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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK

Sunday, 26 August 2018

09:00 *Hiking: 70 years of WHO serving countries/nations (location to be determined)*

DAY 1: Monday, 27 August 2018

09:00–11:30 **Agenda item 1** Opening of the meeting

11:30–12:00 *Group photo followed by tea break*

12:00–12:30 **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/RC68/1)

Agenda item 4 Appointment of the Members of the Committee on Credentials

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 2017-2018: Report of the Regional Director (Document AFR/RC68/2)

16:00–16:30 **Tea break**

16:30–18:00 **Agenda item 16** Proposed Programme Budget 2020-2021 (Document AFR/RC68/13)

18:00 **End of the day's session**

18:30 *Reception hosted by the Government of Senegal and the Regional Director*

DAY 2: Tuesday, 28 August 2018

07:30–08:45	Breakfast meeting	<i>Gavi Alliance Breakfast–Doing business differently towards UHC</i>
09:00–09:15	Agenda item 4 (cont’d)	Report of the Committee on Credentials
09:15–09:45	Agenda item 6	Statement of the Chairperson of the Programme Committee (Document AFR/RC68/3)
09:45–11:00	Agenda item 7	Progress report on the Implementation of the Transformation Agenda of the World Health Organization Secretariat in the African Region: 2015–2020 (Document AFR/RC68/4)
11:00–11:30	Tea break	
11:30–12:30	Agenda item 8	Report on regional managerial Compliance activities and matters arising out of Internal and External Audits (Document AFR/RC68/5)
12:30–14:30	Lunch break	
13:00–14:30	Side Event	<i>Improving Public Finance Management to advance progress towards UHC in Africa</i>
14:30–16:00	Agenda item 9	WHO’s work on Resource Mobilization through strengthening partnerships to better support Member States (Document AFR/RC68/6)
16:00–16:30	Tea break	
16:30–18:00	Agenda item 10	Regional framework for the implementation of the global Strategy for cholera prevention and control (Document AFR/RC68/7)
18:00	End of the day’s session	
18:00–19:30	Side event	<i>Tackling the burden of hypertension and strengthening the management of severe NCDs through public health approaches</i>

DAY 3: Wednesday, 29 August 2018

07:30–08:45	Breakfast meeting	<u><i>Saving millions of lives through innovations in mortality surveillance (CHAMPS)</i></u>
09:00–09:15	Agenda item 4 (cont'd)	Report of the Committee on Credentials
09:15–10:30	Agenda item 15	Draft global strategy on health, environment and climate change (Document AFR/RC68/12)
10:30–11:00	Tea Break	
11:00–12:30	Agenda item 13	Ensuring Sustainable financing for Universal Health Coverage in Africa in the midst of changing global and local economic factors (Document AFR/RC68/10)
12:30–14:30	Lunch break	
13:00–14:30	Side event	<i>Launch of The State of Health Analysis in the African Region</i>
14:30–16:00	Agenda item 11	Framework for certification of polio eradication in the African Region (Document AFR/RC68/8)
16:00–16:30	Tea Break	
16:30–18:00	Agenda item 14	Roadmap for access 2019–2023: Comprehensive support for access to medicines and vaccines (Document AFR/RC68/11)
18:00	End of the day's session	
18:00–19:30	Evening Side Event	<i>Digital Health expansion in Africa and the AFRO-ITU agreement</i>

DAY 4: Thursday, 30 August 2018

07:30–08:45	Breakfast meeting	<i>Organisation of African First Ladies against HIV/AIDS (OAFLA)</i>
09:00–10:30	Agenda item 12	Status of implementation of the four time-bound commitments on noncommunicable diseases in the African Region (Document AFR/RC68/9)
10:30–11:00	Tea Break	
11:00–12:30	Agenda item 17	Draft Code of Conduct for the nomination of the Regional Director (Document AFR/RC68/14)
12:30–14:30	Lunch Break	

13:00–14:30	Side event	<i>Engaging African governments to strengthen national health research systems with complementary international cooperation</i>
14:30–16:00	Agenda Item 18	Information Documents
	Agenda Item 18.1	Ratification of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products: Information document (Document AFR/RC68/INF.DOC/1)
	Agenda Item 18.2	Progress report on utilizing eHealth solutions to improve national health systems in the African Region (Document AFR/RC68/INF.DOC/2)
	Agenda Item 18.3	Progress report on the African Health Observatory and its role in strengthening health information systems in the African Region (Document AFR/RC68/INF.DOC/3)
	Agenda Item 18.4	Status of implementation of the recommendations of the report on Addressing the Challenges of Women's Health in Africa (Document AFR/RC68/INF.DOC/4)
	Agenda Item 18.5	Progress report on implementing the Global Technical Strategy for Malaria 2016–2030 in the African Region (Document AFR/RC68/INF.DOC/5)
	Agenda Item 18.6	Progress report on implementing the Global Health Sector Strategy for prevention, care and treatment of viral hepatitis 2016–2021 in the African Region (Document AFR/RC68/INF.DOC/6)
	Agenda Item 18.7	Progress report on implementing the Global Health Sector Strategy on HIV/AIDS 2016–2021 (Document AFR/RC68/INF.DOC/7)
	Agenda Item 18.8	Progress report on the Framework for implementing the End TB Strategy in the African Region 2016–2020 (Document AFR/RC68/INF.DOC/8)
	Agenda Item 18.9	Report of WHO staff in the African Region (Document AFR/RC68/INF.DOC/9)
16:00–16:30	Tea break	
16:30–17:45	Agenda item 19	Draft provisional agenda, dates and place of the Sixty-ninth session of the Regional Committee and place of the seventieth session of the Regional Committee (Document AFR/RC68/15)
17:45	End of the day's session	
18:00–19:30	Side event	<i>Development and implementation of integrated and affordable assisted reproductive technologies (ART) services in the African Region</i>

Day 5: Friday, 31 August 2018

09:00–12:00	Agenda item 20	Adoption of the report of the Regional Committee (Document AFR/RC68/16)
12:00–12:30	Agenda item 21	Closure of the Sixty-eighth session of the Regional Committee
12:30–14:30	Lunch	
<i>13:00–14:30</i>	<i>Side meeting</i>	<i>Rollback Malaria meeting</i>