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-fourth 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. In accordance with resolution AFR/RC35/R10, which resolved that ‘the Regional Committee shall meet at least once every two years at the Regional Office’, it is proposed that the Seventy-fourth session of the Regional Committee be held at the WHO Regional Office in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo. It is further proposed that the Regional Committee be held from 26 to 30 August 2024. The draft provisional agenda of the Seventy-fourth session of the Regional Committee is attached herewith.
5. No Member State has expressed a wish to host the Seventy-fourth session of the Regional Committee at this stage. Member States who wish to do so are invited to formulate their offer during the discussion of Provisional Agenda Item 17 of the Seventy-third session of the Regional Committee and by sending their invitation to host the Regional Committee to the Regional Director.
REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA

Seventy-fourth session
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Provisional agenda item 3

DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the Special Procedures to regulate the conduct of the hybrid session of the Seventy-fourth Regional Committee for Africa and 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. Nomination of the Regional Director
7. Report of the Regional Director on the work of WHO in the African Region
8. (Matters of global concern related to World Health Assembly decisions and resolutions)

Pillar 1: One billion more people benefitting from universal health coverage
10. Framework for strengthening local production of medicines, vaccines, and other health technologies in the WHO African Region 2025–2035

Pillar 2: One billion more people better protected from health emergencies
Pillar 3: One billion more people enjoying better health and well-being


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

15. Ninth progress report on the implementation of the Transformation Agenda of the World Health Organization Secretariat in the African Region
16. Programme budget/ Fourteenth General Programme of Work, 2025–2028
17. Draft provisional agenda, place, and dates of the Seventy-fifth session of the Regional Committee
18. Information documents

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

18.1 Progress report on the Framework for strengthening the use of evidence information and research for policy-making in the African Region
18.2 Progress report on the Framework for implementing the Global strategy on digital health in the WHO African Region
18.3 Progress report on the African Health Observatory
18.4 Progress report on the Framework for implementing the priority actions of the global plan of action of the Decade of Healthy ageing
18.5 Progress report on the Framework for improving access to assistive technology in the WHO African Region

Pillar 2: One billion more people better protected from health emergencies

18.6 Progress report on the Regional strategy for health securities and emergencies 2022–2030
18.7 Progress report on the Framework for implementing the Global strategy to eliminate yellow fever epidemics (EYE) 2017–2026
18.8 Progress report on the status of country engagement and implementation of the Universal Health and Preparedness Review (UHPR) in the African Region

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

18.9 Progress report on the Framework for the implementation of the Global strategy to accelerate the elimination of cervical cancer as a public health problem
18.10 Progress report on the Framework for the implementation of the Global vector control response in the WHO African Region
18.12 Progress report on the updated regional strategy for the management of environmental determinants of human health in the African Region 2022–2032
Pillar 4: More effective and efficient WHO providing better support to countries

18.13  Report on WHO staff in the African Region
18.14  Regional matters arising from reports of the WHO internal and external audits

19.  Adoption of the report of the Regional Committee
20.  Closure of the Seventy-fourth session of the Regional Committee