DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA, PLACE AND DATES OF THE SEVENTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

1. In accordance with Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee, the Regional Director presents the following proposal on the place and dates for the Seventy-third session of the Regional Committee:

2. By virtue of resolution AFR/RC41/R13, the additional costs of hosting the Regional Committee in a country other than that of the Regional Office shall be fully borne by the host country. Should a Member State be interested in hosting the Regional Committee, an agreement is drawn up between the host country’s government and the World Health Organization, covering the following items required for the Regional Committee meeting:

(a) premises, furniture and equipment, including interpretation equipment, required for the Regional Committee’s work;
(b) lighting equipment, including maintenance, electric power supply and ventilation of the premises;
(c) staff for maintenance, cleaning and surveillance of the premises, installations, equipment and supplies;
(d) postal and telephone service, together with radio and television coverage, essential for the efficient and proper coverage of the Regional Committee’s proceedings;
(e) accommodation and travel expenses for the WHO Secretariat authorized to attend the meeting;
(f) vehicles for transporting Member State representatives, members of the WHO Secretariat, equipment, supplies and documents; national currency at the best rate of exchange and in the amount needed to meet the Organization’s expenses in the host country.

3. The Regional Director deems it expedient to draw the attention of Member States to the need to give full consideration to these commitments.

4. The Regional Committee decided to hold its Seventy-third session in Gaborone, Botswana from 28 August to 1 September 2023. The draft agenda is attached hereto.
ANNEX

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Election of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairpersons and the Rapporteurs
3. Adoption of the provisional agenda and provisional programme of work
4. Appointment of the Committee on credentials
5. Statement of the Chairperson of the Programme Subcommittee
6. Annual report of the Regional Director on the work of WHO in the African Region
7. (Matters of global concern related to World Health Assembly decisions and resolutions)

Pillar 1: One billion more people benefitting from universal health coverage
9. Framework for sustaining resilient health systems to achieve universal health coverage and promote health security in the WHO African Region
10. Turning plans into action - developing a regional strategy for expediting the implementation and monitoring of national action plans on antimicrobial resistance in the WHO African Region
11. Regional strategy on diagnostics and laboratory services

Pillar 3: One billion more people enjoying better health and well-being
12. Action plan to strengthen the implementation of the Global strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol in the WHO African Region
13. Framework for public health adaptation to climate change in the African Region

Pillar 4: More effective and efficient WHO providing better support to countries
14. Eighth progress report on the implementation of the Transformation Agenda of the WHO Secretariat in the African Region
15. Programme budget
16. Draft provisional agenda, place and dates of the Seventy-fourth session of the Regional Committee

17. Information documents

Pillar 1: One billion more people benefitting from universal health coverage

17.1 Progress report on the framework for the implementation of the Global strategy to accelerate the elimination of cervical cancer as a public health problem in the WHO African Region

17.2 Progress report on the research for health: a strategy for the African Region, 2016–2025

17.3 Progress report for the implementation of the Regional strategy for scaling up health innovations in the WHO African Region

17.4 Progress report on utilizing eHealth solutions to improve national health systems in the WHO African Region

17.5 Progress report on the implementation of the health promotion strategy for the African Region 2012–2022

Pillar 3: One billion more people enjoying better health and well-being

17.6 Progress report on the framework for the implementation of the Global action plan for physical activity 2018–2030 in the WHO African Region

17.7 Progress report on the implementation of the decade of action for road safety in the African Region

17.8 Progress report on the implementation of the strategic plan to reduce the double burden of malnutrition in the African Region (2019–2025)

17.9 Progress report on addressing the challenge of women’s health in Africa: report of the Commission on Women’s Health in the African Region

Pillar 4: More effective and efficient WHO providing better support to countries

17.10 Report on WHO staff in the African Region

17.11 Regional matters arising from reports of the WHO internal and external audits

18. Adoption of the report of the Regional Committee

19. Closure of the Seventy-third session of the Regional Committee.