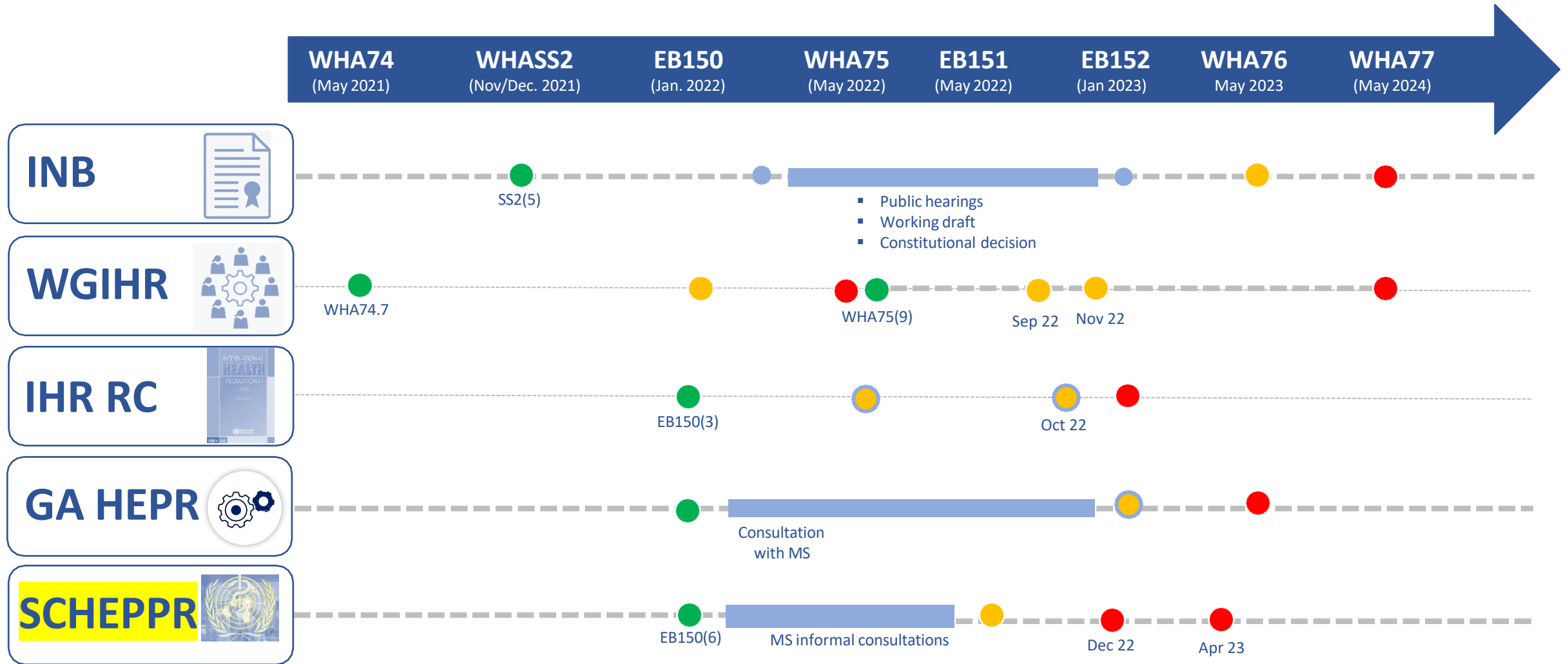


Update on Member States Workstreams on Health Emergencies

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Timeline of WHO Member State workstreams



Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response



Governance

Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response

> [EB/SCHEPPR/2](#)

13-14 April 2023

> [EB/SCHEPPR/1](#)

12 December 2022

In the event a PHEIC is determined, provide guidance to the Executive Board and advice to the Director-General, through the Executive Board, on matters regarding health emergency prevention, preparedness and response, and immediate capacities of the World Health Organization Emergencies Programme

Outside a PHEIC, review, provide guidance and make recommendations to the Executive Board regarding the strengthening and oversight of the WHO Health Emergencies Programme and for effective health emergency prevention, preparedness and response.

