Declarations of Conflict of Interest .

The WHO Regional Committee, in its Seventy-first Session, in cooperation with the African Union Commission and the Pan-African Health Organization, approved a resolution setting the agenda of the Sixty-fifth Session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa, in Ndjamena, Republic of Chad. The Regional Committee is the WHO Governing Body for the African Region, composed of Ministers of Health from the 47 Member States.

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2. HÔPITAL GÉNÉRAL DE RÉFÉRENCE NATIONALE
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4. EMERGENCY SERVICES

**ACCESS TO THE INTERNET**

Internet facilities are available throughout the Conference Centre and can be accessed via WIFI:

Palais du 15 Janvier network.  
Password: palaischad

Cyber Cafe facilities are also available on the first floor of the Conference Centre.

**BADGES**

Badges will be produced only at the conference centre. Please make sure you always wear your badge on the premises of the conference centre.

**EVENTS AND SPECIAL SESSIONS**

**MONDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER:**
18:00  Reception hosted by the WHO Regional Director

**TUESDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER:**
07:45-08:45  GAUV/AFRO Francophone constituency meeting  
(Hosted by Honourable Minister of Health for Senegal)
14:00-15:00  Scorecard for Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health (RMNCH) as an Accountability and Action Tool  
(Hosted by the Honourable Minister of Health for Ethiopia)

**WEDNESDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER:**
08:00-09:00  Roll Back Malaria Partnership Ministers’ meeting
13:00-14:00  Update from GAUV - The Vaccine Alliance (Hosted by GAUV)
17:30-18:30  Polio Legacy - Transition Plans (Meeting hosted by Secretariat)

**THURSDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER:**
17:00-18:00  The Africa Malaria Strategy: Accelerating towards malaria elimination in Africa  
(Hosted by the Honourable Minister of Health for Ethiopia)
19:00  Dinner hosted by the Government of the Republic of Chad

**CURRENCY AND BANKING**

Chad has several international banks (ECOBANK, SGF, UBA, BSIC, ORABANK, BCC, CBT) which can be reached by shuttle bus. Banking and currency exchange services are available at the conference venue. Some hotels have ATMs (VISA, AMEX, MASTER) operating around the clock. Transactions outside the banks or hotels are illegal and strongly discouraged.

The official currency of the Republic of Chad is the CFA Franc (BEAC) available in paper denominations of 10,000, 5,000, 2,000, 1,000 and 500 francs.

**HELP DESK**

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**RC65 EXHIBITION**

The stands of the exhibition are located at the entrance of the main hall of the conference centre and will be open throughout the duration of the meeting.

The following items will be on display: publications, medical literature, posters etc. from WHO country, regional and headquarters offices.

**WELCOME MESSAGE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL**

Dear Heads and Members of Delegations,

On behalf of Dr. Margaret Chan, the WHO Director General, I welcome you to the Sixty-fifth Session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa, in Ndjamena, Republic of Chad. I wish to express my sincere gratitude to His Excellency Idriss Deby Itno, President of the Republic of Chad, the Government and the people of Chad, for welcoming us warmly and for the excellent arrangements made for this meeting.

At this time last year, the deadly Ebola Virus Disease was killing thousands of people, ravaging economic, diatribating societies and threatening global public health. Today, after a lot of work, the situation has improved significantly. I thank governments of the affected countries, WHO staff and partners for the tremendous efforts that have contributed to the current trend.

We are now in the era of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) building on and sustaining achievements of the Millennium Development Goals. This is an exciting time for public health in Africa because the SDGs clearly position health as a reliable measure of sustainable development. Health is no longer considered a consuming sector, it is simply smart economic investment.

When I assumed office, I promised to implement a “Transformation Agenda” in our region aimed at engendering an organization that is proactive, responsive, results-driven, appropriately resourced and equipped to deliver on its mandate. We are working hard towards this objective.

We are also working on mechanisms to strengthen and promote accountability and transparency in line with the WHO Accountability Framework. We are therefore training our staff at regional and country levels to be able to provide quality technical advice to governments and stakeholders within WHO rules and regulations.

You will receive the daily Regional Committee Journal that will give you an overview of proceedings of the different sessions of the meeting. It will also provide useful information during your stay in Ndjamena. The WHO Secretariat is at your disposal to ensure a successful meeting.

Dr. Matshidiso Moeti  
WHO Regional Director for Africa

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The 65th session of the WHO Regional Committee (RC) for Africa opens today in Ndjamena, Republic of Chad. The Regional Committee is the WHO Governing Body for the African Region, composed of Ministers of Health from the 47 Member States.

From 23rd to 27th November 2015, delegates will listen to and discuss the report of the Regional Director on the work of WHO in the African Region (2014-2015) and a range of health issues. These include progress on health-related MDGs and the Post-2015 Health Development Agenda as well as global strategies on people-centred integrated service delivery, research for health and human resources for health.

The Regional Committee will also discuss the African Public Health Emergency Fund, the 2014 Ebola Virus Disease outbreak and the Regional orientation on the implementation of the WHO Programme Budget 2016-2017. Delegates are also expected to discuss the Transformation Agenda of the WHO Secretariat in the African Region for 2015-2020 and the Health Security and International Health Regulations.

Progress reports in the African Region will also be presented on the establishment of the African Centre for Disease Control, WHO staff in the African Region and the status of polioelimination. Other reports include implementation of the Health Promotion Strategy, implementation of the recommendations of the Women’s Health Commission and the establishment of the African Medicines Agency among others. Information will also be shared on the new Neglected Tropical Diseases entity.

Delegates will participate in several side events (see page 4 for details).
The Transformation Agenda of the World Health Organization Secretariat in the African Region is a vision and a strategy for change aimed at facilitating the emergence of an organization that the staff and stakeholders want.

It is a result of consultations with staff members within and outside the WHO African Region and stakeholders from outside the Organization.

The Transformation Agenda covers four focus areas:

1. pro-results values
2. smart technical focus
3. responsive strategic operations
4. effective communications and partnerships

Each of the focus areas has a set of strategic actions with clear implementation timelines. These are closely aligned with the ongoing global reforms (managerial, programmatic and governance) of WHO.

The Transformation Agenda is bold, ambitious and seeks to engender a regional health organisation that is foresighted, proactive, responsive, results-driven, transparent, accountable, appropriately resourced and equipped to deliver on its mandate.