



WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION 67th SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA

Welcome Message of the Regional Director

On behalf of the WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus and the entire Secretariat, I

welcome you to the 67th Session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa in Victoria Falls, Republic of Zimbabwe. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to his Excellency Mr. Robert Gabriel Mugabe, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe and to the Zimbabwean people, for the hospitality and the excellent arrangements made for this meeting.

In a special way, I welcome Dr Tedros to his first WHO Regional Committee for Africa as Director-General. We are confident of Dr Tedros's leadership and we pledge to work with him to



The 67th Session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa Opens in Victoria Falls

The 67th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa opens today in Victoria Falls, Republic of Zimbabwe. The 47 Member State WHO Governing Body will run from 28th August to 1st September 2017 at the Elephant Hills Hotel.

During the meeting, the WHO Regional Director for Africa will present a report on the work of WHO in the Region for 2016 to 2017 followed by a draft concept note on the WHO Thirteenth General Programme of Work. The delegates will review the five-year draft global strategic plan to improve public health preparedness and response followed by a report on the implementation of the Transformation Agenda.

Two regional strategies on the Management of Environmental Determinants of Human Health and on Sexually Transmitted Infections will be presented and discussed. In addition, four implementation frameworks on the elimination of yellow fever, health system development towards Universal Health Coverage, human resources for

achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC) for the people of Africa.

The continent continues to experience several public health challenges including Ebola, dengue fever, Lassa fever, meningitis, yellow fever cholera outbreaks and natural disasters such as flooding. I am glad to report, that due to the increased preparedness in member states and in WHO, these outbreaks and emergencies have been effectively tackled wherever they occur.

The burden of communicable diseases remains high, antimicrobial resistance is spreading and Non Communicable Diseases are increasing exponentially. Broad determinants of health such as climate change, poverty and governance are posing new public health challenges especially for vulnerable populations.

We are determined to support member states to address these and other challenges by taking advantage of the attention and platform provided by the Sustainable Development Goals and the new communication technologies to advance UHC in Africa. We pledge to support Member States by providing policy advice, developing capacities for health, shaping partnerships and building resilient health systems among others.

The transformation Agenda (2015-2020) to make WHO in the African Region effective, responsive and accountable continues to be implemented in the Regional and country offices. The functional review exercise has been completed in the Regional Office and 18 countries will be completed by the end of 2017. Five countries, i.e. Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa and South Sudan have already begun the process.

This year, the daily Regional Committee Journal will be provided to delegates electronically on smart phones, computers, iPads or any other mobile devices. Limited printed copies will be available for delegates who may need them. The WHO Secretariat is at your disposal for any assistance needed during this session.

I wish you a successful meeting.

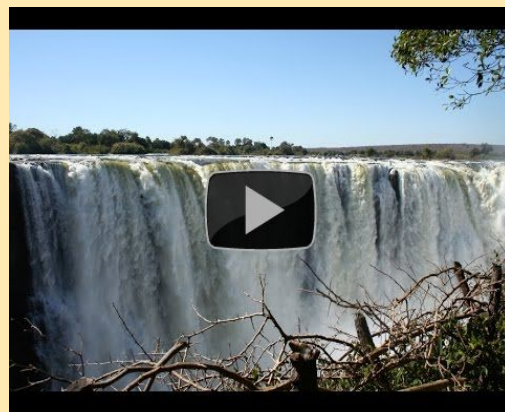
Dr Matshidiso Moeti
WHO Regional Director for Africa

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health and integrated essential Non Communicable Disease services will also be presented.

The Regional Director will report on the implementation status of the Decade of Action for Road Safety, the Authorizations and Oversight of Clinical Trials in Africa and on Reducing Inequities through Addressing Social Determinants of Health. Eight progress reports will be presented and discussed on immunization, climate change, Neglected Tropical Diseases, measles elimination, polio eradication, WHO work in emergencies, the public health emergency fund and WHO staff in the African Region.

Finally, the delegates will also discuss the Regional Orientation for the implementation of the Programme Budget 2018-2019. As usual, there are several side events, presentations, technical briefings and an exhibition on WHO's work in the African Region.



The RC67 Welcomes you to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

WHO develops a new five-year overarching public health Programme

The World Health Organization (WHO) has commenced on the process to develop its Thirteenth General Programme of work (GPW) that will run from 2019 to 2023.