First Meeting of the Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response



World Health Organization
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH EMERGENCY
PREVENTION, PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE
Agenda item 5

EB/SCHPEPR/1/3
20 December 2022

Report of the meeting

1. The first meeting of the Standing Committee on health emergency prevention, preparedness and response ("the Standing Committee") was held virtually on 12 December 2022. The officers of the Standing Committee were appointed, with Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah of Malaysia as Chair and Professor Jérôme Salomon of France as Vice-Chair.
2. The Director-General provided the opening remarks, welcomed all participants and indicated that he looked forward to being advised and supported by the Standing Committee through the Executive Board.
3. The Chair recalled the functions of the Standing Committee as per the terms of reference contained in decision EB151(2). The Secretariat then provided a background presentation on the WHO Health Emergencies Programme, including an overview of ongoing public health emergencies of international concern, and the relevant legislation and oversight mechanisms. A rich discussion followed, including questions and comments from Standing Committee members, as well as from Member States not represented on the Standing Committee. It was stressed that the work of the Standing Committee needed to be complementary and avoid duplication with other relevant processes.
4. Since the Standing Committee shall meet at least twice annually and provide a report of each of its meetings to the Executive Board (as per the terms of reference contained in decision EB151(2)), it was agreed that meetings could be scheduled in March or April to report to the Executive Board meeting convening after the World Health Assembly, and in October or November to report to the Executive Board meeting convening at the start of the calendar year. Preferably, at least one of those two meetings will be convened in person or in hybrid form; the meeting dates will be set by the Chair and the Vice-Chair, in consultation with the Director-General. Efforts will be made to take advantage of existing formal and informal meetings when scheduling the meetings of the Standing Committee. When a need arises, ad hoc emergency meetings need to be called.
5. The Standing Committee discussed the misalignment between the terms of membership of the Standing Committee, because of the timing of nominations in December, vis-à-vis the normal cycle of committee membership that usually aligns with the Health Assembly schedule. The Committee recommended that the Executive Board consider the matter at its next meeting.
6. The Standing Committee considered and adopted its meeting report. The meeting was closed.

1st meeting was held virtually on December 12th, 2022

Members of Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response

Americas

Mr Nicolas Palanque (Canada)
Dr Julio César Borba Vargas (Paraguay)

Africa

Dr Edwin Dikoloti (Botswana)
Dr Daniel Ngamije Madandi (Rwanda)

Eastern Mediterranean

Dr Abdelkrim Meziane Bellefquih (Morocco)
Dr Qasem Mohammed Buhaibah (Yemen)

Europe

Dr Søren Brostrøm (Denmark)
Professor Jérôme Salomon (France)

South-East Asia

Mr Rajesh Bhushan (India)
Mr Bonifácio Mau Coli dos Reis (Timor-Leste)

Western Pacific

Dr Hiroki Nakatani (Japan)
Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah (Malaysia)

Second Meeting of the SCHEPPR



World Health
Organization
SECOND MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH EMERGENCY PREVENTION, PREPAREDNESS
AND RESPONSE
Agenda item 10

EB/SCHEPPR/2/3
8 May 2023

Report of the meeting

1. The second meeting of the Standing Committee on Health Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response (“the Standing Committee”) was held in a hybrid format on 13–14 April 2023. The officers of the Standing Committee, Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah of Malaysia as Chair, and Professor Jérôme Salomon of France as Vice-Chair, presided over the meeting.

2. The Director-General provided the opening remarks, welcomed all participants, and said that he looked forward to being advised and supported by the Standing Committee through the Executive Board.

