

**REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA**

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Seventy-fourth session  
Brazzaville, Republic of the Congo, 26–30 August 2024

Agenda item 3

**PROGRAMME OF WORK**

**(Time: GMT/UTC+1)**

**Sunday, 25 August 2024**

07:30–10:00 *Walk the Talk*

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**DAY 1: Monday, 26 August 2024**

09:00–10:00	<b>Agenda item 2</b>	Election of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairpersons, and the Rapporteurs
	<b>Agenda item 3</b>	Adoption of the provisional agenda and provisional programme of work (Document AFR/RC74/1 and Document AFR/RC74/1 Add.1)
	<b>Agenda item 4</b>	Appointment of Members of the Committee on Credentials
10:00–11:30	<b>Agenda item 1</b>	Opening of the meeting
11:30–12:30	<i>Lunch cocktail</i>	
12:30	<i>Transport to the RC74 venue</i>	
14:00–15:30	<b>Agenda item 7</b>	Report of the Regional Director on the work of WHO in the African Region (Document AFR/RC74/3)
15:30–16:00	<b>Health break</b>	Meeting of the Committee on Credentials
16:00–17:30	<b>Special Event</b>	<i>Ten years of the Transformation Agenda of WHO in the African Region</i>
17:30–18:30	<b>Agenda item 6</b>	Nomination of the Regional Director ( <i>Note by the Legal Counsel</i> ) (Document AFR/RC74/INF.DOC/1)

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18:30	<b>End of the day's session</b>	
19:00	<b><i>Reception hosted by the Government of the Republic of the Congo and the WHO Regional Director for Africa</i></b>	

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**DAY 2: Tuesday, 27 August 2024**

08:45–09:00	<b>Agenda item 4 (contd)</b>	Report of the Committee on Credentials (Document AFR/RC74/Decision 2)
09:00–10:45	<b>Agenda item 6 (contd)</b>	Nomination of the Regional Director (Interview session)
10:45–11:00	<b><i>Health break</i></b>	
11:00–12:45	<b>Agenda item 6 (contd)</b>	Nomination of the Regional Director (Interview session)
12:45–14:45	<b><i>Lunch break</i></b>	
13:00–14:30	<b><i>Special Event</i></b>	<i>WHO Investment Round: Making Africa's voice heard</i>
14:45–16:30	<b>Agenda item 6 (contd)</b>	Nomination of the Regional Director (Voting — closed meeting)
16:30–17:00	<b><i>Health break</i></b>	
17:00–18:00	<b>Agenda item 6 (contd)</b>	Nomination of the Regional Director (Open meeting)
18:00	<b>End of the day's session</b>	
18:30–20:30	<b>Side event 1</b>	<i>Advancing Africa's Leadership and Unified Voice in GHIs towards the realization of the Lusaka Agenda.</i>

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**DAY 3: Wednesday, 28 August 2024**

07:30–08:45 **Breakfast meeting** *Closed door session with Ministers of Health on polio in the Lake Chad Basin (by invitation only)*

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09:00–10:00 **Agenda item 12** An innovative approach to strengthening the global architecture for health emergency preparedness and response in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC74/8)

10:00–10:30 **Health break**

10:30–12:00 **Special Session** Special briefing session on mpox and the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB)

12:00–14:00 **Lunch break**

12:15–13:45 **Side event 2** *Tackling the public health emergency of preventable child mortality in the WHO African Region*

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14:00–15:00 **Agenda item 9** Framework for the implementation of the Global Diabetes Compact in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC74/5)

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15:00–16:15 **Agenda item 11** Framework for integrating country and regional health data in the African Region: Regional Data Hub 2024–2030 (Document AFR/RC74/7)

16:15–16:45 **Health break**

16:45–18:15 **Special event** *The Road to Zero: Ending Polio in the African Region*

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

18:30–20:30 **Side event 3** *Accelerating the elimination of cervical cancer in Africa: strategies and partnerships for integrated person-centred prevention and care*

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**DAY 4: Thursday, 29 August 2024**

