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Introduction to the topics

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Positioning Health: First plenary

Changing climate of the world and health's place in it....

- ❑ The world has changedas well as our understanding of health and its place.
- ❑ This new place of health affects the way the global community and WHO will work in the next 10 years.

What is health today?

- ❑ It remains a technical issue but it interacts with many other aspects of human endeavour. It is....
- ❑ a gender issue,
- ❑ a political, economic, and social issue
- ❑ a global public good.

What is health today?

- ❑ a key factor of development
- ❑ a key component of security
(collective and individual)
- ❑ a key element of human rights and
social justice

- ❑ **This means that health is now recognized as a key component of social and economic development, governance, justice, and security.**
- ❑ **This new place of health and renewed understanding have implications on how the global health community attempts to influence health outcomes.**

Questions for the First Plenary Session

- **What are the implications of these new "understandings" of health for Member States and WHO?**
- **If all these understandings are valid, where should the emphasis lie and what should be included in a "repositioning" of health?**

Current situation and trends, challenges and opportunities

Second Plenary

- Major health improvements in the last 50 years but progress has been uneven; the world is off-track for the MDGs and inequalities in human development have increased**
- Current scenarios paint a bleak picture for the future, but there are opportunities to reconfigure the scenarios.**

Current situation and trends, challenges and opportunities

- The world is facing old and new challenges within and outside the health area (epidemics, health systems, poverty, security, governance) and also opportunities (partnerships, technology, etc.).
- Increased importance of the interaction between the national policy environment and the international environment.

Questions for Second Plenary Session

- ❑ **What are the most critical challenges to be addressed by Member States, partners and WHO to change the current picture?**
- ❑ **What are the barriers to overcome to make full use of the existing opportunities?**

A global health agenda, Third plenary

- A common agenda that will guide the response of Member States, WHO, and other partners**
- containing high-level goals focusing on health outcomes, health systems, social determinants of health**
- and also global health governance.**

A global health agenda

- ❑ based on HFA values and principles
- ❑ relevant to all Member States
- ❑ reflecting the outcomes of international conferences and WHO resolutions
- ❑ employing a broad vision of health beyond the health sector

A global health agenda

- acknowledging the need for new forms of global health governance
- identifying issues and processes that need to be developed over the next 10 years
- and defining high level goals

Questions for the Third Plenary Session

- ❑ **What reforms would help improve the health of the population? (discussion around the strategic issues outlined in BP4)**
- ❑ **What should be the functions of a global health system?**
- ❑ **What about the goals presented in BP3?**

WHO's Roles and Functions Fourth Plenary

- Identifying roles, responsibilities, and strategic choices of WHO (leadership, normative versus capacity building, country role, etc.)**

Questions for Fourth Plenary Session