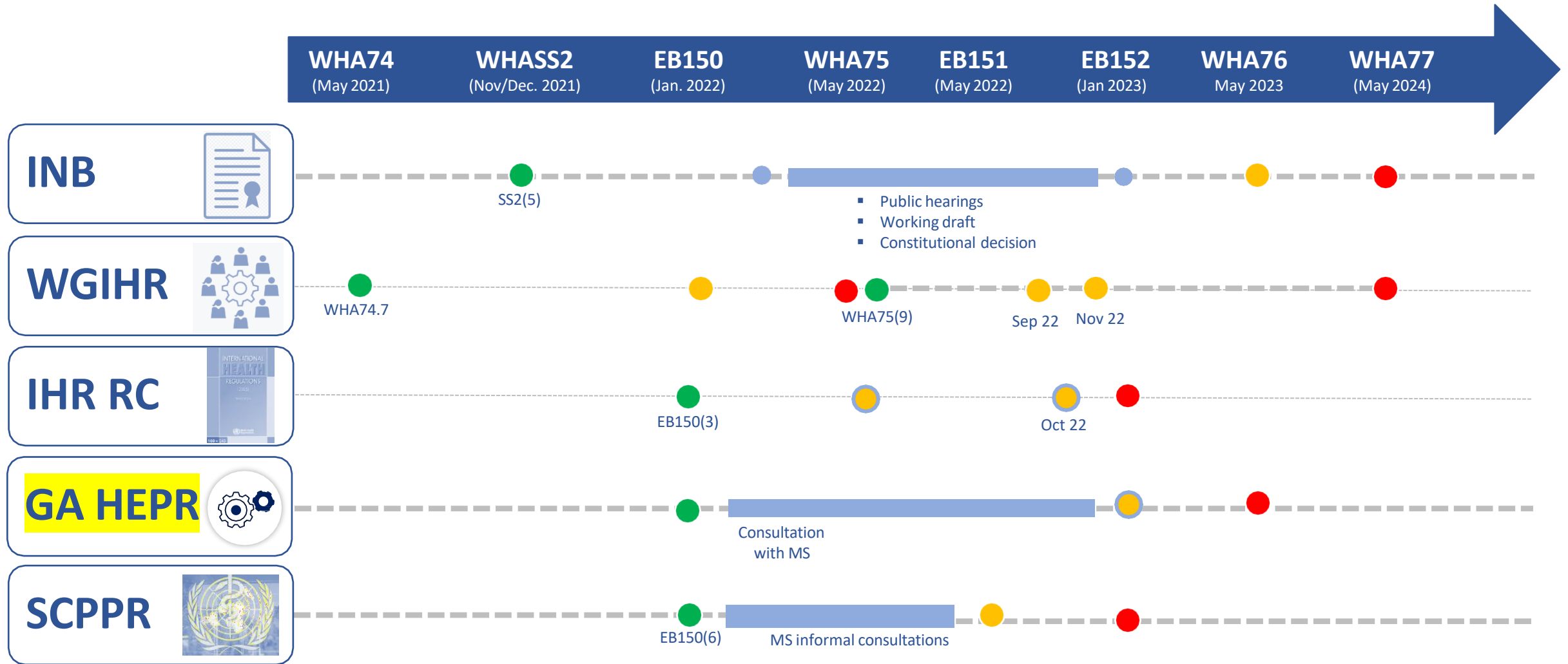
3. The Chair recalled the functions of the Standing Committee as per the terms of reference contained in decision EB151(2) (2022), reviewed the agenda and introduced the programme of work. The Chair referred to some general principles to support the efficient conduct of the Standing Committee’s work while noting that none of these principles in any way altered the terms of reference that were agreed by the Executive Board through decision EB151(2). In this regard, the Chair noted that:

- The main role of the Standing Committee was to provide guidance to the Director-General through the Executive Board on matters pertaining to health emergency prevention, preparedness and response, including by supporting the WHO Health Emergencies Programme, in accordance with the Standing Committee’s terms of reference;
- Avoiding duplication with the work carried out by other relevant bodies, specifically, the Independent Oversight and Advisory Committee for the WHO Health Emergencies Programme and the Global Preparedness Monitoring Board, was key;
- The Standing Committee should prioritize discussions on public health emergencies of international concern and, outside of those, on strengthening and oversight of the WHO Health Emergencies Programme and effective health emergency prevention, preparedness and response, in accordance with the Standing Committee’s terms of reference;
- Standing Committee discussions needed to be focused; and
- The Standing Committee should embrace simplicity with practical solutions in its approach and interventions.

