High level delegation pays a courtesy visit to H.E Prime Minister of Pakistan Shahid Khakan Abbasi

A high level delegation comprising WHO Director General Dr Tedros Adhanom; Eastern Mediterranean Regional Director Dr Mahmoud Fikri; and the heads of delegations to the Regional Committee, accompanied by H.E Ms Saira Afzal Tarar, Federal Minister of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, paid a courtesy visit to H.E Prime Minister of Pakistan Shahid Khakan Abbasi. The delegation expressed appreciation to the Government of Pakistan for hosting the 64th session of the Regional Committee and for its warm hospitality. They also praised the government of Pakistan’s political commitment to eradicate polio and place health high on the national agenda.
Members participating in the 64th session of the Regional Committee discussed a concept note on WHO’s 13th General Programme of Work (GPW). It is expected that following the discussion of the concept note, consultations will continue throughout October with Member States and partners through country offices and other mechanisms.

An additional Executive Board meeting has been proposed for November 2017 to consider the draft GPW prior to submission to the Executive Board at its meeting in January 2018.

The draft concept note can be accessed in all 6 official WHO languages at the WHO website. [http://www.who.int/about/gpw-thirteen-consultation/en/](http://www.who.int/about/gpw-thirteen-consultation/en/)

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Group photo of the RC64 inaugural ceremony

Following the inaugural ceremony of the 64th session of the Regional Committee, the ministers and delegates posed for a group photo, along with Dr Mahmoud Fikri, WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean and Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director General, emphasizing the importance of maintaining the spirit of collaboration and unity in working towards the achievement of health for all.
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