



World Heart Federation Advocacy Webinar Resolution on Rheumatic Fever and Rheumatic Heart Disease

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Today's Webinar

1. What is a WHO Resolution?
2. What is in the Current Draft?
3. Q&A with representative from Geneva Mission of New Zealand
4. #TimeToTackleRHD – Advocacy Campaign
5. Looking Ahead to the World Health Assembly
6. Q&A

#TimeToTackleRHD

Next Steps Timeline



Key Dates

Feb-May 2017 – Civil society advocated to decision-makers, encouraging them to support the RHD Resolution.

22-31 May 2017 – Decision-makers met at the 70th World Health Assembly (Geneva, Switzerland)

01-02 June 2017 – Decision-makers recommended a Draft Resolution on 'Rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease' at the 141st WHO Executive Board meeting. (Geneva, Switzerland)

Aug 2017 - May 2018 – Ongoing civil society advocacy to decision-makers, encouraging them to support the RHD Resolution [text](#) (Global)

22- 27 Jan 2018 –142nd WHO Executive Board meeting – opportunity to advocate to key decision-makers to support the Draft Resolution (Geneva, Switzerland)

21-26 May 2018 – Decision-makers meet at the 71st World Health Assembly to discuss the Draft Resolution. This is the earliest opportunity for the Resolution to be finalized and passed (Geneva, Switzerland)

Jan 2017 – 140th WHO Executive Board meeting. Decision-makers decided to hold formal discussions on RHD at next Executive Board meeting in June 2017

Feb-May 2017– Strong civil society advocacy pushed governments to support concept of RHD Resolution before formal discussions in June

Feb 2017 – RHD Action called on civil society to demand that governments & decision-makers propose and support an RHD Resolution (global policy process)

01-02 June 2017 – 141st WHO Executive Board meeting. Decision-makers formally recommended a Draft Resolution on 'Rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease'

May 2018 – 71st World Health Assembly. Decision-makers have first opportunity to pass Resolution. (If Resolution is not passed here, discussions continue into 2019)

Aug-Oct 2017 – WHO Regional Meetings – opportunity to advocate to key decision-makers to support the Draft Resolution

Jan 2018 – 142nd WHO Executive Board meeting – opportunity to advocate to key decision-makers to support the Draft Resolution

Looking ahead – Once the Resolution is passed, we will ensure governments stick to their commitments and begin to fund and implement work on RHD in countries around the world

What is a WHO Resolution?

- A Resolution is a **piece of written policy** agreed by all of the countries (or 'Member States') that make up the World Health Organization.
- A Resolution contains clear commitments and action, and **needs to be passed by consensus at a World Health Assembly**



What is a WHO Resolution?

- Once passed, this Resolution will effectively **put RHD on the official workplan of the World Health Organization.**
- This means that decision-makers (including governments and the WHO) will need to recognize that RHD is a global priority and **address and fund it appropriately.**



EXECUTIVE BOARD
141st session
Geneva, 1–2 June 2017

Draft provisional agenda

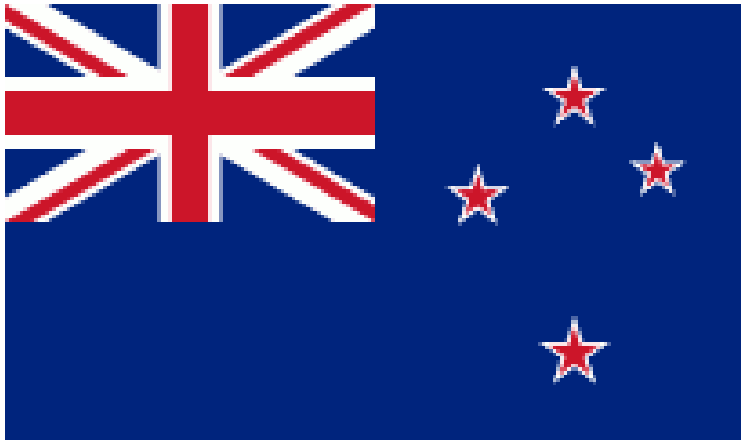
1. Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur
2. Opening of the session
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Outcome of the Seventieth World Health Assembly
5. Report of the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee
6. Technical and health matters
 - 6.1 Eradication of malaria
 - 6.2 Rheumatic heart disease



What is in the Current Draft?

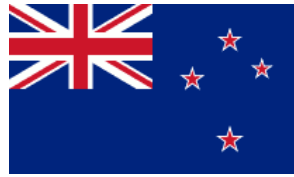
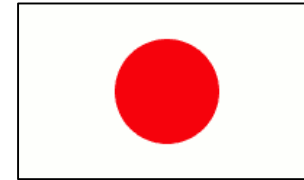
- **Calls on Member States (countries), to:**
 - Improve access to primary healthcare
 - Strengthen data collection and knowledge of RHD prevalence
 - Ensure timely, affordable and reliable access to technologies and medicine
 - Strengthen national and international cooperation
 - Tackle the root determinants
- **Invites all stakeholders to:**
 - Put people living with RHD at the centre of the prevention and control agenda
- **Asks the DG of WHO to:**
 - Lead and coordinate global efforts to prevent and control RHD

Q&A with Lucy Richardson Permanent Mission of New Zealand to the UN, Geneva



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#TimeToTackleRHD Campaign

What can you do, and how can we support you?

- Advocate to your Ministry of Health to let them know that RHD is a priority & to support the Resolution
- We have produced a Campaign Pack to support your advocacy. These resources include background information, a template advocacy letter, and much more: <http://ow.ly/clG430iRh7f>
- Want to advocate to your national decision-makers? Email us at Advocacy@worldheart.org for support.
- We can share and disseminate your advocacy activities and successes through our communications channels: Tweet about the #TimeToTackleRHD campaign on social media

Looking Ahead to the World Health Assembly

- Governments will discuss the [Draft Resolution](#) at the 71st WHA, held from 21-26 May 2018.
- [Preliminary agenda and timetable for the WHA](#) are now available online – suggest RHD Discussions on 24/25 May
- WHA Discussions can be followed online via live webstream – we will share these details in May.
- RHD Action Side Event – Wednesday 23 May





Q&A



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Thank you!

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