REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA

Seventy-fourth session
Brazzaville, Republic of Congo, 26–30 August 2024

Provisional agenda item 3

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK

(Time: GMT/UTC+1)

Sunday, 25 August 2024

07:30–10:00  Walk the Talk

DAY 1: Monday, 26 August 2024

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

11:30–12:30  Cocktail

12:30  Transport to the RC74 venue

13:30–14:00  Agenda item 2  Election of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairpersons, and the Rapporteurs

Agenda item 3  Adoption of the provisional agenda and provisional programme of work (Document AFR/RC74/1 and Document AFR/RC74/1 Add.1)

Agenda item 4  Appointment of Members of the Committee on Credentials

14:00–15:30  Agenda item 7  Report of the Regional Director on the work of WHO in the African Region (Document AFR/RC74/3)

15:30–16:00  Health break  Meeting of the Committee on Credentials

16:00–17:30  Special Event  Ten years of the Transformation Agenda of WHO in the African Region

17:30–18:30  Agenda item 6  Nomination of the Regional Director (Note by the Legal Counsel) (Document AFR/RC74/INF.DOC/1)

18:30  End of the day’s session
19:00 **Reception hosted by the Government of Congo and the WHO Regional Director for Africa**

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### DAY 2: Tuesday, 27 August 2024

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### DAY 3: Wednesday, 28 August 2024

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12:00–14:00  **Lunch break**

12:15–13:45  **Side event 2**  *Tackling the public health emergency of preventable child mortality in the WHO African Region*

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14:00–15:00  **Agenda item 15**  A decade of transformation: achievements and lessons learnt (Document AFR/RC74/11)

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15:00–16:15  **Agenda item 11**  Framework for integrating country and regional health data in the African Region: Regional Data Hub 2024–2030 (Document AFR/RC74/7)

16:15–16:45  **Health break**

16:45–18:15  **Special event**  *The Road to Zero: Ending Polio in the African Region*

18:15  **End of the day’s session**

18:30–20:30  **Side event 3**  *Accelerating the elimination of cervical cancer in Africa: strategies and partnerships for integrated person-centred prevention and care*

**DAY 4: Thursday, 29 August 2024**

07:30–08:45  **Breakfast meeting**  *Closed door session with Ministers of Health on variant poliovirus (by invitation only)*

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09:00–10:30  **Agenda item 12**  An innovative approach to strengthening the global architecture for health emergency preparedness and response in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC74/8)

10:30–11:00  **Health break**

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11:00–12:15  **Agenda item 13**  Framework for building climate-resilient and sustainable health systems in the WHO African Region 2024–2033 (Document AFR/RC74/9)

12:15–14:15  **Lunch Break**
12:30–14:00  **Side event 4**  
*Turning Words into Action: Operationalizing the Africa Health Workforce Investment Charter*

14:15–15:30  **Agenda item 14**  
Framework for implementing the WHO global strategy for food safety 2022–2030 in the African Region (Document AFR/RC74/10)

15:30–16:00  **Health break**

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16:00–17:15  **Agenda item 16**  
Draft proposed Programme Budget 2026–2027 (Document AFR/RC74/12)

17:15–18:15  **Agenda item 8**  
Process for the nomination and appointment of Regional Directors (Document AFR/RC74/4)

18:15  **End of the day’s session**

18:30–20:30  **Side event 5**  
*Vaccination for better health in Africa: renewed promise, commitment, and investment*

**DAY 5: Friday, 30 August 2024**

07:30–08:45  **Breakfast meeting**  
*Promoting equitable and sustainable access to life-saving innovations in Africa, with a focus on malaria vaccines, regional manufacturing and maternal health*

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

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**Agenda item 18.1**  
Progress report on the Framework for strengthening the use of evidence, information and research for policy-making in the African Region (Document AFR/RC74/INF.DOC/2)

**Agenda item 18.2**  
Progress report on the Framework for implementing the Global strategy on digital health in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC74/INF.DOC/3)

**Agenda item 18.3**  
Progress report on the African Health Observatory (Document AFR/RC74/INF.DOC/4)

**Agenda item 18.4**  
Progress report on the Framework for implementing the priority actions of the global plan of action of the Decade of Healthy ageing (Document AFR/RC74/INF.DOC/5)
Agenda item 18.5  Progress report on the Framework for improving access to assistive technology in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC74/INF.DOC/6)

Agenda item 18.6  Progress report on the Framework for the implementation of the Immunization Agenda 2030 in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC74/INF.DOC/7)

Agenda item 18.7  Progress Report on the Framework for the integrated control, elimination, and eradication of tropical and vector-borne diseases in the Africa Region (Document AFR/RC74/INF.DOC/8)

10:30–11:00  **Health break**

10:30–12:00  **Agenda Item 18  Information documents (contd)**

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Agenda item 18.8  Progress report on the Regional strategy for health security and emergencies 2022–2030 (Document AFR/RC74/INF.DOC/9)

Agenda item 18.9  Progress report on the Framework for implementing the Global strategy to eliminate yellow fever epidemics (EYE) 2017–2026 (Document AFR/RC74/INF.DOC/10)

Agenda item 18.10  Progress report on the status of country engagement and implementation of the Universal Health and Preparedness Review (UHPR) in the African Region (Document AFR/RC74/INF.DOC/11)

Agenda item 18.11  Progress report on the Framework for the implementation of the Global Strategy to defeat Meningitis by 2030 in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC74/INF.DOC/12)

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Agenda item 18.12  Progress report on the Framework for the implementation of the Global strategy to accelerate the elimination of cervical cancer as a public health problem (Document AFR/RC74/INF.DOC/13)

Agenda item 18.13  Progress report on the Framework for the implementation of the Global vector control response in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC74/INF.DOC/14)

Agenda item 18.15  Progress report on the updated regional strategy for the management of environmental determinants of human health in the African Region 2022–2032 (Document AFR/RC74/INF.DOC/16)

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Agenda item 18.16  Report on WHO staff in the African Region (Document AFR/RC74/INF.DOC/17)

Agenda item 18.17  Regional matters arising from reports of the WHO internal and external audits (Document AFR/RC74/INF.DOC/18)

12:00–12:30  Agenda item 17  Draft provisional agenda, place, and dates of the Seventy-fifth session of the Regional Committee (Document AFR/RC74/13)

12:45–13:00  Agenda item 19  Adoption of the report of the Regional Committee (Document AFR/RC74/14)

13:00–13:30  Agenda item 20  Closure of the Seventy-fourth session of the Regional Committee

13:30–14:30  Lunch

14:30  The Congo experience.