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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*	*Closed-door meeting with Ministers of Health from focus countries on a sexual and reproductive health and rights initiative (by invitation only)*
14:00–14:30	**Agenda item 5**	Statement of the Chairperson of the Programme Subcommittee (Document AFR/RC75/2)
14:30–16:00	**Agenda item 6**	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	**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 (Document AFR/RC75/4)
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 (Document AFR/RC75/7)
18:30	**End of the day's session**	
18:45	***Reception hosted by the Government of Zambia and the WHO Regional Director for Africa***	

Day 2: Tuesday, 26 August 2025

07:15–08:30	***Breakfast meeting 1***	Closed-door session with Ministers of Health on polio in the Lake Chad Basin 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 (Document AFR/RC75/6)
12:00–14:00	***Lunch break***	
12:15–13:45	***Side event 2***	*Partnerships for strengthening an ecosystem approach to production of medicines, vaccines, and other health technologies in Africa and the "Gavi-leap"*
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 (Document AFR/RC75/5)
15:30–16:45	**Agenda item 11**	Addressing threats and galvanizing collective action to meet the 2030 malaria targets (Document AFR/RC75/8)
16:45–18:45	***Special event***	*Eradication, transition and sustainability: the African Region's Polio Endgame*
18:45	**End of the day's session**	
19:00–20:30	***Side event 3***	*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	***Breakfast meeting 2***	*Closed-door session with Ministers of Health from countries with active cholera outbreaks (by invitation only)*
09:00–10:30	**Agenda item 12**	Status of public health and emergency workforce in Africa (Document AFR/RC75/9)
10:30–12:00	**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) |

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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 (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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| **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 (Document AFR/RC75/INF.DOC/15) |

| **Agenda item 16.16** | Report on WHO staff in the African Region (Document AFR/RC75/INF.DOC/16) |

| **Agenda item 16.17** | Regional matters arising from reports of WHO internal and external audits (Document AFR/RC75/INF.DOC/17) |

| 18:00–18:30 | **Agenda item 17** | Closure of the Seventy-fifth session of the Regional Committee |
| *18:45–20:45* | *Side event 5* | *Emergency preparedness and response in resource-constrained contexts: paradigm shifts* |