

**Regional Committee for Africa**

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Lusaka, Republic of Zambia, 25–27 August 2025

Agenda item 3

**Programme of work**

**(Time: GMT/UTC+2)**

**Sunday, 24 August 2025**

07:30–10:00 Walk the Talk

**Day 1: Monday, 25 August 2025**

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09:00–11:30	<b>Agenda item 1</b>	Opening ceremony
11:30–12:00	<b>Agenda item 2</b>	Election of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairpersons, and the Rapporteurs
	<b>Agenda item 3</b>	Adoption of the provisional agenda and provisional programme of work ( <a href="#">Document AFR/RC75/1</a> and <a href="#">Document AFR/RC75/1 Add.1</a> )
	<b>Agenda item 4</b>	Appointment of Members of the Committee on Credentials
12:00–14:00	<b>Lunch break</b>	Meeting of the Committee on Credentials
12:15–13:45	<b>Side event 1</b>	<i>Closed-door meeting with Ministers of Health from focus countries on a sexual and reproductive health and rights initiative (by invitation only)</i>
14:00–14:30	<b>Agenda item 5</b>	Statement of the Chairperson of the Programme Subcommittee ( <a href="#">Document AFR/RC75/2</a> )
14:30–16:00	<b>Agenda item 6</b>	Annual report of the Regional Director on the work of WHO in the African Region (Document AFR/RC75/3)

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16:00–17:15	<b>Agenda item 7</b>	Regional framework for accelerating implementation of the global oral health action plan: addressing oral diseases as part of noncommunicable diseases toward universal health coverage by 2030 ( <a href="#">Document AFR/RC75/4</a> )
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17:15–18:30	<b>Agenda item 10</b>	Framework to advance universal access to safe, effective and quality-assured blood products in the WHO African Region: 2026–2030 ( <a href="#">Document AFR/RC75/7</a> )
18:30	<b>End of the day’s session</b>	
18:45	<b><i>Reception hosted by the Government of Zambia and the WHO Regional Director for Africa</i></b>	

**Day 2: Tuesday, 26 August 2025**

07:15–08:30	<b>Breakfast meeting 1</b>	<i>Closed-door session with Ministers of Health on polio in the Lake Chad Basin countries (by invitation only)</i>
08:45–09:00	<b>Agenda item 4 (contd)</b>	Report of the Committee on Credentials (Document AFR/RC75/Decision 2)

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09 :00–09:45	<b>Agenda item 10 (contd)</b>	Framework to advance universal access to safe, effective and quality-assured blood products in the WHO African Region: 2026–2030 ( <a href="#">Document AFR/RC75/7</a> )
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09:45–11 : 00	<b>Agenda item 14</b>	Programme budget
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11:00–12:00	<b>Agenda item 9</b>	Regional strategy to strengthen rehabilitation in health systems, 2025–2035 ( <a href="#">Document AFR/RC75/6</a> )
12:00–14:00	<b>Lunch break</b>	
12:15–13:45	<b>Side event 2</b>	<i>Partnerships for strengthening an ecosystem approach to production of medicines, vaccines, and other health technologies in Africa and the “Gavi-leap”</i>
14:00–15:30	<b>Agenda item 8</b>	Accelerating progress in the health and well-being of women, children and adolescents by transforming health systems in the African Region ( <a href="#">Document AFR/RC75/5</a> )
15:30–16:45	<b>Agenda item 11</b>	Addressing threats and galvanizing collective action to meet the 2030 malaria targets ( <a href="#">Document AFR/RC75/8</a> )
16:45–18:45	<b>Special event</b>	<i>Eradication, transition and sustainability: the African Region’s Polio Endgame</i>
18:45	<b>End of the day’s session</b>	
19:00–20:30	<b>Side event 3</b>	<i>From commitment to action: accelerating domestic investment and multisectoral leadership for health in Africa</i>

**Day 3: Wednesday, 27 August 2025**

07:30–08:45    **Breakfast meeting 2**    *Closed-door session with Ministers of Health from countries with active cholera outbreaks (by invitation only)*

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09:00–10:00    **Agenda item 11 (contd)**    Addressing threats and galvanizing collective action to meet the 2030 malaria targets ([Document AFR/RC75/8](#))