07:30–08:45	<i>Breakfast meeting</i>	<i>Closed door session with Ministers of Health on variant poliovirus (by invitation only)</i>
09:00–09:30	<b>Agenda item 5</b>	Statement of the Chairperson of the Programme Subcommittee (Document AFR/RC74/2)
<b>Pillar 4: More effective and efficient WHO providing better support to countries</b>		
09:30–10:00	<b>Agenda item 15</b>	A decade of transformation: achievements and lessons learnt (Document AFR/RC74/11)
<b>Pillar 1: One billion more people benefitting from universal health coverage</b>		
10:00–11:00	<b>Agenda item 10</b>	Framework for strengthening local production of medicines, vaccines, and other health technologies in the WHO African Region 2025–2035 (Document AFR/RC74)
11:00–11:30	<i>Health break</i>	
<b>Pillar 3: One billion more people enjoying better health and well-being</b>		
11:30–12:30	<b>Agenda item 13</b>	Framework for building climate-resilient and sustainable health systems in the WHO African Region 2024–2033 (Document AFR/RC74/9)
12:30–14:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
12:45–14:15	<i>Side event 4</i>	<i>Turning Words into Action: Operationalizing the Africa Health Workforce Investment Charter</i>
14:30–15:30	<b>Agenda item 14</b>	Framework for implementing the WHO global strategy for food safety 2022–2030 in the African Region (Document AFR/RC74/10)
15:30–16:00	<i>Health break</i>	
<b>Pillar 4: More effective and efficient WHO providing better support to countries</b>		
16:00–17:15	<b>Agenda item 16</b>	Draft proposed Programme Budget 2026–2027 (Document AFR/RC74/12)
17:15–18:15	<b>Agenda item 8</b>	Process for the nomination and appointment of Regional Directors (Document AFR/RC74/4)
18:15	<b>End of the day's session</b>	
18:30–20:30	<i>Side event 5</i>	<i>Vaccination for better health in Africa: renewed promise, commitment, and investment</i>

**DAY 5: Friday, 30 August 2024**

07:15– 08:45 *Breakfast meeting* *Promoting equitable and sustainable access to life-saving innovations in Africa, with a focus on malaria vaccines, regional manufacturing and maternal health*

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

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**Agenda item 18.1** Progress report on the Framework for strengthening the use of evidence, information and research for policy-making in the African Region (Document AFR/RC74/INF.DOC/2)

**Agenda item 18.2** Progress report on the Framework for implementing the Global strategy on digital health in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC74/INF.DOC/3)

**Agenda item 18.3** Progress report on the African Health Observatory (Document AFR/RC74/INF.DOC/4)

**Agenda item 18.4** Progress report on the Framework for implementing the priority actions of the global plan of action of the Decade of Healthy ageing (Document AFR/RC74/INF.DOC/5)

**Agenda item 18.5** Progress report on the Framework for improving access to assistive technology in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC74/INF.DOC/6)

**Agenda item 18.6** Progress report on the Framework for the implementation of the Immunization Agenda 2030 in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC74/INF.DOC/7)

**Agenda item 18.7** Progress Report on the Framework for the integrated control, elimination, and eradication of tropical and vector-borne diseases in the Africa Region (Document AFR/RC74/INF.DOC/8)

10:30–11:00 *Health break*

11:00–12:00 **Agenda Item 18** **Information documents (contd)**

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**Agenda item 18.8** Progress report on the Regional strategy for health security and emergencies 2022–2030 (Document AFR/RC74/INF.DOC/9)

	<b>Agenda item 18.9</b>	Progress report on the Framework for implementing the Global strategy to eliminate yellow fever epidemics (EYE) 2017–2026 (Document AFR/RC74/INF.DOC/10)
	<b>Agenda item 18.10</b>	Progress report on the status of country engagement and implementation of the Universal Health and Preparedness Review (UHPR) in the African Region (Document AFR/RC74/INF.DOC/11)
	<b>Agenda item 18.11</b>	Progress report on the Framework for the implementation of the Global Strategy to defeat Meningitis by 2030 in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC74/INF.DOC/12)
<b>Pillar 3: One billion more people enjoying better health and well-being</b>		
	<b>Agenda item 18.12</b>	Progress report on the Framework for the implementation of the Global strategy to accelerate the elimination of cervical cancer as a public health problem (Document AFR/RC74/INF.DOC/13)
	<b>Agenda item 18.13</b>	Progress report on the Framework for the implementation of the Global vector control response in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC74/INF.DOC/14)
	<b>Agenda item 18.14</b>	Progress report on the Framework for an integrated multisectoral response to TB, HIV, STIs and hepatitis in the WHO African Region 2021–2030 (Document AFR/RC74/INF.DOC/15)
	<b>Agenda item 18.15</b>	Progress report on the updated regional strategy for the management of environmental determinants of human health in the African Region 2022–2032 (Document AFR/RC74/INF.DOC/16)
<b>Pillar 4: More effective and efficient WHO providing better support to countries</b>		
	<b>Agenda item 18.16</b>	Report on WHO staff in the African Region (Document AFR/RC74/INF.DOC/17)
	<b>Agenda item 18.17</b>	Regional matters arising from reports of the WHO internal and external audits (Document AFR/RC74/INF.DOC/18)
12:00– 12:45	<b>Agenda item 17</b>	Draft provisional agenda, place, and dates of the Seventy-fifth session of the Regional Committee (Document AFR/RC74/13)
12:45–13:00	<b>Agenda item 19</b>	Adoption of the report of the Regional Committee (Document AFR/RC74/14)
13:00–13:30	<b>Agenda item 20</b>	<b>Closure of the Seventy-fourth session of the Regional Committee</b>
13:30–14:30	<b>Lunch</b>	
14:30		<i>The Congo experience.</i>