



# Strategic Issues on WHO Agenda

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# Global Issues (1)

## Ebola outbreak and response

- Executive Board Special session resolution:
  - bring down to zero
  - assess role of WHO in the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response (UNMEER)
  - interim assessment of WHO
  - International Health Regulations (IHR) Review Committee (World Health Assembly)
  - plan for the Global Health Emergency Workforce
  - WHO Contingency Fund

# Global Issues (2)

## Reform of WHO emergency response capacity:

- Emergency Response Framework (ERF) reform
- leadership/governance
- technical capacity
- IHR implementation
- management and administration
- communication
- funding
- market failure

# Global Issues (3)

## Health on the post-2015 development agenda

- 17 goals including 1 health goal;
- Large number of targets – several with a health perspective;
- Targets and indicators finalized by United Nations Statistical Department;
- Currently good position for health

## Next steps

- ✓ To update national development plans and place health in them (link between health, Health 2020 and sustainable development (WHO representatives work intersectorally
- ✓ Ensure funding for the post-2015 agenda

# Global Issues (4)

## Antimicrobial resistance (AMR)

- Global action plan finalized for adoption by Health Assembly
- Cross-cutting retreat to strengthen coordination in implementation (Europe has its own action plan)

## Climate and health

- Relationship discussed
- High impact of air pollution on health, although national data are lacking
- More interaction between sectors needed
- European model to be rolled out
- Comprehensive WHO guidance needs to be better prioritized.

# Topics for World Health Day and world health reports

## World Health Days

**2016:** diabetes

**2017:** depression and suicide

## World health report

**2017:** state of the world's health (to include health information systems and “big data”)

# Priorities for the European Region

- Over 5 years, the WHO Regional Office for Europe renewed the policy environment in Europe and Member States adopted new policies, strategies and action plans in the Regional Committee
- Quick reminder is distributed of the 2014 summary of work done
- Now a new five-year mandate starts, and focuses on action and implementation

# Main focus on Health 2020 implementation, to promote upstream approaches

- Address all determinants of health: behavioral, social, environmental, etc.
- Invest in public health functions: health protection, disease prevention, health promotion
- Governance aspects: health-in-all-policies, and whole-of-government and -society approaches
- Life-course approach: ministerial conference in Belarus in October 2015
- Prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs)
- Remaining communicable diseases and health security (IHR)
- Environment and health



# Main strategic issues for 2015

## Regional Committee

- Intersectoral action for health:
  - health and foreign policy to link health to sustainable development
  - health, education and social policy for early childhood development and social determinants
  - health, environment and transport, to reduce impact of environmental pollution on health and promote physical activity
- Meetings in Berlin, Paris and Haifa
- European health report – New frontiers in evidence: reaching beyond targets

# Main strategic issues for 2015

## Regional Committee

- Renewed action plan on multidrug-resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB) 2016–2020
- Physical activity strategy 2016–2025 (to support the strategy on food and nutrition adopted in 2014)
- Roadmap for tobacco control (WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control) 2015–2025;
- Vision and priorities of modern health systems (primary health care, coordinated integrated care, sustainable financing, human resources for health, etc.)
- Renewed work on emergency response (as part of a global process);
- Discussions on maternal health

# Main strategic issues for 2015

## Regional Committee on margins

- Public health aspects of migration
- Lithuanian health policy as a good model
- Nursing/Midwifery

### Reports on work done

- IHR implementation
- Environment and health process
- Reaching the targets of the Millennium Development Goals in Europe
- Final report on TB

# Main strategic issues for 2016

## Regional Committee

- Implementation of NCD action plan
- Implementation of HIV/AIDS action plan
- Measles and rubella eradication and polio-free status;
- Malaria eradication
- Migration and health action plan
- Framework of action towards coordinated/integrated health service delivery
- Women's health
- Action on mental health (for 2017 Regional Committee)

# Most topics have research implications

- Support intersectoral work with evidence:
  - review policy briefs
  - review the main action areas between sectors
  - review evidence base
- Review maternal health strategy
- Review EPR
- Review WHO's emergency response

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# Thank you!