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10:00–11:00    **Agenda item 12**    Status of public health and emergency workforce in Africa ([Document AFR/RC75/9](#))

11:00–12:00    **Agenda item 13**    Strengthening Africa's health security: enhancing event detection, building resilient systems, and fostering strategic partnerships ([Document AFR/RC75/10](#))

12:00–14:00    **Lunch break**

12:15–13:45    **Side event 4**    *PEN-Plus approach and integrating breast and cervical cancer in the African Region*

14:00–14:30    **Agenda item 15**    Draft provisional agenda, place, and dates of the Seventy-sixth session of the Regional Committee (Document AFR/RC75/12)

14:30–17:30    **Agenda item 16**    Information documents

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**Agenda item 16.1**    Report on the Regional strategy for expediting the implementation and monitoring of national action plans on antimicrobial resistance, 2023–2030 in the WHO African Region ([Document AFR/RC75/INF.DOC/1](#))

**Agenda item 16.2**    Progress report on the implementation of the Strategy for scaling up health innovations in the African Region ([Document AFR/RC75/INF.DOC/2](#))

**Agenda item 16.3**    Mid-term review of PEN-PLUS – A regional strategy to address severe noncommunicable diseases at first-level referral health facilities ([Document AFR/RC75/INF.DOC/3](#))

**Agenda item 16.4**    Progress report on the Regional oral health strategy 2016–2025: addressing oral diseases as part of noncommunicable diseases ([Document AFR/RC75/INF.DOC/4](#))

**Agenda item 16.5**    Progress report on the Framework to strengthen the implementation of the comprehensive mental health action plan

2013–2030 in the WHO African Region ([Document AFR/RC75/INF.DOC/5](#))

**Agenda item 16.6**

Progress report on the Framework for provision of essential health services through strengthened district/local health systems to support UHC in the context of the SDGs ([Document AFR/RC75/INF.DOC/6](#))

**Agenda item 16.7**

Progress report on the Framework for health systems development towards universal health coverage in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals in the African Region ([Document AFR/RC75/INF.DOC/7](#))

**Agenda item 16.8**

Progress report on the Regional strategy on regulation of medical products in African Region, 2016–2025 ([Document AFR/RC75/INF.DOC/8](#))

**Agenda item 16.9**

Progress report on the Regional framework for integrating essential noncommunicable disease services in primary health care ([Document AFR/RC75/INF.DOC/9](#))

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**Agenda item 16.10**

Progress report on the Framework document for the African Public Health Emergency Fund ([Document AFR/RC75/INF.DOC/10](#))

**Agenda item 16.11**

Progress report on the Regional Framework for the implementation of the Global strategy for cholera prevention and control 2018–2030 ([Document AFR/RC75/INF.DOC/11](#))

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

**Agenda item 16.12**

Progress report on the Regional multisectoral strategy to promote health and well-being, 2023–2030 in the WHO African Region ([Document AFR/RC75/INF.DOC/12](#))

**Agenda item 16.13**

Progress report on the Regional strategy for community engagement, 2023–2030 in the WHO African Region ([Document AFR/RC75/INF.DOC/13](#))

**Agenda item 16.14**

Final report on the implementation of the Strategic plan to reduce the double burden of malnutrition in the African Region (2019–2025) ([Document AFR/RC75/INF.DOC/14](#))

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	<b>Agenda item 16.15</b>	Progress report on the Framework for integrating country and regional health data in the African Region: Regional Data Hub 2024–2030 ( <a href="#">Document AFR/RC75/INF.DOC/15</a> )
	<b>Agenda item 16.16</b>	Report on WHO staff in the African Region ( <a href="#">Document AFR/RC75/INF.DOC/16</a> )
	<b>Agenda item 16.17</b>	Regional matters arising from reports of WHO internal and external audits ( <a href="#">Document AFR/RC75/INF.DOC/17</a> )
18:00–18:30	<b>Agenda item 17</b>	Closure of the Seventy-fifth session of the Regional Committee
18:45–20:45	<b>Side event 5</b>	<i>Emergency preparedness and response in resource-constrained contexts: paradigm shifts</i>

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