REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA

Seventy-third session
Gaborone, Republic of Botswana, 28 August–1 September 2023

Provisional agenda item 3

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK

(Time: GMT/UTC+2)

Sunday, 27 August 2023

09:00–11:00  Walk the Talk

DAY 1: Monday, 28 August 2023

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

11:00–12:00  Group photograph followed by health break

12:00–12:30  Agenda item 2  Adoption of the Special Procedures to regulate the conduct of the hybrid session of the Seventy-third Regional Committee for Africa and election of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairpersons, and the Rapporteurs (Document AFR/RC73/Decision1)

Agenda item 3  Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Programme of Work (Document AFR/RC73/1 and AFR/RC73/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)

13:00–14:15  Side event 1  Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB) for pandemic treaty and IHR amendment (WGHIR) processes
14:30–15:00  **Agenda item 5**  Statement of the Chairperson of the Programme Subcommittee (Document AFR/RC73/2)

15:00–16:30  **Agenda item 6**  Annual report of the Regional Director on the work of WHO in the African Region (Document AFR/RC73/3)

16:30–17:00  Health break

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17:00–18:15  **Agenda item 15**  Eighth progress report on the implementation of the Transformation Agenda of the World Health Organization Secretariat in the African Region (Document AFR/RC73/11)

18:15  End of the day’s session

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

**DAY 2: Tuesday, 29 August 2023**

07:45–08:45  **Breakfast meeting**  *Financing for malaria*

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

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09:00–10:30  **Agenda item 10**  Regional strategy for expediting the implementation and monitoring of national action plans on antimicrobial resistance, 2023–2030 in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC73/6 and Resolution AFR/RC73/WP1)

10:30–11:00  Health break

11:00–12:15  **Agenda item 8**  Framework for implementing the Global strategic directions for nursing and midwifery, 2021–2025 in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC73/4)

12:15–14:30  Lunch break

12:45–14:15  **Side event 2**  *Botswana as a model of excellence on primary health care*

14:30–16:00  **Special event**  Strengthen multisectoral actions to address the nutrition and food insecurity crisis in the African Region

16:00–16:30  Health break
16:30–18:30 Special event WHO@75

18:30 End of the day’s session

18:45–20:45 Side event 3 Accelerating progress on neglected tropical diseases in the WHO African Region

18:45–20:45 Side event 4 SIDS Ministers Meeting

DAY 3: Wednesday, 30 August 2023

7:45 – 8:45 Ad-hoc side event Closed door session with Ministers of Health on cVDPV Outbreaks

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09:00–10:30 Agenda item 11 Regional strategy on diagnostics and laboratory services and systems, 2023–2032 for the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC73/7 and Resolution AFR/RC73/WP2)

10:30–11:00 Health break

11:00–12:15 Agenda item 9 Framework for sustaining resilient health systems to achieve universal health coverage and promote health security, 2023–2030 in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC73/5)

12:15–14:15 Lunch break

12:45–14:00 Side event 5 Strengthening Africa’s regulatory capacity for the “Africa We Want” through the establishment and operationalization of the African Medicines Agency

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15:30–16:00 Health break

16:00–18:00 Special Event Interrupting the transmission of all polioviruses in the African Region

18:00 End of the day’s session
18:30–20:30  Side event 6  
Flagship initiatives advancing health security in Africa: One year of WHO Africa Regional Office emergency preparedness and response (EPR) flagship initiatives

**DAY 4: Thursday, 31 August 2023**

7:45–8:45  Ad-hoc side event  
Closed door session with Ministers of Health on WPV1

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09:00–10:30  Agenda item 14  
Regional multisectoral strategy to promote health and well-being, 2023–2030 in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC73/10 and Resolution AFR/RC73/WP4)

10:30–11:00  Health break

11:00–12:30  Agenda item 13  
Strengthening community protection and resilience: regional strategy for community engagement, 2023–2030 in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC73/9 and Resolution AFR/RC73/WP3)

12:30–14:30  Lunch Break

13:00–14:15  Side event 7  
Strategic priorities for Africa's engagement with GHI

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14:30–15:30  Agenda item 16  
Programme budget (Document AFR/RC73/12)

15:30–16:00  Health break

16:00–17:15  Agenda item 7  
Fourteenth General Programme of Work, 2025–2028

17:15–18:15  Agenda item 18  
Information documents

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**Agenda item 18.1**  
Progress report on Research for health: a strategy for the African Region (Document AFR/RC73/INF.DOC/1)

**Agenda item 18.2**  
Progress report on the implementation of the Strategy for scaling up health innovations in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC73/INF.DOC/2)
Agenda item 18.3: Progress report on Utilizing eHealth solutions to improve national health systems in the African Region (Document AFR/RC73/INF.DOC/3)

Agenda Item 18.4: Final report on the implementation of the health promotion strategy for the African Region (Document AFR/RC73/INF.DOC/4)

Agenda item 18.5: Final report on addressing the challenge of women’s health in Africa: report of the Commission on Women’s Health in the African Region (Document AFR/RC73/INF.DOC/5)

18:15 End of the day’s session

18:45–20:45 Side event 8: Building a foundation of Africa free of cervical cancer: reaffirming commitments to eliminate cervical cancer as a public health problem in the African Region

DAY 5: Friday, 1 September 2023

09:00 – 10:00 Agenda Item 18: Information documents (contd)

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Agenda item 18.6: Progress report on the Framework for the implementation of the Global action plan for physical activity, 2018–2030 in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC73/INF.DOC/6)

Agenda item 18.7: Progress report on the implementation of the Decade of action for road safety in the African Region (Document AFR/RC73/INF.DOC/7)

Agenda item 18.8: Progress report on the implementation of the Strategic plan to reduce the double burden of malnutrition in the African Region (2019–2025) (Document AFR/RC73/INF.DOC/8)

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Agenda item 18.9: Report on WHO staff in the African Region (Document AFR/RC73/INF.DOC/9)

Agenda item 18.10: Regional matters arising from reports of the WHO internal and external audits (Document AFR/RC73/INF.DOC/10)

10:00 – 10:30 Agenda item 17: Draft provisional agenda, place, and dates of the Seventy-fourth session of the Regional Committee (Document AFR/RC73//13)
10:30–10:45  **Agenda item 19**  Adoption of the report of the Regional Committee (Document AFR/RC72/14)

10:45–11:15 **Agenda item 20**  Closure of the Seventy-third session of the Regional Committee

11:15–11:30  *Health break*

11:30–12:30  **Side event 9**  *Health Development Partnership for Africa and the Caribbean (HeDPAC)*

12:30–14:00  **Lunch break**

14:00  *The Botswana experience.*