRL Center AlignMNH Jhpiego

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Aga Khan University

UNFPA Burundi World Health Organization IRC/IAWG UNFPA ALMA UNICEF

Council of International
Neonatal Nurses, Inc.
(COINN)
International
Confederation of
Midwives

IPSF IFMSA IFMSA-Pakistan **Nexus Ethiopia**

Organization For Innovation and Sustainable Development Africa

Action for Girls Empowerment inc SERAC

Pathfinder
International
AMREF Health Africa
Reproductive Health
Network Kenya (RHNK)
Plan International
Malawi

The White Ribbon
Alliance Tanzania
World Vision
International
Women Deliver
RIHRDO
Biosphere Foundation
Uganda

USAID
Women in Global
Health
BCARE USA INC BCARE International
Plan International
Moe Innovation Africa

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Q&A

Summary of Resources:



- Check out the WHA77 agenda and documents here: WHA77 (who.int)
- Watch the WHA77 sessions livestream here: <u>Seventy-seventh World Health</u> <u>Assembly (who.int)</u>
- Read the PMNCH advocacy asks to Member States around the MNCH Resolution: <u>Key asks to Member States for the 77th World Health Assembly draft</u> resolution (who.int)
- Read the PMNCH key advocacy messages to improve the health of women, children and adolescents at WHA77: <u>Key advocacy messages to improve the health of</u> <u>women, children and adolescents - 77th World Health Assembly (who.int)</u>
- Join the PMNCH Lives in the Balance series: <u>Lives in the Balance Investing in Women, Children and Adolescents (who.int)</u>
- Check out WCAH partner events during WHA77: <u>Seventy-seventh World Health</u> <u>Assembly (who.int)</u>
- Check out all PMNCH knowledge resources for WHA77: here