

TITLE OF PANEL / REPORT
Review Committee on the Role of the International Health Regulations (2005) in the Ebola Outbreak and Response
ORIGINATING INSTITUTION
WHO
DATE TO BE RELEASED
Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly (WHA69), May 2016
OBJECTIVE
<p>At the World Health Assembly in May 2015, Member States determined a mandate for a Review Committee of the International Health Regulations (IHR) with the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to assess the effectiveness of the International Health Regulations (2005) with regard to the prevention, preparedness and response to the Ebola outbreak, with a particular focus on notification and related incentives, temporary recommendations, additional measures, declaration of a public health emergency of international concern, national core capacities, and context and links to the Emergency Response Framework and other humanitarian responsibilities of the Organization;</li> <li>to assess the status of implementation of recommendations from the previous Review Committee in 2011 and related impact on the current Ebola outbreak;</li> <li>to recommend steps to improve the functioning, transparency, effectiveness and efficiency of the International Health Regulations (2005), including WHO response, and to strengthen preparedness and response for future emergencies with health consequences, with proposed timelines for any such steps.</li> </ul> <p>A68/Div./3, WHA68(10): <a href="http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA68/A68_DIV3-en.pdf">http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA68/A68_DIV3-en.pdf</a></p>
MEMBERSHIP
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