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Provisional agenda item 3

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK

(Time: GMT/UTC+2)

Sunday, 27 August 2023

07:30–10:00 *Walk the Talk*

DAY 1: Monday, 28 August 2023

08:30–11:00	Agenda item 1	Opening of the meeting
12:00–14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
12:30–13:45	<i>Side event 1</i>	<i>Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB) for pandemic treaty and IHR amendment (WGIHR) processes</i>
14:00–14:30	Agenda item 2	Adoption of the Special Procedures to regulate the conduct of the hybrid session of the Seventy-third Regional Committee for Africa and election of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairpersons, and the Rapporteurs (Document AFR/RC73/Decision 1)
	Agenda item 3	Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Programme of Work (Document AFR/RC73/1 and Document AFR/RC73/1 Add.1)
	Agenda item 4	Appointment of Members of the Committee on Credentials
14:30–15:00	Agenda item 5	Statement of the Chairperson of the Programme Subcommittee (Document AFR/RC73/2)
15:00–16:30	Agenda item 6	Annual report of the Regional Director on the work of WHO in the African Region (Document AFR/RC73/3)

16:30–17:00 *Health break* (Meeting of the Committee on Credentials)

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17:00–18:15 **Agenda item 15** Eighth progress report on the implementation of the Transformation Agenda of the World Health Organization Secretariat in the African Region (Document AFR/RC73/11)

18:15 **End of the day's session**

18:45 *Reception hosted by the Government of Botswana and the WHO Regional Director for Africa*

DAY 2: Tuesday, 29 August 2023

07:15–08:30 *Breakfast meeting* *Financing for malaria*

08:45–09:00 **Agenda item 4 (contd)** Report of the Committee on Credentials

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09:00–10:30 **Agenda item 10** Regional strategy for expediting the implementation and monitoring of national action plans on antimicrobial resistance, 2023–2030 in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC73/6 and Document AFR/RC73/WP1)

10:30–11:00 *Health break*

11:00–12:15 **Agenda item 8** Framework for implementing the Global strategic directions for nursing and midwifery, 2021–2025 in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC73/4)

12:15–14:30 *Lunch break*

12:45–14:15 *Side event 2* *Botswana as a model of excellence on primary health care*

14:30–16:00 **Special event** Strengthen multisectoral actions to address the nutrition and food insecurity crisis in the African Region

16:00–16:30 *Health break*

- 16:30–18:30 **Special event** WHO@75
- 18:30 **End of the day’s session**
- 18:45–20:45 **Side event 3** *Unlocking financing for neglected tropical diseases in Africa*
- 18:45–20:45 **Side event 4** *SIDS Ministers Meeting*

DAY 3: Wednesday, 30 August 2023

- 7:45 – 8:45 **Ad-hoc side event** *Closed door session with Ministers of Health on cVDPV outbreaks*

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- 09:00–10:30 **Agenda item 11** Regional strategy on diagnostic and laboratory services and systems, 2023–2032 for the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC73/7 and Document AFR/RC73/WP2)
- 10:30–11:00 **Health break**
- 11:00–12:15 **Agenda item 9** Framework for sustaining resilient health systems to achieve universal health coverage and promote health security, 2023–2030 in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC73/5)
- 12:15–14:15 **Lunch break**
- 12:45–14:00 **Side event 5** *Strengthening Africa’s regulatory capacity for the “Africa We Want” through the establishment and operationalization of the African Medicines Agency*

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- 14:15–15:30 **Agenda item 12** Framework for implementing the Global alcohol action plan, 2022–2030 in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC73/8)
- 15:30–16:00 **Health break**

16:00–18:00	Special event	Interrupting the transmission of all polioviruses in the African Region
18:00	End of the day's session	
18:30–20:30	Side event 6	<i>Celebrating one year of actioning Africa's commitment to health security</i>

DAY 4: Thursday, 31 August 2023

7:45–8:45 **Ad-hoc side event** *Closed door session with Ministers of Health on WPV1*

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09:00–10:30	Agenda item 14	Regional multisectoral strategy to promote health and well-being, 2023–2030 in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC73/10 and Document AFR/RC73/WP4)
10:30–11:00	Health break	
11:00–12:30	Agenda item 13	Strengthening community protection and resilience: regional strategy for community engagement, 2023–2030 in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC73/9 and Document AFR/RC73/WP3)
12:30–14:30	Lunch Break	
13:00–14:15	Side event 7	<i>Strategic priorities for Africa's engagement with GHIs</i>

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14:30–15:30	Agenda item 16	Programme budget (Document AFR/RC73/12)
15:30–16:00	Health break	
16:00–17:15	Agenda item 7	Fourteenth General Programme of Work, 2025–2028 (Document AFR/RC73/15 and Document AFR/RC73/16)
17:15–18:00	Agenda item 15	Eighth progress report on the implementation of the Transformation Agenda of the World Health Organization Secretariat in the African Region (Document AFR/RC73/11)
18:00–18:30	Agenda item 8 (contd)	Framework for implementing the Global strategic directions for nursing and midwifery, 2021–2025 in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC73/4)

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

18:45–20:45 **Side event 8** *Building a foundation of Africa free of cervical cancer: reaffirming commitments to eliminate cervical cancer as a public health problem in the African Region*

DAY 5: Friday, 1 September 2023

09:00 – 09:30 **Agenda Item 18** **Information documents**

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Agenda item 18.1 Progress report on Research for health: a strategy for the African Region (Document AFR/RC73/INF.DOC/1)

Agenda item 18.2 Progress report on the implementation of the Strategy for scaling up health innovations in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC73/INF.DOC/2)

Agenda item 18.3 Progress report on Utilizing eHealth solutions to improve national health systems in the African Region (Document AFR/RC73/INF.DOC/3)

Agenda Item 18.4 Final report on the implementation of the health promotion strategy for the African Region (Document AFR/RC73/INF.DOC/4)

Agenda item 18.5 Final report on addressing the challenge of women's health in Africa: report of the Commission on Women's Health in the African Region (Document AFR/RC73/INF.DOC/5)

09:30 – 10:00 **Agenda Item 18 (contd) Information documents**

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Agenda item 18.6 Progress report on the Framework for the implementation of the Global action plan for physical activity, 2018–2030 in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC73/INF.DOC/6)

Agenda item 18.7 Progress report on the implementation of the Decade of action for road safety in the African Region (Document AFR/RC73/INF.DOC/7)

Agenda item 18.8 Progress report on the implementation of the Strategic plan to reduce the double burden of malnutrition in the African Region (2019–2025) (Document AFR/RC73/INF.DOC/8)

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Agenda item 18.9 Report on WHO staff in the African Region (Document AFR/RC73/INF.DOC/9)

Agenda item 18.10 Regional matters arising from reports of the WHO internal and external audits (Document AFR/RC73/INF.DOC/10)

10:00 – 10:30 **Agenda item 17** Draft provisional agenda, place, and dates of the Seventy-fourth session of the Regional Committee (Document AFR/RC73/13)

10:30–11:00 **Agenda item 20** **Closure of the Seventy-third session of the Regional Committee**

11:00–11:30 *Health break*

11:30–12:30 **Side event 9** *Health Development Partnership for Africa and the Caribbean (HeDPAC)*

12:30–14:00 **Lunch break**

14:00 *The Botswana experience.*