



REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA

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Seventieth Session

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Provisional Agenda item 19

**DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA, PLACE AND DATES OF
THE SEVENTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE**

1. In accordance with Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee, the Regional Director presents the following proposal on the place and dates for the Seventy-first session of the Regional Committee:
2. By virtue of resolution AFR/RC41/R13, the additional costs of hosting the Regional Committee in a country other than that of the Regional Office shall be fully borne by the host country. Should a Member State be interested in hosting the Regional Committee, an agreement is drawn up between the host country's government and the World Health Organization, covering the following items that are required for the Regional Committee meeting:
 - (a) premises, furniture and equipment, including interpretation equipment required for the Regional Committee's work;
 - (b) lighting equipment, including maintenance, electric power supply and ventilation of the premises;
 - (c) staff for maintenance, cleaning and surveillance of the premises, installations, equipment and supplies;
 - (d) postal and telephone service, together with radio and television coverage essential for the efficient and proper coverage of the Regional Committee's proceedings;
 - (e) accommodation and travel expenses for the WHO Secretariat authorized to attend the meeting;
 - (f) vehicles for transporting Member State representatives, members of the WHO Secretariat, equipment, supplies and documents; national currency at the best rate of exchange and in the amount needed to meet the Organization's expenses in the host country.
3. The Regional Director deems it expedient to draw the attention of the Member States to the need to give full consideration to these commitments.
4. It may be recalled that the Sixty-ninth session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa, through Decision 4, decided to hold its Seventieth session in Lomé, Togo from 24 to 28 August 2020. However, a physical session was not possible due to the measures put in place in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, the Government of Togo has expressed its readiness to host the Seventy-first session of the Regional Committee.

5. It is proposed that the Seventy-first Regional Committee be held from 23 to 27 August 2021. The draft provisional agenda is attached herewith.

6. In accordance with Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee, the Seventieth Regional Committee is invited to consider the draft provisional agenda and determine the dates and place of its next session.

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To be confirmed, 23–27 August 2021

Provisional agenda item 3

DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Election of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairpersons and the Rapporteurs
3. Adoption of the provisional agenda and provisional programme of work
4. Appointment of members of the Committee on Credentials
5. Statement of the Chairperson of the Programme Subcommittee
6. Annual Report of the Regional Director on the work of WHO in the African Region
7. **(Matters of global concern related to World Health Assembly decisions and resolutions)**
8. Implementation of the Transformation Agenda of the WHO Secretariat in the African Region
9. Proposed Programme Budget
10. Framework for an integrated multisectoral response to TB, HIV, STIs and hepatitis in the WHO African Region
11. Framework for the implementation of the Immunization Agenda 2030 in the WHO African Region
12. Framework for the implementation of the Global strategy to defeat meningitis by 2030 in the WHO African Region
13. Framework for the implementation of the Global strategy to accelerate the elimination of cervical cancer as a public health problem in the WHO African Region
14. Framework for implementing the Global strategy on digital health in the WHO African Region
15. Framework for improving access to assistive technology in the WHO African Region
16. Framework for implementing the priority actions of the global plan of action of the Decade of Healthy Ageing 2020–2030 in the African Region

17. Framework for strengthening the use of evidence, information and research for policy-making in the African Region
18. **Information Documents**
 - 18.1 Progress report on the Framework for implementing the Global Technical Strategy for Malaria
 - 18.2 Progress towards measles elimination by 2020
 - 18.3 Progress report on the Regional strategy and Strategic plan for Neglected Tropical Diseases 2014–2020 in the African Region
 - 18.4 Progress report on the Regional framework for integrating essential NCD services in primary health care
 - 18.5 Progress report on the implementation of the Regional Strategy on Regulation of Medical Products in the African Region, 2016–2025
 - 18.6 Progress report on the implementation of the Framework for health systems development towards UHC in the context of the SDGs in the African Region
 - 18.7 Progress report on the Global Strategy to Accelerate Tobacco Control 2019–2025: Implementation in the African Region
 - 18.8 Progress report on research for health: a strategy for the African Region
 - 18.9 Progress report on the Regional strategy for health security and emergencies
 - 18.10 Progress report on the Regional framework for the implementation of the global Strategy for cholera prevention and control
 - 18.11 Report on WHO staff in the African Region
 - 18.12 Regional Matters arising from reports of WHO internal and external audits
19. Draft Provisional Agenda, place and dates of the Seventy-second session of the Regional Committee
20. Adoption of the Report of the Regional Committee