

78th Session of World Health Assembly: Highlights and outcomes

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WHA78: May 19-27

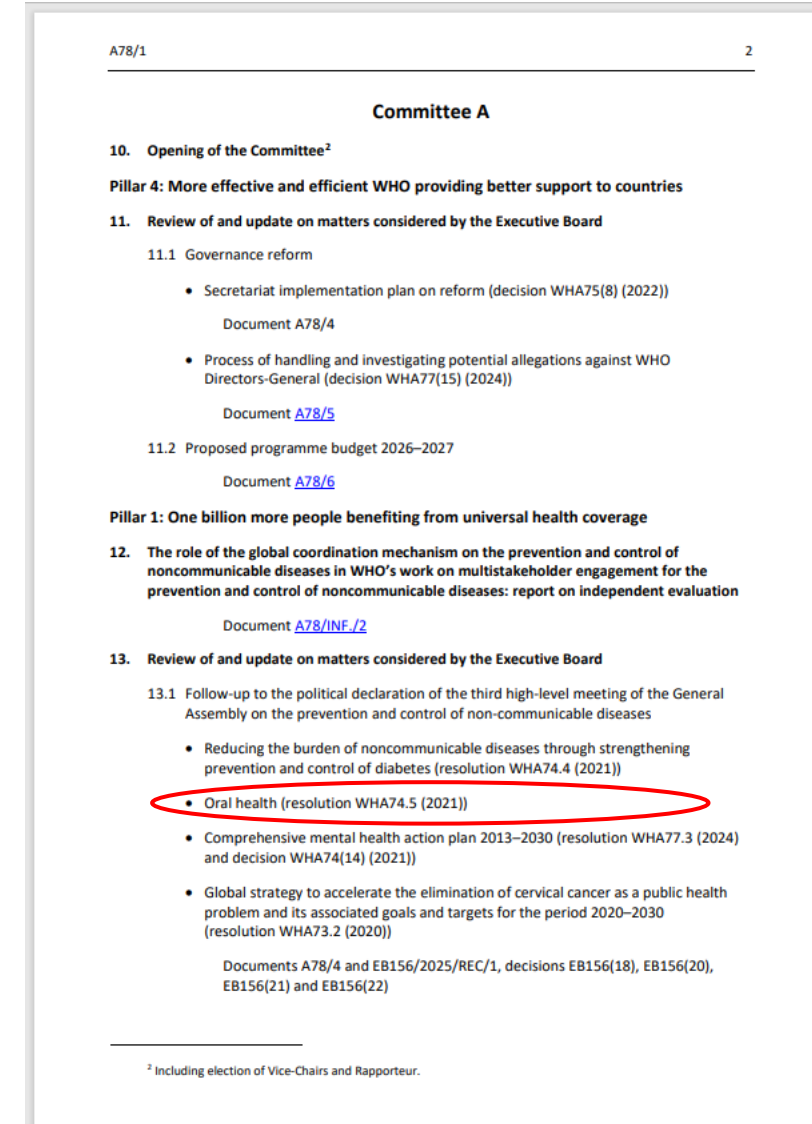
❑ In person; Geneva

❑ Theme: One World for Health

❑ The meeting documents are available [here](#)

❑ WHA78 addressed 75 items and sub-items

❑ Oral health was discussed under NCDs



Statements on topics of interest

- ❑ FDI co-developed four statements with the IADR on the following agenda items:
 - **Agenda item 13.3.** Universal Health Coverage
 - **Agenda item 13.1.** Noncommunicable diseases
 - **Agenda item 15.** Antimicrobial resistance
 - **Agenda item 24.2.** Maternal, infant and young child nutrition

- ❑ FDI contributed to a statement by the World Health Professions Alliance on:
 - **Agenda item 16.1:** Strengthening the global architecture for health emergency prevention, preparedness, response and resilience

- ❑ FDI collaborated with the NCD Alliance to deliver a statement on:
 - **Agenda Item 14:** Health in the 2030 agenda for sustainable development

Read FDI–IADR Statements [HERE](#)

WHA78: strategic side events



4th UN High-Level Meeting on NCDs & mental health (HLM4)

Enzo Bondioni
Executive Director

HLM4: Overview

Date: Sept 25

Time: 10.00 am – 6.00 pm

Theme: Equity and integration: transforming lives and livelihoods through leadership and action on noncommunicable diseases and the promotion of mental health and well-being.