Major themes that emerged included:

- the sustainability of the WHO Health Emergencies Programme in light of its increasing workload and how to strengthen its authority, responsibilities and support;
- making decisions on priorities, and the role of Member States in helping WHO integrate lessons learned from the pandemic;
- the need to revise preparedness and response plans to incorporate lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic and the urgent need to integrate these preparedness efforts with health systems strengthening, reinforcing relationships and collaboration on health emergencies across the three levels of the Organization;
- sustaining the achievements of the pandemic in such areas as genomic and wastewater monitoring;
- the need to strengthen diagnostic capabilities and their integration with multisource surveillance systems; and
- the creation and support of One Health initiatives.

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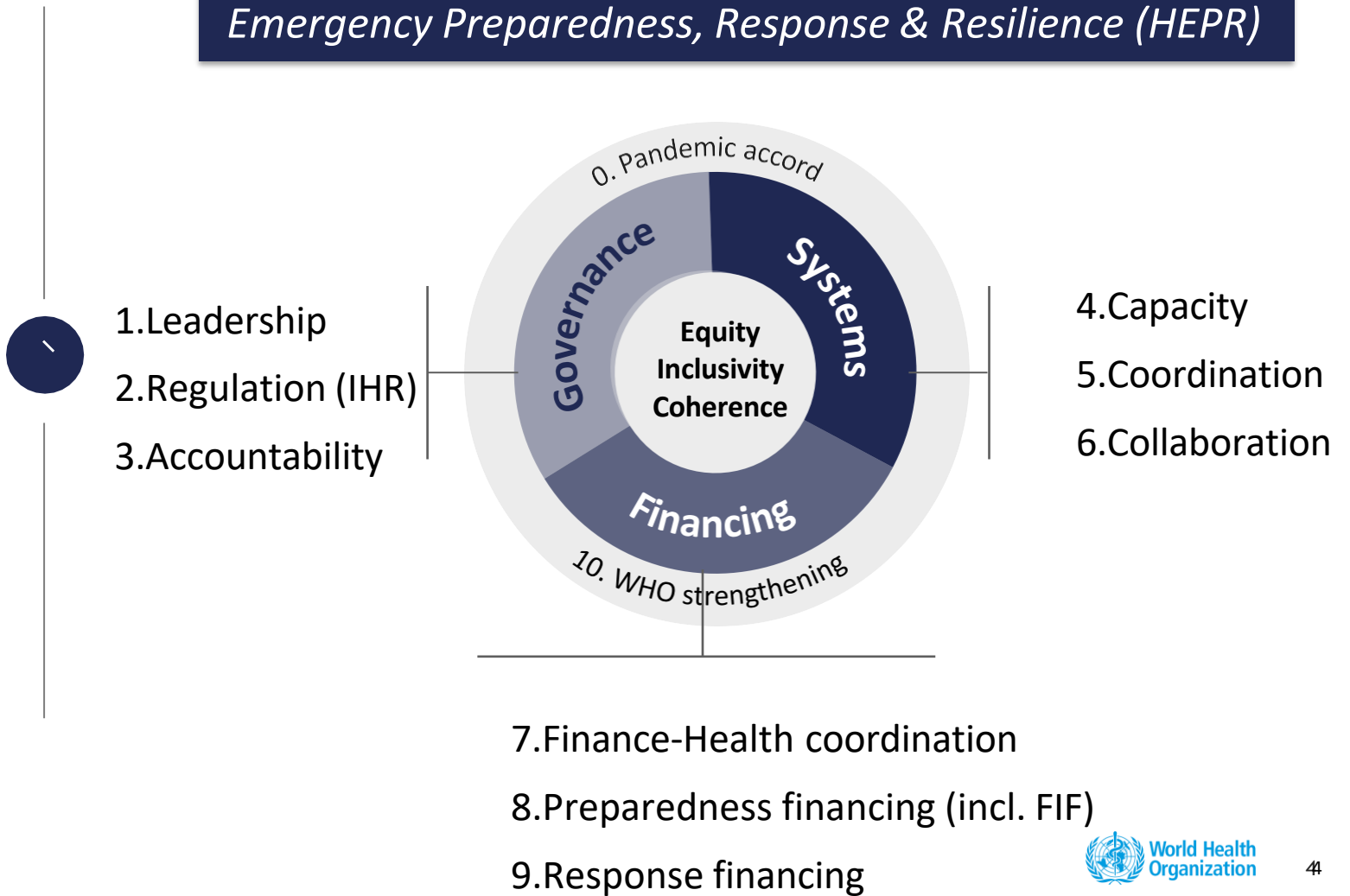
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Based on independent reviews,
synthesising **+300 recommendations** ...



