

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

PUBLIC NOTICE: CALL FOR COMMENTS AND INPUTS ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REGULATIONS (2005) (IHR)

Member States of the WHO agreed, through Executive Board Decision 150(3) (January 2022) and World Health Assembly Decision WHA75(9) (May 2022), to embark on a process to amend the current International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR). The process is being undertaken through the [Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations \(2005\)](#) (the WGIHR). The amendment of the IHR aims to strengthen the international legal framework of pandemic prevention, preparedness and response.

Under the WGIHR, the 196 States Parties to the IHR (including the 194 WHO Member States) are considering more than 300 proposed amendments to 33 of the 66 articles of the IHR and 5 of its 9 annexes, plus 6 new articles and 2 new annexes.

Kenya is being represented in the WGIHR by an Inter-ministerial Negotiating Committee that is coordinated by the Ministry of Health. It comprises officers drawn from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, Ministry of Interior and National Administration, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Heritage, the National Treasury and Economic Planning, the State Law Office and the Office of the Data Protection Commission.

Pursuant to decision WHA75(9), the WGIHR will propose a package of amendments for consideration by the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly in May 2024.

The Ministry therefore invites relevant stakeholders, members of the public, and all interested parties, to provide inputs and comments on the proposed amendments to the IHR, which will inform the country's position for future negotiations. The proposed amendments to the IHR submitted to the WGIHR can be found on the link <https://apps.who.int/gb/wgih/>.

The comments, inputs or memoranda thereof from the general public may be forwarded to the Principal Secretary State Department of Public Health & Professional Standards, Ministry of Health, P. O. Box 30016-00100, Nairobi or hand-delivered to the Office of the Principal Secretary, Afya House, or emailed to ihr.amendments@health.go.ke to be received **5th March 2024**.

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