Election of the WHO Director-General

May, 2016
69th World Health Assembly, 139th Executive Board

- Mock vote at the 69th WHA and 139th EB to test electronic voting

  See Res WHA67.2, para 2
  http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA67-REC1/A67_2014_REC1-en.pdf#page=25

- The Board decides the date of the candidates' forum

  See Res WHA66.18, Annex 2, para 1
  http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA66-REC1/A66_REC1-en.pdf#page=25

22 September, 2016
Member States

Deadline for Member States to submit proposals

See Res WHA66.18, paras 3-4
http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA66-REC1/A66_REC1-en.pdf#page=25

See Code of Conduct, para B.I (Annex 1 to Res WHA66.18)
http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA66-REC1/A66_REC1-en.pdf#page=25

See Rule 52(2) EB RoP
http://www.who.int/governance/EB_Rules_of_Procedure-en.pdf?ua=1

On or about **24 October, 2016**
Member States

Member States and candidates may participate in the web forum

See Code of Conduct, para B.II.11 (Annex 1 to Res WHA66.18)
http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA66-REC1/A66_REC1-en.pdf#page=25

November, 2016
Member States

Candidates' forum of maximum three days, chaired by the Board's Chairman and open to Member States: for each candidate, presentation by the candidate and Q&As session

See Res WHA66.18, Annex 2
http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA66-REC1/A66_REC1-en.pdf#page=25

23 January - 1 February, 2017
140th Executive Board

The Board draws up a short list of five candidates and interviews them. Then, from that short list, it nominates up to three persons and submits their names to the Health Assembly

See Rule 52(7) to (10) EB RoP
http://www.who.int/governance/EB_Rules_of_Procedure-en.pdf?ua=1

22 May - 31 May, 2017
70th World Health Assembly

The Health Assembly appoints the DG from among the candidates nominated by the Board

See Rule 106 WHA RoP
http://www.who.int/governance/WHA_Rules_of_Procedure-en.pdf?ua=1

2016

Apr | May | Sept | Oct | Nov

2017

Jan | May | Jul

22 April, 2016 - Secretariat

- The Secretariat invites Member States to propose persons for the post of DG

  Rule 52(1) EB RoP http://www.who.int/governance/EB_Rules_of_Procedure-en.pdf?ua=1

- The Secretariat also posts on WHO website information on the election process, applicable rules and decisions, and the text of the Code of Conduct

  Code of Conduct, para B.II.12 (Annex 1 to Res WHA66.18) http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA66-REC1/A66_REC1-en.pdf#page=25

On or about **23 September, 2016 - Secretariat**

The Secretariat releases names publicly, along with the names of the nominating countries in accordance with established practice

21 October, 2016 - Secretariat

- The Secretariat translates, duplicates and dispatches proposals, curricula vitae and supporting information to all Member States

  Rule 52(3) EB RoP
  http://www.who.int/governance/EB_Rules_of_Procedure-en.pdf?ua=1

- DG requests medical exam of candidates

  Res EB120.R19, para 1
  http://apps.who.int/gb/archive/pdf_files/EB120/b120_r19-en.pdf

On or about **24 October, 2016 - Secretariat**

The Secretariat opens a web forum for Q&As and posts on WHO website information on candidates

Code of Conduct, para B.II.11 (Annex 1 to Res WHA66.18)
http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA66-REC1/A66_REC1-en.pdf#page=25

1 July, 2017 - Secretariat

Start of the term of the newly appointed DG

See Res WHA65.2
http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA65-REC1/A65_REC1-en.pdf#page=25

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Member States
Secretariat