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Strengthening the Global Architecture for Health Emergency Preparedness, Response & Resilience (HEPR)



Consultation process for proposals to strengthen global architecture for HEPR



Strengthening the global architecture for health emergency prevention, preparedness, response and resilience

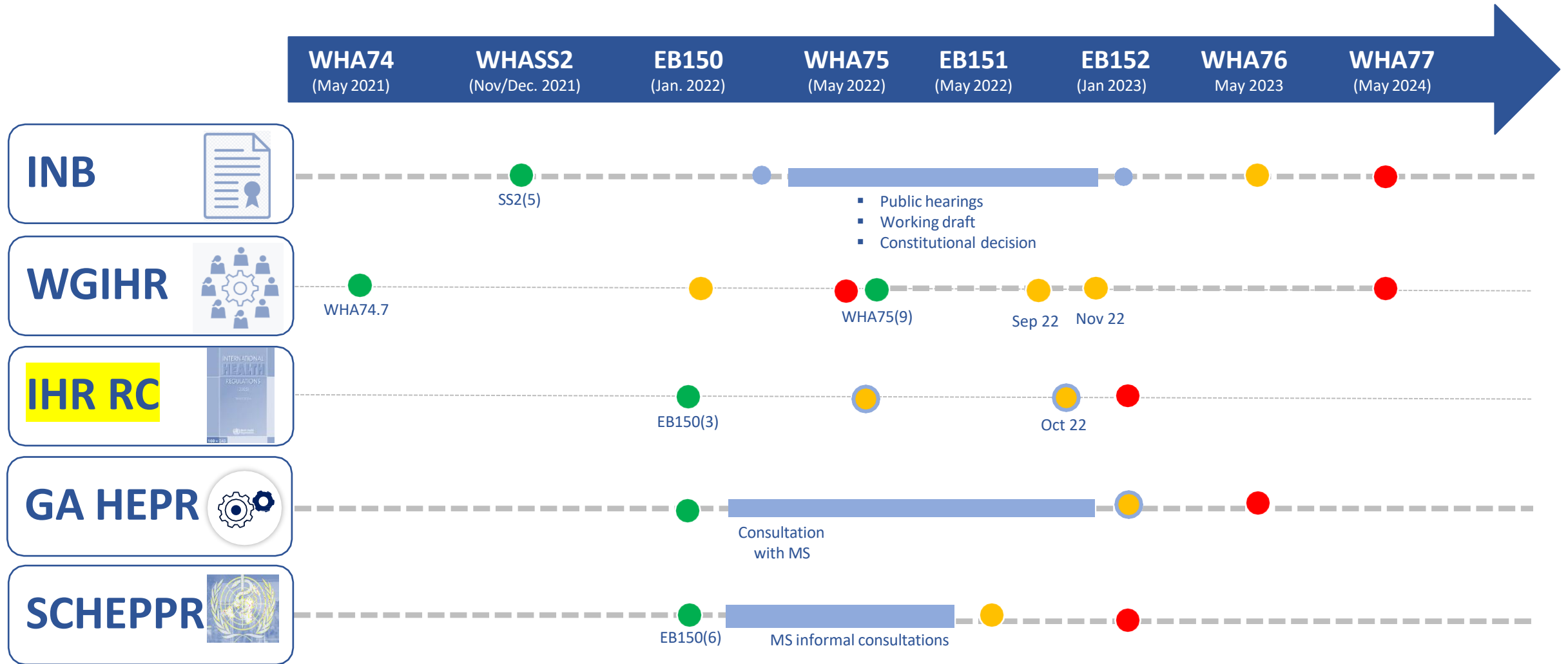
Strengthening health emergency prevention, preparedness, response and resilience

Expanding on the Director-General's report to the WHA 2023, this paper provides a two-part summary of the initiatives that are now underway to strengthen the global HEPR architecture.

