16 October 2014

WHO REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

DRAFT PROVISIONAL DAILY TIME-TABLE

Sixty-first Session, Tunis, Tunisia, 19–22 October 2014

Sunday, 19 October 2014

**TECHNICAL MEETINGS**

*(Le Serail Conference Hall)*

**Session One**

*Chairman:*

09.00-10.00 Social determinants of health: moving to concrete action in the Region
   - Introduction by Sir Michael Marmot and Dr Ala Alwan
   - Discussions

10.00-11.00 Preparedness for disease outbreaks with special emphasis on Ebola and MERS-CoV
   - Introduction by Dr Keiji Fukuda and Dr Mamunur Malik
   - Discussions

11.00-11.30 **Break**

11.30-12.30 Polio eradication in the Eastern Mediterranean Region
   - Introduction by H.E. Dr Saira Tarar, Dr Bruce Aylward and Dr Chris Maher
   - Discussions

12.30-13.30 **Break**

**Session Two**

*Chairman: H.E. Dr Adel H. Adawi, Minister of Health and Population of Egypt*

13.30-14.30 Towards a public health response to climate change and air pollution in the Eastern Mediterranean Region
   - Introduction by Dr Ala Alwan and Dr Basil Al-Yousfi
   - Discussions
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14.30-15.30  Saving the lives of mothers and children: progress on accelerating action on Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5
  • Introduction by Dr Haifa Madi
  • Discussions

15.30-16.30  Prevention and control of viral hepatitis B and C: New opportunities for scaling up national efforts
  • Introduction by H.E. Dr Adel Adawi and Dr Gabriel Rieder
  • Discussions

19.00-20.00  Opening of the Sixty-first Session of the Regional Committee
              (Le Serail Conference Room)

• Recital from the Holy Quran

• Formal opening of the Session by H.E. Dr Ahmed bin Mohamed bin Obaid Al Saidi, Minister of Health, Oman, and Chairman of the Sixtieth Session of the Regional Committee.

• Address by Dr Ala Alwan, WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean

• Address by Dr Margaret Chan, WHO Director-General

• Welcome speech by the Government of Tunisia

20.00  Dinner (Al-Riyadh-Le Palace Hotel)

DAY ONE

Monday, 20 October 2014

09.00-10.30  Regular sessions
    a) Election of officers
      • Chair
      • 2 Vice-Chairs
      • Chair of Technical Discussions

    (b) Adoption of the provisional agenda and the provisional daily time-table

    (c) Decision on:
    Establishment of the Drafting Committee

    Annual report of the Regional Director for the year 2013 and progress reports
    (Agenda item 3)  
    EM/RC61/4
    • Introduction by Dr Ala Alwan  
    EM/RC61/INF.DOC.1-6
    • Discussions
**Monday, 20 October 2014**

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10.30-11.00  
*Break - Group photo - All members of delegations*

11.00-13.00  
**Technical discussions**  
Global health security – challenges and opportunities with special emphasis on the International Health Regulations (2005)  
- Introduction by Dr Keiji Fukuda  
- Discussions

13.00-14.30  
*Break – Lunch-time event: Please refer to Annex 1*

14.30-16.30  
**WHO reform and programme and budget matters**  
- Introduction by Dr Walid Ammar and Dr Samir Ben Yahmed  
- Discussions

  Operational planning for 2014-2015: process, outcomes, and lessons learnt  
  (Agenda item 2(a))  
  EM/RC61/2

  Proposed programme budget 2016-2017  
  (Agenda item 2(b))  
  EM/RC61/3  
  EM/RC61/3-Annex 1

16.30-17.00  
*Break*

17.00-18.00  
**Ministerial Panel discussion on noncommunicable diseases**  
(parallel to afternoon functions - Please refer to annex 1)  

* Dinner and Awards Ceremony - Restaurant le Grand Bleu, Gammarth*
Tuesday, 21 October 2014

09.00-10.30 **Technical Discussions**
Emergency preparedness and response
- Introduction by Dr Bruce Aylward and Dr Samir Ben Yahmed
- Discussions

10.30-11.00 Break

11.00-12.30 **Technical papers**
Noncommunicable diseases: Implementation of the Political Declaration of the United Nations General Assembly, and follow-up on the UN Review Meeting in July 2014
- Introduction by Dr Oleg Chestnov and Dr Samer Jabbour
- Discussions

12.30-14.00 **Technical papers**
Health system strengthening for universal health coverage 2012-2016: midterm review of progress and prospects
- Introduction by Dr Marie-Paule Kieny and Dr Sameen Siddiqi
- Discussions

14.00-15.00 Break

15.00-16.30 **Technical papers**
Reinforcing health information systems
- Introduction by Dr Mohamed Ali
- Discussions

16.30-17.00 Break
Afternoon functions: Please refer to Annex I
DAY THREE

Wednesday, 22 October 2014

09.00-11.00
Framework of engagement with non-State actors
- Introduction
- Discussions

Resolutions and decisions of regional interest adopted by the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly and the Executive Board at its 134th and 135th Sessions
- Introduction by Dr Jaouad Mahjour
- Discussions

Review of the draft provisional agenda of the 136th Session of the WHO Executive Board
- Introduction by Dr Jaouad Mahjour
- Discussions

Review of implementation of Regional Committee resolutions 2000-2011
- Introduction by Dr Jaouad Mahjour
- Discussions

11.00-11.30
Break

11.30-13.30
Nomination of a Member State to the Joint Coordinating Board of the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Disease
- Introduction by Dr Ezzeddine Mohsni
- Discussions

Nomination of a Member State to the Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
- Introduction by Dr Ezzeddine Mohsni
- Discussions

Nomination of a Member State to the Policy and Coordination Committee of the Special Programme of Research, Development, and Research Training in Human Reproduction
- Introduction Dr Haifa Madi
- Discussions

Place and date of future sessions of the Regional Committee

13.30-14.30
Break

14.30-15.30
Adoption of the report, resolutions and decisions

Closing session (Agenda item 13)
Annex 1 – Lunch-time and afternoon events

TECHNICAL MEETINGS DAY: Sunday, 19 October 2014

16.30-17.30 Ministerial G5 Meeting

*Venue: Al-Nadwa, First Floor*

DAY ONE: Monday, 20 October 2014

13.30-14.30 Public health leadership programme

*Venue: Le Serail Conference Room*

17.00-18.00 Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation, Down Syndrome, and State of Kuwait Prize selection

(closed meeting)

*Focal point from Secretariat: Dr Tamas Landesz*

*Venue: Al-Majless, First Floor*

17.00-18.00 Meeting for updating on the support of the GAVI Alliance – The GAVI eligible countries are Afghanistan, Djibouti, Pakistan, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen.

*Focal point from Secretariat: Dr Ezzedine Mohsni*

*Venue: Al-Nadwa, First Floor*

DAY TWO: Tuesday, 21 October 2014

17.00-18.00 Side meeting on Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria

*Focal point from Secretariat: Dr Ezzeddine Mohsni*

*Venue: Al-Nadwa, First Floor*