



**REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA**

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**RESOLUTION**

**FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT FOR THE AFRICAN PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY  
FUND (APHEF) (Document AFR/RC61/4)**

The Regional Committee,

Having carefully examined the framework document for the African Public Health Emergency Fund (Document AFR/RC61/4);

Reaffirming its commitment to implementing Resolution AFR/RC60/R5 approving the creation of the African Public Health Emergency Fund;

Cognizant of the need to operationalize the APHEF and ensure sustained contributions of Member States to the Fund;

Taking into consideration the recommendations of the technical working group comprising representatives from ministries of health and ministries of finance of countries in the African Region, *the coordinating organization for the fight against endemic diseases in Central Africa* (OCEAC), African Development Bank (AfDB) and the WHO Secretariat, which was set up to elaborate on the principles of financial contributions by Member States, including the criteria and modalities thereof, as well as the governance of the APHEF;

1. **ADOPTS** the Framework document for the African Public Health Emergency Fund (Document AFR/RC61/4);
2. **APPROVES** the governance structure of the APHEF including the Monitoring Committee of the Fund, the Technical Review Group and the APHEF Secretariat, in line with the terms of reference specified in the framework document;
3. **APPROVES** also the proposed composition of the Monitoring Committee of the Fund which includes three sitting ministers of health, three sitting ministers of finance and the chairperson of the Programme Subcommittee as an *ex-officio* member, and the modalities of appointment to membership;
4. **ENDORSES** the designation of the African Development Bank (AfDB) as the Trustee for the management of contributions to the APHEF and the domiciliation of a Revolving Fund with a limit of US\$ 30 million within the WHO Regional Office for Africa in line with the modalities set out in the framework document;

5. APPROVES the amount of US\$ 50 million as the total annual recommended voluntary contributions of Member States to the APHEF;
6. ADOPTS the use of the United Nations methodology presented as scenario 1 in the framework document as the basis for Member States' recommended voluntary yearly contributions to the APHEF;
7. URGES Member States:
  - (a) to ensure the creation of a budget line in national budgets for yearly contributions to the APHEF;
  - (b) to continue to advocate for the sustenance of the APHEF with the African Union, regional economic communities, and at national and international levels;
8. REQUESTS the Regional Director:
  - (a) to set up the operations of the APHEF including drawing up the operational manual governing its effective functioning;
  - (b) to negotiate with the *AfDB* on the instrument for the management of APHEF;
  - (c) to continue advocacy with Heads of State and Government, the African Union and regional economic communities to ensure that the current resolution is introduced to the AU for endorsement by the Heads of States;
  - (d) to report to the Sixty-second session of the Regional Committee for Africa, and on regular basis thereafter, on the operations of the APHEF.