Part I: Overview of the Member-State processes to reform the governance of HEPR at the global level; new mechanisms to secure sustainable financing for HEPR; and the five Cs.

Part II: detailed exploration of each of the five Cs, and the next steps to accelerate the implementation of the HEPR framework at the national level

Timeline of WHO Member State workstreams



Review Committee (RC) regarding amendments to the IHR



World Health
Organization
SECOND MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON
AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL HEALTH
REGULATIONS (2005)
Provisional agenda item 4

A/WGIHR/2/5
6 February 2023

Report of the Review Committee regarding amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005)

Report by the Director-General

The Director-General has the honour to transmit to the Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) the report of the Review Committee regarding amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) (see Annex) in accordance with decision WHA75(9) (2022).

The RC convened by the Director-General (DG) in compliance of 75 World Health Assembly: decision WHA75(9) and consistent with decision EB150(3) (2022), and in accordance with Article 50 of the IHR.

RC submitted its report to the DG in mid-January 2023 in accordance with Article 55 of the Regulations.

DG transmitted to the Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005) (WGIHR) Contained the review of 307 proposed amendments to the IHR submitted by State Parties

IHR Review Committee (RC) members

MEMBERS

Patrick Omwanda AMOTH (Chair), Kenya

H.E. Ambassador Juan José GÓMEZ-CAMACHO (Vice-Chair), Mexico

Clare WENHAM (Rapporteur), United Kingdom

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Hani JOKHDAR, Saudi Arabia

Yang LIU, China

Rana SAFDAR, Pakistan

Aalisha SAHU KHAN, Fiji

Sandhya Dilhani SAMARASEKERA, Sri Lanka

Vyacheslav SMOLENSKIY, Russian Federation

Sunita SREEDHARAN, India



Geneva, Switzerland, 28 November-2 December 2022

16 Member States submitted either individual proposals or on behalf of groups of states – 93 Member States in total

- Armenia
- Bangladesh
- Czech Republic: on behalf of the Member States of the European Union (EU)
- Eswatini: on behalf of the Member States of the WHO African Region
- India
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Malaysia
- Namibia
- New Zealand
- Republic of Korea
- Russian Federation: on behalf of the Member States of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU)
- Switzerland

Region of the Americas

- Brazil
- United States of America
- Uruguay on behalf of the Member States of the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR)

Proposals for amendments submitted to the WHO Secretariat

Proposals for amendments were submitted for:

