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Item 5.2 Update on WHO Reform

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WHO Reform Overview

- Since its introduction in 2011, WHO has reported significant progress towards becoming more effective, efficient, transparent, and accountable.
- Overall, 84% of reform outputs are now at implementation phase and the rate of completion is 60%.
- Implementation uneven across the 3 streams: programmatic reforms progressed the furthest, governance reforms the least.
- The Ebola outbreak highlighted the need to reform WHO response to outbreaks and health emergencies.



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Key Reforms Implemented

- **Bottom up planning & priority setting** initiated in PAHO in 2014-2015 - replicated at WHO in the 2016-2017
- **Financing WHO's base budget** at the start of the budgetary period increased over the last three biennia (from 62% to 80%)
- **WHO's web portal**, with detailed information on financial flows by source down to the country office level
- **Revised HR strategies**
- **Risk registers and mitigation plans**



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Open Reform Items

- Second Open-ended Intergovernmental Meeting on governance reform April 24-25 in Geneva
- Meeting of Member States working group on Framework for Engagement with Non-State Actors (FENSA) after governance meeting last week of April 2016
- PAHO will convene virtual meeting on implications of governance reform and FENSA mid-April
- Emergencies and Outbreaks
 - Platform scaling-up and rapid response, including workforce
 - Uniform emergency business rules and processes across all three levels
 - Secure source of financing
 - Country capacity-building



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