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Dakar, Republic of Senegal, 27–31 August 2018

**PROGRAMME OF WORK**

*Sunday, 26 August 2018*

**09:00**            *Walk the Talk: 70 years of WHO service to the countries/nations (location to be determined)*

**DAY 1: Monday, 27 August 2018**

09:00–11:30    **Agenda item 1**            Opening of the meeting

11:30–12:00    *Group photograph followed by tea break*

12:00–12:30    **Agenda item 2**            Election of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairpersons and the Rapporteurs

**Agenda item 3**            Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Programme of Work (Document AFR/RC68/1)

**Agenda item 4**            Appointment of Members of the Committee on Credentials

12:30–14:30    **Lunch break**            *(Meeting of the Committee on Credentials)*

14:30–16:00    **Agenda item 5**            The Work of WHO in the African Region 2017-2018: Report of the Regional Director (Document AFR/RC68/2)

16:00–16:30    *Special Briefing on the Ebola outbreak in North Kivu, Democratic Republic of the Congo*

**16:30–17:00**    **Tea break**

17:00–18:30    **Agenda item 16**            Programme Budget 2020-2021: Regional Committee Consultation Document (Document AFR/RC68/13)

18:30            **End of the day's session**

**19:00**            *Reception hosted by the Government of Senegal and the Regional Director*

**DAY 2: Tuesday, 28 August 2018**

- 07:30–08:45** *Breakfast meeting* ***Gavi Alliance Breakfast–Doing business differently to achieve tangible results for children in immunization towards Universal Health Coverage***
- 09:00–09:15 **Agenda item 4 (cont’d)** Report of the Committee on Credentials
- 09:15–09:45 **Agenda item 6** Statement of the Chairperson of the Programme Subcommittee (Document AFR/RC68/3)
- 09:45–11:00 **Agenda item 7** Progress report on the Implementation of the Transformation Agenda of the World Health Organization Secretariat in the African Region: 2015–2020 (Document AFR/RC68/4)
- 11:00–11:30 **Tea break**
- 11:30–12:30 **Agenda item 8** Report on regional managerial Compliance activities and matters arising out of Internal and External Audits (Document AFR/RC68/5)
- 12:30–14:30 **Lunch break**
- 13:00–14:30** *Side Event* ***Improving Public Finance Management to advance progress towards UHC in Africa***
- 14:30–16:00 **Agenda item 9** WHO’s work on Resource Mobilization through strengthening partnerships to better support Member States (Document AFR/RC68/6)
- 16:00–16:30 **Tea break**
- 16:30–17:30 **Agenda item 10** Regional framework for the implementation of the global Strategy for cholera prevention and control, 2018–2030 (Document AFR/RC68/7)
- 17:30–18:30 **Agenda item 15** Draft global strategy on health, environment and climate change (Document AFR/RC68/12)
- 18:30 **End of the day’s session**
- 18:30–19:30 *Side event* ***Tackling the burden of hypertension and strengthening the management of severe NCDs through public health approaches***

**DAY 3: Wednesday, 29 August 2018**

- 07:30–08:45** *Breakfast meeting* ***Saving millions of lives through innovations in mortality surveillance (CHAMPS)***
- 09:00–10:30 **Agenda item 13** Ensuring Sustainable financing for Universal Health Coverage in Africa in the midst of changing global and local economic factors  
(Document AFR/RC68/10)
- 10:30–11:00 **Tea Break**
- 11:00–12:30 **Agenda item 11** Framework for certification of polio eradication in the African Region (Document AFR/RC68/8)
- 12:30–14:30 **Lunch break**
- 13:00–14:30** *Side event* ***Launch of The State of Health Analysis in the African Region***
- 14:30–16:00 **Agenda item 14** Roadmap for access 2019–2023: Comprehensive support for access to medicines and vaccines  
(Document AFR/RC68/11)
- 16:00–16:30 Tea Break
- 16:30–18:00 **Agenda item 12** Status of implementation of the four time-bound commitments on noncommunicable diseases in the African Region (Document AFR/RC68/9)
- 18:00 **End of the day's session**
- 18:00–19:30** *Evening Side Event* ***Digital Health expansion in Africa and the AFRO-ITU agreement***

**DAY 4: Thursday, 30 August 2018**

- 09:00–10:30 **Agenda item 12 (con't)** Status of implementation of the four time-bound commitments on noncommunicable diseases in the African Region (Document AFR/RC68/9)
- 10:30–11:00 **Tea Break**
- 11:00–12:30 **Agenda item 17** Draft Code of Conduct for the nomination of the Regional Director (Document AFR/RC68/14)
- 12:30–14:30 **Lunch Break**

<b>13:00–14:30</b>	<b>Side event</b>	<b><i>Engaging African governments to strengthen national health research systems with complementary international cooperation</i></b>
<b>14:30–15:30</b>	<b>Agenda item 18</b>	Draft Global Action Plan on the health of refugees and migrants (Document AFR/RC68/15)
<b>15:30–16:30</b>	<b>Agenda item 19</b>	<b>Information Documents</b>
	<b>Agenda item 19.1</b>	Ratification of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products (Document AFR/RC68/INF.DOC/1)
	<b>Agenda item 19.2</b>	Progress report on utilizing eHealth solutions to improve national health systems in the African Region (Document AFR/RC68/INF.DOC/2)
	<b>Agenda item 19.3</b>	Progress report on the African Health Observatory and its role in strengthening health information systems in the African Region (Document AFR/RC68/INF.DOC/3)
	<b>Agenda item 19.4</b>	Status of implementation of the recommendations of the report on Addressing the Challenges of Women’s Health in Africa (Document AFR/RC68/INF.DOC/4)
	<b>Agenda item 19.5</b>	Progress report on implementing the Global Technical Strategy for Malaria 2016–2030 in the African Region (Document AFR/RC68/INF.DOC/5)
	<b>Agenda item 19.6</b>	Progress report on implementing the Global Health Sector Strategy for prevention, care and treatment of viral hepatitis 2016–2021 in the African Region (Document AFR/RC68/INF.DOC/6)
	<b>Agenda item 19.7</b>	Progress report on implementing the Global Health Sector Strategy on HIV/AIDS 2016–2021 (Document AFR/RC68/INF.DOC/7)
	<b>Agenda item 19.8</b>	Progress report on the Framework for implementing the End TB Strategy in the African Region 2016–2020 (Document AFR/RC68/INF.DOC/8)
	<b>Agenda item 19.9</b>	Report on WHO staff in the African Region (Document AFR/RC68/INF.DOC/9)
<b>16:30–17:00</b>	<b>Tea break</b>	
<b>17:00–18:00</b>	<b>Agenda item 20</b>	Draft provisional agenda, dates and place of the Sixty-ninth session of the Regional Committee (Document AFR/RC68/16)
<b>18:00</b>	<b>End of the day’s session</b>	

*18:00–19:30 Side event*      *Development and implementation of integrated and affordable assisted reproductive technologies (ART) services in the African Region*

**DAY 5: Friday, 31 August 2018**

10:00–12:00      **Agenda item 21**      Adoption of the report of the Regional Committee (Document AFR/RC68/17)

12:00–12:30      **Agenda item 22**      Closure of the Sixty-eighth session of the Regional Committee

12:30–14:30      **Lunch**

*13:00–14:30 Side meeting*      *Sahel Malaria Elimination Initiative - High Level Ministerial Meeting*