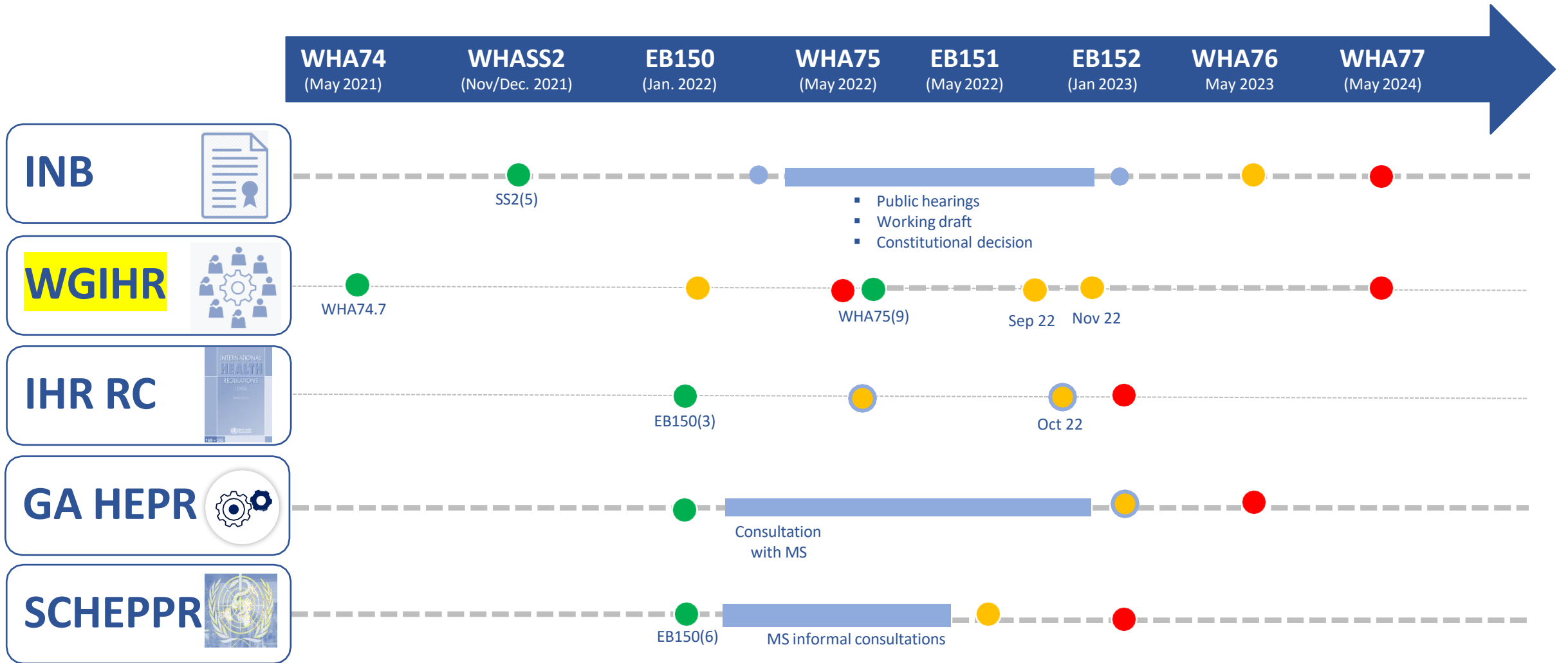
- 33 of the 66 articles of the IHR, with 6 new Articles
- 5 of the 9 annexes and a new Annex 2 and new Annex 10

Member States used different styles to identify the proposed amendments

An article-by-article compilation, using a single format to illustrate the proposed amendments, was used by the Review Committee for analysis.

Submissions were shared in all official languages via email with all Member States.

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Working Group on IHR Amendments (WGIHR)



World Health Organization

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Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations (2005)

> A/WGIHR/4 24-28 July 2023	> A/WGIHR/3 17-20 April 2023
> A/WGIHR/2 20-24 February 2023	> A/WGIHR/1 14-15 November 2022

The 75th World Health Assembly adopted the Decision [WHA75\(9\)](#)