The process takes into account events such as recurrent pandemics, conflicts, natural disasters, climate change and epidemiological transition which negatively impact the health of the world's population and require more effective approaches to global public health management.

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WHO REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA: 28 August 2017

Master of Ceremonies: Dr. Gerald Gwinji, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health and Child Care, Zimbabwe

10:00 Arrival of Guest of Honour

10:10 National Anthem

10:15 Welcome Address by Honourable Dr David Pagwesese Parirenyatwa, Minister of Health and Child Care, Republic of Zimbabwe

10:25 Statement by the Dr Arlindo Nascimento do Rosario, Acting Chairperson of the Sixty-sixth session of the Regional Committee and Minister of Health and Social Security of Cabo Verde

10:35 Statement by AUC Commissioner, H.E. Mrs Amira Elfadil

10:45 Statement by Dr Matshidiso Moeti, WHO Regional Director for Africa

11:00 Statement by Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General

11:10 Official Opening of the Sixty-seventh session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa by Guest of Honour

Group photograph followed by a lunch break

This, together with the unfinished agenda of the Millennium Development Goals and the expectations of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) calls for an effective global public health organization strategically positioned to provide evidence-based and foresighted support to countries.

The GPW will aim at ensuring greater harmonization and coherence in the organization's work across its three levels and will be the strategic framework for its 2020/2021 and 2022/2023 programme budgets and the basis for resource mobilization. In short, the GPW will define what the organization will do differently in the coming years.

For instance, the programme will put more emphasis on demonstrating the outcomes and impacts of the organization's work rather than outputs, serve as a flagship for driving its SDG agenda and set leadership priorities which will be reflected in its plans and budgets. Furthermore, the programme will outline strategies aimed at making WHO more operational especially in fragile, conflicted affected and vulnerable states while at the same time strengthening its normative functions, highlight opportunities for improving the global health capacity and political leadership of the organization and put more emphasis on ensuring that its Member States are central to its work.

Four main strategic priorities are being proposed in the new GPW : 1) prevention and control of public health emergencies and disasters; 2) Universal Health Coverage for the world's population; 3) attainment of the health related SDGs especially in the areas of adolescent, maternal and child health, climate and environmental change, communicable and non-communicable diseases; 4) inclusive public health decision making.

Internal and external consultations are already underway as part of the GPW development process. The 67th Session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa provides a unique opportunity for African Members States to contribute to the finalization of the Thirteenth GPW. It is hoped the programme will be finalized and approved by the World Health Assembly in May 2018.

RC67 eJournal



The RC67 Secretariat is pleased to announce the introduction of the Electronic Journal (eJournal) that replaces the printed version published in the previous RCs. The easy to use eJournal will improve

interactions with our readers and has new features such as embedded videos, photo galleries, audio recordings and much more. The eJournal can be accessed from all electronic

devices, computers, laptops, iPads and all types of mobile devices by email and can be accessed at any time during the RC.

For those who wish to receive the electronic Journal, please send an email to Phyllis Jiri at jirip@who.int

FITNESS CENTER

The Hotel has a Fitness Center, located in the pool area. It is open from 6:00AM to 8:00PM.

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EXHIBITION

The exhibition booths are located in the front of the Conference Center and will be open throughout the meeting. The exhibits include the following items: publications, medical literature, posters etc., provided by the Member States of the African Region, WHO Headquarters and the WHO Regional Office.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK - Day 1: Monday, 28 August 2017

09:00–10:00 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/RC67/1)

Agenda item 4 Appointment of Members of the Committee on Credentials

10:00–12:00 Agenda item 1 Opening of the meeting

12:00–12:30 Group photograph followed by lunch

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 2016-2017: Biennial Report of the Regional Director (Document AFR/RC67/2)

16:00–16:30 Tea break

16:30–18:00 Agenda item 8 Implementation of the Transformation Agenda (Document AFR/67/5)

18:00 End of the day's session

18:30 Reception hosted by the Minister of Health and Child Care of Zimbabwe and the WHO Regional Director

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MEALS

Coffee Breaks and Lunch will be served free of charge to participants during the meeting. Further catering facilities are readily available for refreshments and meals in the 4 restaurants and 3 bars of the Elephant Hills Hotel. The Breakfast Buffet is open from 7:00-10:00 in the Hotel Restaurant. For dinner, WHO shuttles are available to drive you to town, at 19:00 on Saturday and Sunday. Lunch shuttle departs from the reception at 12:30.

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