



**REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA**

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Seventy-second session  
Lomé, Republic of Togo, 22–26 August 2022

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK**

(Time: GMT/UTC+0)

**Sunday, 21 August 2022**

09:00–11:00 *Walk-the-Talk*

**DAY 1: Monday, 22 August 2022**

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

11:00–12:00 *Group photograph followed by tea break*

12:00–12:30 **Agenda item 2** Adoption of the Special Procedures to regulate the conduct of the hybrid session of the Regional Committee for Africa and election of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairpersons and the Rapporteurs (Document [AFR/RC72/Decision 1](#))

**Agenda item 3** Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Programme of Work (Document [AFR/RC72/1](#) and Document [AFR/RC72/1 Add.1](#))

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

12:30–14:30 *Lunch break* **(Meeting of the Committee on Credentials)**

13:00–14:00 *Side event 1* *The contract-based approach to managing public health facilities in Togo – Event by the Government of Togo*

14:30–15:00 **Agenda item 5** Statement of the Chairperson of the Programme Subcommittee (Document [AFR/RC72/2](#))

15:00–16:30 **Agenda item 6** Annual report of the Regional Director on the work of WHO in the African Region (Document [AFR/RC72/3](#))

16:30–17:00 *Tea break*

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17:00–18:15 **Agenda item 14** Seventh progress report on the implementation of the Transformation Agenda of the WHO Secretariat in the African Region (Document [AFR/RC72/11](#))

18:15 **End of the day's session**

18:45 *Reception hosted by the Government of Togo and the WHO Regional Director for Africa*

**DAY 2: Tuesday, 23 August 2022**

08:45–09:00 **Agenda item 4 (contd)** Report of the Committee on Credentials

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09:00–10:30 **Agenda item 7** PEN-Plus – A regional strategy to address severe noncommunicable diseases at first-level referral health facilities (Document [AFR/RC72/4](#) and Document [AFR/RC72/WP2](#))

10:30–11:00 *Tea break*

11:00–12:15 **Agenda item 8** Framework to strengthen the implementation of the comprehensive mental health action plan 2013–2030 in the WHO African Region (Document [AFR/RC72/5](#))

12:15–14:15 *Lunch break*

12:45–13:45 *Side event 2* *Marshalling a regional campaign against sickle cell disease (SCD)*

14:15–15:45 **Special event** Building back better: Rethinking and rebuilding resilient health systems in Africa to achieve universal health coverage and health security

15:45–16:15 *Tea break*

16:15–17:45 **Special event (contd)** Building back better: Rethinking and rebuilding resilient health systems in Africa to achieve universal health coverage and health security

17:45 **End of the day's session**

18:15 *Side event 3* *Meeting of SIDS Ministers of Health*

18:15            **Side event 4**                            *Combating substandard and falsified medical products -  
Event by the Government of Togo*

**DAY 3: Wednesday, 24 August 2022**

07:45-08:45    **Ad-hoc side event**                            *Polio WPV1 closed door session with Ministers of Health*

08:45–09:00    **Agenda item 4 (contd)**                            Report of the Committee on Credentials

09:00–10:15    **Agenda item 12**                            Intergovernmental Negotiating Body: update and  
consultation on the Working Draft  
(Document [AFR/RC72/9](#))

10:15–10:45    **Tea Break**

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10:45–12:15    **Agenda item 11**                            Regional strategy for health security and emergencies  
2022–2030 (Document [AFR/RC72/8](#) and  
Document [AFR/RC72/WP3](#))

12:15–14:15    **Lunch break**

12:30–14:00    **Side event 5**                            *Towards political leadership to end childhood TB by 2030  
– Event by the AU in collaboration with WHO and EGPAF*

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14:15–15:30    **Agenda item 9**                            Financial risk protection towards universal health coverage  
in the WHO African Region (Document [AFR/RC72/6](#))

15:30–16:00    **Tea Break**

16:00–18:00    **Special event**                            Responding with speed and quality - Addressing the  
ongoing threat of polio in the African Region

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

18:30            **Side event 6**                            *Ensuring health security in Africa - Ministerial dinner to  
discuss WHO AFRO Emergency Preparedness and  
Response Flagship Programmes*

**DAY 4: Thursday, 25 August 2022**

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

09:00–10:30 **Agenda item 13** Updated regional strategy for the management of environmental determinants of human health in the African Region 2022–2032 (Document [AFR/RC72/10](#) and Document [AFR/RC72/WP1](#))

10:30–11:00 *Tea Break*

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11:00–12:15 **Agenda item 10** Framework for the integrated control, elimination and eradication of tropical and vector-borne diseases in the African Region 2022–2030 (Document [AFR/RC72/7](#))

12:15–14:15 *Lunch break*

12:45–13:45 *Side event 7* *Building resilient health systems in Africa through improved leadership, management, and governance: The WHO AFRO Pathways to Leadership Programme for Member States*

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14:15–15:45 **Agenda item 15** Programme budget 2024–2025 and Extending the Thirteenth General Programme of Work, 2019–2023 to 2025 (Document [AFR/RC72/12](#))

15:45–16:15 *Tea Break*

16:15–17:45 **Agenda item 17** **Information documents**

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**Agenda item 17.1** Progress report on the Regional oral health strategy 2016–2025: addressing oral diseases as part of noncommunicable diseases (Document [AFR/RC72/INF.DOC/1](#))

**Agenda item 17.2** Progress report on the African regional framework for the implementation of the Global strategy on human resources for health: Workforce 2030 (Document [AFR/RC72/INF.DOC/2](#))

**Agenda item 17.3** Progress report on the Global strategy on women's, children's and adolescents' health 2016–2030: implementation in the African Region (Document [AFR/RC72/INF.DOC/3](#))

**Agenda item 17.4** Progress report on the Global strategy to accelerate tobacco control 2019–2025: implementation in the African Region (Document [AFR/RC72/INF.DOC/4](#))

**Agenda item 17.5** Progress report on the Framework for the implementation of the global vector control response (GVCR) in the WHO African Region (Document [AFR/RC72/INF.DOC/5](#))

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**Agenda item 17.6** Progress report on the implementation of the Regional strategy for integrated disease surveillance and response 2020-2030 (Document [AFR/RC72/INF.DOC/6](#))

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**Agenda item 17.7** Progress report on the implementation of the technical paper on reducing health inequities through intersectoral action on the social determinants of health in the African Region (Document [AFR/RC72/INF.DOC/7](#))

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**Agenda item 17.8** Progress report on the African Health Observatory (Document [AFR/RC72/INF.DOC/8](#))

**Agenda item 17.9** Report on WHO staff in the African Region (Document [AFR/RC72/INF.DOC/9](#))

**Agenda item 17.10** Regional Matters arising from reports of the WHO internal and external audits (Document [AFR/RC72/INF.DOC/10](#))

17:45 **End of the day's session**

18:15 *Side event 8* *Ministerial conference dinner on artificial intelligence*

**DAY 5: Friday, 26 August 2022**

09:00–09:30 **Agenda item 16** Draft provisional agenda, place and dates of the Seventy-third session of the Regional Committee (Document [AFR/RC72/13](#))

09:30–10:00 **Agenda item 19** **Closure of the Seventy-second session of the Regional Committee**

10:00–10:30 *Tea break*

10:30 *Visit of Lomé.*