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Provisional agenda item 3

Provisional programme of work

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Sunday, 24 August 2025

07:30–10:00 Walk the Talk

Day 1: Monday, 25 August 2025

09:00–11:30	Agenda item 1	Opening ceremony
11:30–12:00	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/RC75/1 and Document AFR/RC75/1 Add.1)
	Agenda item 4	Appointment of Members of the Committee on Credentials
12:00–14:00	Lunch break	Meeting of the Committee on Credentials
12:15–13:45	Side event 1	Advancing Leadership for Women's Health and SRHR in WHO African region
14:00–14:30	Agenda item 5	Statement of the Chairperson of the Programme Subcommittee
14:30–16:00	Agenda item 6	Annual report of the Regional Director on the work of WHO in the African Region

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16:00–17:15	Agenda item 7	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
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17:15–18:30	Agenda item 10	Framework to advance universal access to safe, effective and quality-assured blood products in the WHO African Region: 2026–2030
18:30	End of the day's session	
18:45	<i>Reception hosted by the Government of Zambia and the WHO Regional Director for Africa</i>	

Day 2: Tuesday, 26 August 2025

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

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09:00–10:30	Agenda item 14	Programme budget
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10:30–12:00	Agenda item 9	Regional strategy to strengthen rehabilitation in health systems, 2025–2035
12:00–14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
12:15–13:45	<i>Side event 2</i>	New Partnerships for Strengthening an Ecosystem Approach to End-to-End Local Production of Medicines, Vaccines, and Other Health Technologies in Africa
14:00–15:30	Agenda item 8	Accelerating progress in the health and well-being of women, children and adolescents by transforming health systems in the African Region
15:30–16:45	Agenda item 11	Addressing threats and galvanizing collective action to meet the 2030 malaria targets
16:45–18:45	<i>Special event</i>	Eradication, transition and sustainability: the African Region's Polio Endgame
18:45	End of the day's session	
19:00–20:30	<i>Side event 3</i>	From Commitment to Action: Accelerating Domestic Investment and Multisectoral Leadership for Health in Africa

Day 3: Wednesday, 27 August 2025

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07:30–08:45	<i>Breakfast meeting 2</i>	Closed-door session with Ministers of Health on polio in the Lake Chad Basin countries (by invitation only)
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09:00–10:30	Agenda item 12	Status of public health and emergency workforce in Africa
10:30–12:00	Agenda item 13	Strengthening Africa’s health security: enhancing event detection, building resilient systems, and fostering strategic partnerships
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
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
Agenda item 16.2	Progress report on the implementation of the Strategy for scaling up health innovations in the African Region
Agenda item 16.3	Mid-term review of PEN-PLUS – A regional strategy to address severe noncommunicable diseases at first-level referral health facilities
Agenda item 16.4	Progress report on the Regional oral health strategy 2016–2025: addressing oral diseases as part of noncommunicable diseases
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
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
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
Agenda item 16.8	Progress report on the Regional strategy on regulation of medical products in African Region, 2016–2025
Agenda item 16.9	Progress report on the Regional framework for integrating essential noncommunicable disease services in primary health care

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- Agenda item 16.10** Progress report on the Framework document for the African Public Health Emergency Fund
- Agenda item 16.11** Progress report on the Regional Framework for the implementation of the Global strategy for cholera prevention and control 2018–2030

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- Agenda item 16.12** Progress report on the Regional multisectoral strategy to promote health and well-being, 2023–2030 in the WHO African Region
- Agenda item 16.13** Progress report on the Regional strategy for community engagement, 2023–2030 in the WHO African Region
- 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)

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- Agenda item 16.15** Progress report on the Framework for integrating country and regional health data in the African Region: Regional Data Hub 2024–2030
- Agenda item 16.16** Report on WHO staff in the African Region
- Agenda item 16.17** Regional matters arising from reports of WHO internal and external audits
- 18:00–18:30 **Agenda item 17** Closure of the Seventy-fifth session of the Regional Committee
- 18:45–20:45 **Side event 5** Recalibrating WHO emergency preparedness and response (EPR) work and partnerships for public health emergency management in Africa: smarter, sustainable and locally driven solutions.
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