REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA

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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

07:30–10:00  Walk the Talk

DAY 1: Monday, 28 August 2023

08:30–11:00  Agenda item 1  Opening of the meeting

12:00–14:00 Lunch break

12:30–13:45  Side event 1  Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB) for pandemic treaty and IHR amendment (WGIHR) processes

14:00–14:30  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/Decision 1)

14:00–14:30  Agenda item 3  Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Programme of Work (Document AFR/RC73/1 and Document AFR/RC73/1 Add.1)

14:30–15:00  Agenda item 4  Appointment of Members of the Committee on Credentials

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**  (Meeting of the Committee on Credentials)

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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**

07:15–08:30  **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 Document 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**  Unlocking financing for neglected tropical diseases in Africa

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 diagnostic and laboratory services and systems, 2023–2032 for the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC73/7 and Document 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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14:15–15:30  **Agenda item 12**  Framework for implementing the Global alcohol action plan, 2022–2030 in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC73/8)

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** *Celebrating one year of actioning Africa’s commitment to health security*

**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 Document 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 Document AFR/RC73/WP3)

12:30–14:30 **Lunch Break**

13:00–14:15 **Side event 7** *Strategic priorities for Africa’s engagement with GHIs*

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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 (Document AFR/RC73/15 and Document AFR/RC73/16)

17:15–18:00 **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)

18:00–18:30 **Agenda item 8 (contd)** Framework for implementing the Global strategic directions for nursing and midwifery, 2021–2025 in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC73/4)
18:30          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 – 09:30  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)

09:30 – 10:00  Agenda Item 18 (contd) Information documents

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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)

10:30–11:00  **Agenda item 20**  Closure of the Seventy-third session of the Regional Committee

11:00–11:30  **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.*