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1. Programme of work

Monday, 14 October 2019

- Walk the Talk Event (Enghelab Sports Complex)
- Return to the hotel and breakfast

Pre-Regional Committee technical meetings (Zarrin Hall – Parsian Azadi Hotel)

Pharmaceutical financing in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

Achieving the goals of the Eastern Mediterranean vaccine action plan: priority actions for acceleration

Eastern Mediterranean Region Professional Diploma in Family Medicine

Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in health-care facilities

Strategic framework for the prevention and control of emerging and epidemic-prone infectious diseases in the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region 2019–2023

Sixth meeting of the Programme Subcommittee for the WHO Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean (closed meeting – Brilliant meeting room)

Tuesday, 15 October 2019

Opening ceremony of the 66th session of the Regional Committee (Organization of Islamic Conference)

Formal opening of the session

Departure from Parsian Azadi Hotel

Group photo for heads of delegations

Greetings ceremony, heads of delegations

Address by Dr Ahmed Al-Mandhari, WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean

Address by Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General

Welcome speech by H.E. Dr Saeed Namaki, Minister of Health and Medical Education, Islamic Republic of Iran

Opening remarks by H.E. Dr Hassan Rohani, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Return to Parsian Azadi Hotel

Agenda item Regular session (Zarrin Hall – Parsian Azadi Hotel)

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| 1 | Election of officers | |
| | Adoption of the provisional agenda and provisional daily timetable | EM/RC66/1 Rev.2 |
| | Decision on: Establishment of the Drafting Committee | |
| 2 | Annual report of the Regional Director for the year 2018 and progress reports | EM/RC66/2 EM/RC66/INF.DOC.1-8 |
| 6 | Report of the fifth meeting of the Programme Subcommittee of the Regional Committee | EM/RC66/15 |

- 8 Place and date of future sessions of the Regional Committee [EM/RC66/INF.DOC.13](#)
- Regional suggestions for elective posts for WHA73 and Executive Board Members
- Dinner hosted by H.E. the Minister of Health and Medical Education (Parsian Esteghlal Hotel)

Wednesday, 16 October 2019

Agenda item Regular session (Zarrin Hall – Parsian Azadi Hotel)

- 3(a) Regional implementation framework on ending preventable newborn, child and adolescent deaths and improving health and development [EM/RC66/3](#)
- 3(d) Developing national institutional capacity for evidence-informed policy-making for health [EM/RC66/6](#)
- 3(e) Accelerating regional implementation of the Political Declaration of the Third High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases, 2018 [EM/RC66/7](#)
- 3(f) Regional framework for action to strengthen the public health response to substance use [EM/RC66/8](#)
- 4(a) Resolutions and decisions of regional interest adopted by the Seventy-second World Health Assembly and the Executive Board at its 144th and 145th Sessions [EM/RC66/9](#)
- 4(b) Review of the draft provisional agenda of the 146th Session of the WHO Executive Board [EM/RC66/9-Annex 1](#)
- Dinner hosted by the WHO Regional Director (Espinass Palace Hotel)

Thursday, 17 October 2019

Coordination of the work of the World Health Assembly, Executive Board and Regional Committee

Agenda item Regular session (Zarrin Hall – Parsian Azadi Hotel)

- 4(c) Development of a global strategy for tuberculosis research and innovation [EM/RC66/10](#)
- 4(d) Summary of the global strategy on digital health [EM/RC66/11](#)
- 4(e) Draft global strategy to accelerate cervical cancer elimination [EM/RC66/12](#)
- 4(g) Development of a proposal for a Decade of Healthy Ageing 2020–2030 [EM/RC66/14](#)
- 4(f) Thirteenth General Programme of Work, 2019–2023; Results framework: an Update [EM/RC66/13](#)

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| 4(h) | WHO presence in countries, territories and areas | EM/RC66/INF.DOC.9 |
| | Adoption of the report, resolutions and decisions | |
| | Closing session | |

2. Other meetings

| Side meetings | Venue |
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| Tuesday, 15 October 2019 | |
| Strengthening primary health care in the Eastern Mediterranean Region by implementing the Astana Declaration – a panel discussion in collaboration with UNICEF | Zarrin Hall |
| Implementing the UNGA Political Declaration on Tuberculosis and the multisectoral accountability framework to End TB in the EMR | Brilliant meeting room |
| Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation, Down Syndrome Research, and State of Kuwait Prizes selection (closed side meeting) | Almaas meeting room |
| Daily meetings of the Drafting Committee | Brilliant meeting room |
| Wednesday, 16 October 2019 | |
| The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance | Almaas meeting room |
| Update on UN reform | Brilliant meeting room |
| Daily meetings of the Drafting Committee | Brilliant meeting room |

3. Other information

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