Format: 1 Plenary, two multistakeholder panels.

☐ **Panel 1:** Tackling the determinants of NCDs and mental health and well-being.

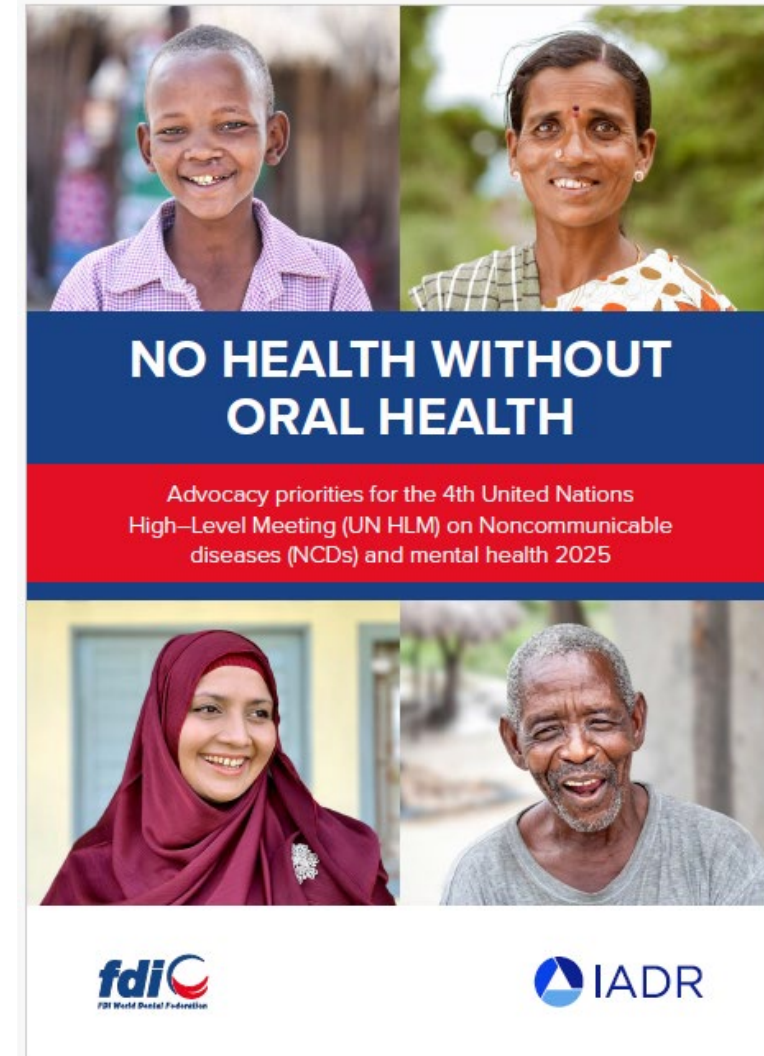
☐ **Panel 2:** Reshaping and strengthening health systems and financing.

HLM4: process and next steps

- ✗ **May 13** : The Zero Draft released. It made no reference to oral health
- 📄 **May 17**: FDI and IADR release joint advocacy priorities for HLM4
- 🤝 **May 22**: FDI mobilizes its Council and allies to address the gap
- 📢 **May 19 -27**: FDI discusses the gap with governments at WHA78
- ✅ **May 29**: 1st compilation includes oral health, Bangkok Declaration etc
- 📄 **June 13**: 2nd compilation with more reference to oral health released
- 📄 **June 30**: 1st Revised text with reference to oral health
- 🔒 **July –Aug** : Intense closed-door negotiations to agree the final text starts

HLM4: How can NDAs support?

- ☐ Urge your governments to participate in the negotiation
- ☐ Highlight the importance of recognizing oral health
- ☐ Encourage their participation in HLM4 on Sept 25
- ☐ Urge them to address oral health in their statements
- ☐ Share our advocacy document with your government
- ☐ Organize meetings to discuss its recommendations, if possible.



Global Coalition on Oral Health

Call to action



01

Advocacy and communications

Develop and disseminate a united narrative on oral diseases as a public health issue

02

Implementation research

Improve understanding of implementation strategies for upstream and downstream interventions.

