

# RC64 bulletin

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## 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.



## Health on display: WHO's publications booth

WHO's publications booth is one of the main features of the annual sessions of the Regional Committee. This year's display features more than 4,000 copies of more than 140 unique titles.

These publications cover all areas of WHO work, with special focus on publications relevant to the priority public health topics highlighted in the Regional Director's Roadmap 2017–2021.

Participants are invited to explore the wealth of public health knowledge and resources offered through the publications. In line with multi-lingual publishing at the Regional Office, publications are available in English, Arabic and French.



## Keep the World Safe, Improve Health, Serve the Vulnerable

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/>

**Consultation on the thirteenth General Programme of Work (GPW13)**

25 August 2017

**Draft concept note towards WHO's 13th General Programme of Work 2019–2023**

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Article 28(g) of the WHO Constitution provides that the Executive Board will "submit to the Health Assembly for consideration and approval a general programme of work (GPW) covering a specific period."

At the meeting with the Director-General and the Officers of the Executive Board on 31 July–1 August 2017, the Officers of the Board supported the Director-General's recommendation that the preparation of the next GPW (GPW 13) be fast-tracked to promote resource mobilization, preparation of the Proposed Programme Budget 2020–2021 and rapid implementation of the new





### National efforts to prevent and control noncommunicable diseases

Watch an interview with H.E. Dr Ahmed Mohammed Obaid Al Saidi, Minister of Health, Oman at [youtube.com/c/WHOEMR](https://www.youtube.com/c/WHOEMR).



### Health priorities and achievements

Watch an interview with H.E. Ms Faiqa Al Saleh, Minister of Health, Bahrain at [youtube.com/c/WHOEMR](https://www.youtube.com/c/WHOEMR).



### Highlights from the preparations for RC64

Watch an interview with Dr Mohammad Assai Ardakani, WHO Representative in Pakistan at [youtube.com/c/WHOEMR](https://www.youtube.com/c/WHOEMR).

## Group photo of the RC64 inaugural ceremony

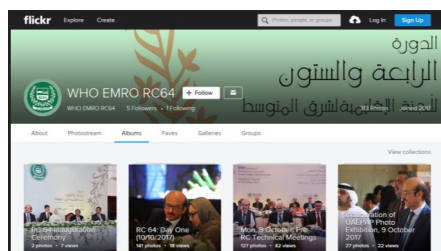
Following the inaugural ceremony of the the 64th session of the Regional Committee, the ministers and delegates posed for a group photo, along with Dr Mahmoud Fikri, WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean and Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director General, emphasizing the importance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

### Health emergencies in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

Watch the video of WHO's work in emergencies at [youtube.com/c/WHOEMR](https://www.youtube.com/c/WHOEMR).



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