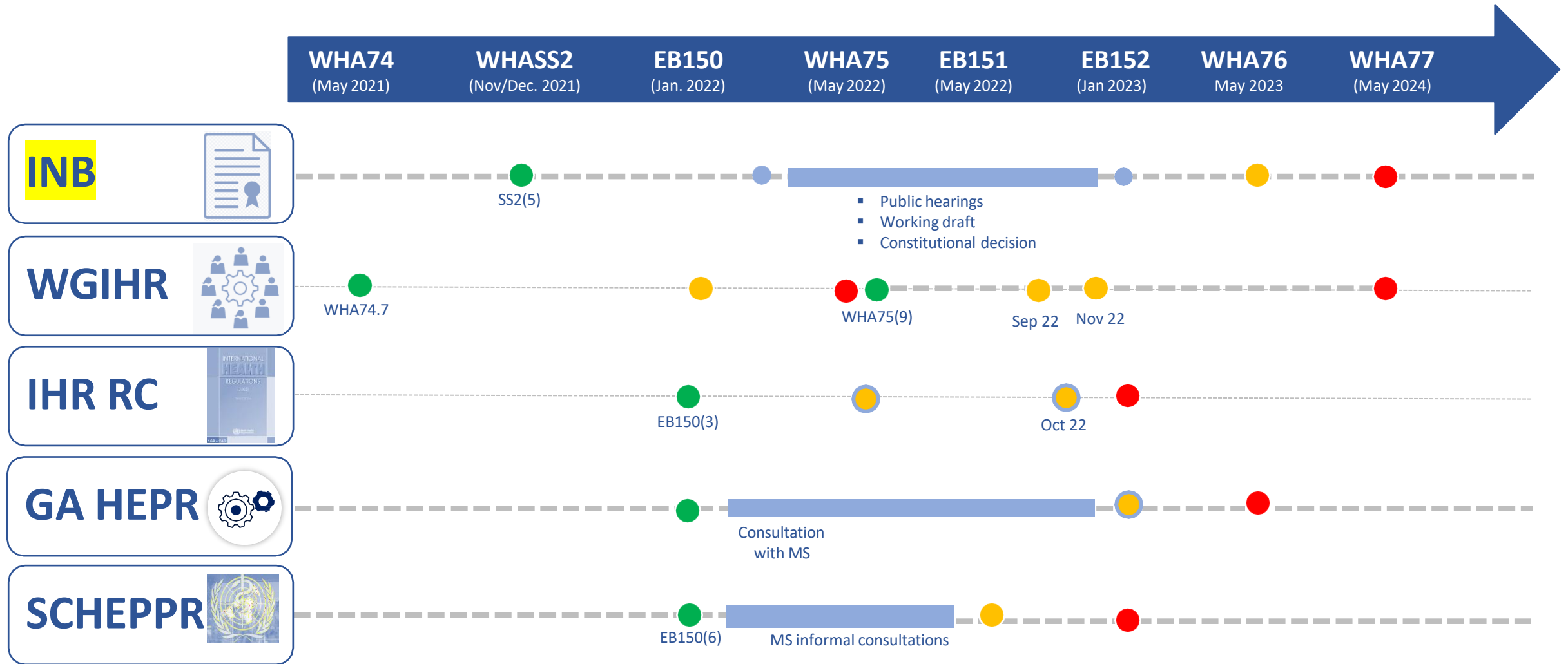
- Continuing the WGPR with a revised mandate and name (“Working Group on IHR amendments” (WGIHR) to **work exclusively on consideration of proposed IHR targeted amendments**, with a view to their **adoption by consensus at the 77th World Health Assembly**.

- Members:

Co-Chairs: Dr Abdullah Asiri - Saudi Arabia & Dr Ashley Bloomfield - New Zealand.

Vice-Chairs: Dr Sultani Matendechemo - Kenya, **Mr Colin McIff – United States of America**, Ambassador François Rivasseau - France, and Ambassador Grata Endah Werdaningtyas - Indonesia.

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INB



SS2(5)

- Public hearings
- Working draft
- Constitutional decision

WGIHR



WHA74.7

WHA75(9)

Sep 22, Nov 22

IHR RC



EB150(3)

Oct 22

GA HEPR



Consultation with MS

SCHEPPR



EB150(6)

MS informal consultations

Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB)



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Intergovernmental Negotiating Body

Intergovernmental Negotiating Body to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response

> A/INB/6 17–21 July 2023	> A/INB/5 (Resumed session and drafting group) 12–16 June 2023
> A/INB/5 3–6 April 2023	> A/INB/4 27 February - 3 March 2023
> A/INB/3 5–7 December 2022	> A/INB/2 18–21 July 2022
> A/INB/1 (Second resumed session) 6–8 June 2022 15–17 June 2022	> A/INB/1 (First resumed session) 14–15 March 2022
> A/INB/1 24 February 2022	

- Established by Decision SSA2(5) to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement, or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response.
- The final report will be presented at WHA77 (2024)

INB Bureau members:

Co-Chairs: Mr Roland Driecé of the Netherlands and Ms Precious Matsoso of South Africa

Vice-Chairs: **Ambassador Tovar da Silva Nunes of Brazil**, Mr Ahmed Soliman of Egypt, Dr Viroj Tangcharoensathien of Thailand and Mr Kazuho Taguchi of Japan.

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