03

Knowledge translation

Collect, organise, synthesise and disseminate current evidence on clinical and population-based interventions (case studies, webinar series etc)

04

Meaningful engagement of people living with oral diseases and other NCDs

Create opportunities for people with lived experience to engage in participatory research and policy consultations.



**World Health
Organization**

Co-leads: our networks and reach



Dental professionals



>1 Million dentists through 191 national dental associations and specialist groups in 134 countries*.

Strengths: mobilize around common goals, amplify best practices, and support implementation

**FDI is awaiting formal internal approval to join the coalition.*

Industry actors



36 member organizations spanning across 5 continents. Members offer a broad portfolio of self-care Oral Health products.

Strengths: connect public health goals with real world behaviours & initiate new partnerships between private and established global health actors

Academia



Committed to advancing public oral health through research, education, innovation and community engagement.

Strengths: build compelling, data-driven narratives that resonate with policymakers and funders through an interprofessional approach

Special Committee on Membership Subscription Formula

Ass. iur. Florian Lemor
Chair

Composition



CHAIR
Apr 2025 -

Mr Florian Lemor
Germany



MEMBER
Apr 2025 -

Antonieta Muñoz Solís
Costa Rica



MEMBER
Apr 2025 -

Dr Morten Harry Rolstad
Norway



MEMBER
Apr 2025 -

Dr Jim Boyle
United States of America



MEMBER
Apr 2025 -

Dr Renier Putter
South Africa



MEMBER
Apr 2025 -

Dr Chris Sanzaro
Australia

Objective of the Special Committee (GA 2024 Istanbul):

“Evaluate the effectiveness and fairness of the current membership formula and explore if there are any suitable alternatives that could be considered by members. Provide recommendations based on this evaluation to the General Assembly in 2025.”

- Evaluate current membership formula
- Explore suitable alternatives
- Provide recommendations GA 2025

Action so far

- 2 video conferences:
 - 5 May 2025
 - 11 June 2025
- presentation during today`s Webinar
- 1 additional call planned in August
- report during GA 2025

- first task the Special Committee did, was to look at what happens with other similar organizations at international level and ran a simulation with their membership fee formulas on FDI:
 - International Council of Nurses (ICN)
 - World Medical Association (WMA)
 - International Federation of Pharmacists (FIP)
 - World Physiotherapy (World Physio)
- also looked at the British Dental Association proposal (BDA) given during GA 2024
- Members provided a simulation that was discussed intensively regarding its transferability to FDI

Key findings

- Existing “formulas” do not fit to FDI
- i.e. discussed in previous meetings the current FDI fee calculation formula already offers the widest range of parameters for adjustments
 - i. e. the multiplier
 - the wealth index used
 - the threshold for the minimum fee;
- SC will look at the different parameters and possible adjustments aiming at a more balanced distribution of membership fees across countries;
- Idea of the minimum fee should be maintained to keep membership affordable for small members;
- SC should also consider the option of introducing a maximum fee to disburden the main payers;
- SC will also have to look on “political parameters” like voting rights.

Next steps

- Creation of a list of problems associated with the current formula
- Discussion of the possible (political) consequences arising from it
- SC will also have to look at “political parameters” like voting rights
- List the voting rights per member and consider the relevance of the numbers also in the context of the financial effort
- List the number of members per NDA vs dentists in their respective countries (representativeness)
 - members with obligatory membership vs. members with voluntary membership
- Report during FDI GA 2025 (Shanghai)

Thank you



Special Committee on World Dental Parliament

Dr Kirk Preston
Chair

Composition

- Dr Kirk Preston, Chair (Canada)
- Prof. Dr Marzena Dominiak (Poland)
- Dr Juan David Pelaez Ossa (Colombia)
- Dr Mark W. Donald (USA)
- Prof. Jun Tsuruta (Japan)
- Prof. Dr Yi M Liu (China)
- Prof Tarek Abbas (Egypt)
- Dr Ashok Dhoble (India)

Two video conferences:

- 7 May 2025
- 17 June 2025

Next in July 2025

Explore ways to facilitate remote participation simultaneously alongside face-to-face participation (further in the text - hybrid participation) for FDI delegates in the Open Forum, General Assembly and NLO Forum in situations in which in-person attendance is not feasible or possible for some individuals.

