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Provisional agenda item 3

Provisional programme of work

(Time: GMT/UTC+2)

Sunday, 23 August 2026

08:00–10:30 Walk the Talk

Monday, 24 August 2026

18:00 **Dinner hosted by the Government of Ethiopia and the WHO Regional Director for Africa**

Day 1: Tuesday, 25 August 2026

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

11:30–12:00 *Transportation to
the RC76 venue*

12:00–13:15 *Lunch*

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/RC76/1 and Document AFR/RC76/1 Add.1)

Agenda item 4 Appointment of Members of the Committee on Credentials

14:00–14:30	Agenda item 5	Statement of the Chairperson of the Programme Subcommittee (Document AFR/RC76/2)
14:30–15:00	Health break	Meeting of the Committee on Credentials
15:00–17:00	Agenda item 6	Report of the Regional Director on the work of WHO in the African Region (Document AFR/RC76/3)

Goal 4. WHO corporate outcomes

	Agenda item 15	A new era of health for Africa: united action for Vision 2035 (Document AFR/RC76/11)
17:00–17:15	Agenda item 4 (contd)	Report of the Committee on Credentials
17:30–18:30	Side event 1	<i>Joint process of the global health architecture (GHA) reform</i>
18:30	End of the day's session	

Day 2: Wednesday, 26 August 2026

07:30–08:45	Side event 2	<i>Data-driven decisions: harnessing artificial intelligence to strengthen primary health care</i>
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Goal 2. Provide health

09:00–10:30	Agenda item 8	Africa Health Workforce Agenda, 2026–2035: a strategy for sustainable planning, training and retention of health workers) (Document AFR/RC76/4)
10:30–12:00	Agenda item 9	Advancing early childhood development outcomes for children in the WHO African Region: a regional strategy (Document AFR/RC76/5)
12:00–14:00	Lunch break	
12:45–13:45	Closed-door session	<i>Polio closed-door session – Southern African countries (by invitation only)</i>
14:00–15:30	Agenda item 10	Strategy for financing the future of health in the WHO African Region, 2026–2035 (Document AFR/RC76/6)
15:30–17:00	Agenda item 11	Regional strategy on regulation of medical products in the African Region, 2026–2035 (Document AFR/RC76/7)

17:00-18:00	Agenda item 7	Update on the ongoing Ebola virus disease outbreak caused by the Bundibugyo virus
18:00	End of the day's session	
18:30 -19:45	Side event 3	<i>Multi-disease elimination in Africa: celebrating gains and accelerating progress</i>

Day 3: Thursday, 27 August 2026

Goal 2. Provide health

07:30–8:45	Side event 4	<i>Strengthening cross-border all-hazards preparedness and response in Africa: from fragmented actions to collective resilience</i>
09:00–10:00	Agenda item 12	Regional framework on Emergency Medical Teams, 2026-2030 (Document AFR/RC76/8)

Goal 3. Protect health

10:00–11:00	Agenda Item 13	Framework for polio transition and sustainability in the WHO African Region, 2026–2035 (Document AFR/RC76/9)
11:00–12:00	Agenda item 14	Framework for the implementation of the International Health Regulations amendments in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC76/10)
12:30–14:00	Lunch break	
12:45–13:45	Closed-door session	Polio closed-door session – Lake Chad Basin countries (<i>by invitation only</i>)

Goal 4. WHO corporate outcomes

14:00–15:00	Agenda item 16	Draft proposed programme budget (2028–2029) (Document AFR/RC76/12)
15:00–15:30	Agenda item 17	Draft provisional agenda, place and dates of the Seventy-seventh session of the Regional Committee (Document AFR/RC76/13)
15:30–17:00	Agenda Item 18	Information documents

Goal 1. Promote health

Agenda item 18.1

Progress report on the updated Regional strategy for the management of environmental determinants of human health in the African Region (AFR-RC76-INF-DOC-1)

Agenda item 18.2

Progress report on the Framework for implementing the Global alcohol action plan, 2022–2030 in the WHO African Region (AFR-RC76-INF-DOC-2)

Goal 2. Provide health

Agenda item 18.3

Progress report on the Regional strategy on diagnostic and laboratory services and systems, 2023–2032 for the WHO African Region (AFR-RC76-INF-DOC-3)

Agenda item 18.4

Progress report on the Framework for the integrated control, elimination and eradication of tropical and vector-borne diseases in the African Region 2022–2030 (AFR-RC76-INF-DOC-4)

Agenda item 18.5

Progress report on the Framework for the implementation of the Immunization Agenda 2030 in the WHO African Region (AFR-RC76-INF-DOC-5)

Agenda item 18.6

Progress report on the Framework for integrating country and regional health data in the African Region: Regional Data Hub 2024–2030 (AFR-RC76-INF-DOC-6)

Agenda item 18.7

Second progress report on the African framework for implementing the Global strategy on human resources for health: Workforce 2030 (AFR-RC76-INF-DOC-7)

Agenda item 18.8

Progress report on the Framework for sustaining resilient health systems to achieve universal health coverage and promote health security, 2023–2030 in the WHO African Region (AFR-RC76-INF-DOC-8)

Agenda item 18.9

Progress report on the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health 2016–2030: implementation in the African Region (AFR-RC76-INF-DOC-9)

Agenda item 18.10

Progress report on the Framework for the implementation of the global strategy to defeat meningitis by 2030 in the WHO African Region (AFR-RC76-INF-DOC-10)

Agenda item 18.11	Progress report on the regional strategy for Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (AFR-RC76-INF-DOC-11)
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Goal 4. WHO corporate outcomes (cross-cutting)

Agenda item 18.12	Final progress report on research for health: a strategy for the African Region, 2016–2025 (AFR-RC76-INF-DOC-12)
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Agenda item 18.13	Report on WHO staff in the African Region (AFR-RC76-INF-DOC-13)
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Agenda item 18.14	Regional matters arising from reports of WHO internal and external audits (AFR-RC76-INF-DOC-14)
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17:00–17:30	Agenda item 19	Closure of the Seventy-sixth session of the Regional Committee
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17:45–19:00	Side event 5	<i>WHO Regional Health Data Hub</i>
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Day 4: Friday, 28 August 2026

11:00	<i>Field visits and cultural experience.</i>
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