Work so far

The committee looked at different possible scenarios and have identified 4.

We also received possible scenarios from Prof. Tsuruta, from Prof. Liu & Dr. Preston

Work so far

Possible scenario discussed by the committee

| | Scenario 1 | | Scenario 2 | | Scenario 3 | | Scenario 4 |
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| Timezone | All participants adjust to the Parliament in-person timezone | Timezone | All participants adjust to the Parliament in-person timezone | Timezone | All participants adjust to the Parliament in-person timezone | Timezone | All participants adjust to the Parliament in-person timezone |
| Meeting structure | No change to current 6-days structure | Meeting structure | No change to current 6-days structure | Meeting structure | Structure is revised to allow longer time for presentations and vote is deferred | Meeting structure | Structure is revised to allow longer time for presentations and vote is deferred |
| Activity Format & Hybrid Component | <p>Presentation and Debates are broadcasted – no interaction are possible for online participants.</p> <p>Q&A and voting are possible for in-person participants only</p> | Activity Format & Hybrid Component | <p>Presentation and Debates are broadcasted with possibility for participants to present remotely and to participate to Q&A.</p> <p>Voting is possible for in-person participants only</p> | Activity Format & Hybrid Component | <p>Presentation and Debates are broadcasted – no interaction are possible for online participants.</p> <p>Q&A is possible for in-person participants only</p> <p>Voting is done online for all as a separate process after the Parliament week.</p> | Activity Format & Hybrid Component | <p>Presentation and Debates are broadcasted with possibility for participants to present remotely and to participate to Q&A.</p> <p>Voting is done online for all as a separate process after the Parliament week.</p> |

Work so far

Scenario 5

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| Timezone | Conduct the meeting during the time of as many participants as possible. Minimize the number of participants outside the meeting time zone. (Grouping the countries by time zone, analyzing the percentage of delegates by time zone.) |
| Meeting structure | 1 week prior to meeting: Presentation sharing and question submission → Hybrid meeting: shortened |
| Activity Format & Hybrid Component | <p>Some of presentations are shared as Asynchronized video prior to in-person meeting.</p> <p>All Questions are to be submitted prior to in-person meeting.</p> <p>Presentation and Debates are broadcasted – no interaction are possible for online participants.</p> <p>Debating and voting are possible for in-person participants only</p> |

Scenario 6

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| Timezone | All participants adjust to the Parliament in-person timezone |
| Meeting structure | No change to current 6-days structure |
| Activity Format & Hybrid Component | <p><u>Open Fora</u> Presentation can be shared virtually, and debate can be proceeded in order online.</p> <p><u>General Assemblies</u> Presentation and debate can be done both on-site and virtually. Voting is only for on-site participants.</p> <p>Voting can be done by countries' representatives, which means there is no need for all the delegation present on-site.</p> |

Scenario 7

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| Timezone | All participants adjust to the Parliament in-person timezone |
| Meeting structure | Change to 4-day structure. |
| Activity Format & Hybrid Component | <p>Presentation and Debates are broadcasted with ability to for participants to present remotely and participate to Q & A.</p> <p>Voting is done online for all during Parliament week.</p> |

The Special Committee looked into what similar organizations were doing in terms of hybrid meeting:

- International Council of Nurses (130 members)
- World Deaf Federation (138 national members)
- World Medical Association (115 national members)
- World Physiotherapy Association (129 national members)
- NCD Alliance (+67 national and regional alliances and over 300 members in 80 countries)

Special attention to

- Security of the meeting attendance
- Security of the voting
- Time framework of the meeting
- Additional costs involved

Work so far

scenario selected by committee for further analysis and costing

| | Scenario A (1) | | Scenario B (1 short) | | Scenario C (2) | | Scenario D (2 short) |
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Next steps

- Preliminary report will be part of the General Assembly binder (9th July)
- The Committee will continue the work and meet again in July to:
 - prepare the presentation to be done during General assembly
 - Work on the scenario implying to reduce the meeting duration
 - Discuss about the possibility to include proxy voting
- Based on the July meeting outcomes, FDI Head Office will initiate cost simulation for the 4 pre-selected scenario
- The committee chair will present a progress report during the World Dental Parliament in Shanghai



Thank you