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1. Programme of work

Opening ceremony of the 66th session of the Regional Committee

(Organization of Islamic Conference)

Departure from Parsian Azadi Hotel lobby at 07:30

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 of the 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 12:00–12:15 Regular session (Zarrin Hall – Parsian Azadi Hotel)

1 Election of officers

Adoption of the provisional agenda and provisional daily timetable

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Decision on: Establishment of the Drafting Committee

Agenda item 12:15–13:30 Regular session

2 Annual report of the Regional Director for the year 2018 and progress reports

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Award announcement

Press conference: Release of WHO advisory package on ending tobacco industry interference in tobacco control

Agenda item 15:00–16:30 Regular session

Update on emergencies in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

Update on polio eradication in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

Agenda item 16:30–17:00 Regular session

8 Report of the fifth meeting of the Programme Subcommittee of the Regional Committee

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Place and date of future sessions of the Regional Committee

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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)

2. Report of meetings Monday, 14 October 2019

Chair: Dr Rana Hajjeh

Director, Programme Management, Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean

The Regional Director, Dr Ahmed Al-Mandhari, noted that the aim of the meetings was to discuss issues of current interest and concern, to update Member States on the situation and progress in addressing those issues and to present any proposed strategic actions. The outcome of the meetings would be presented to the Regional Committee for endorsement of any recommendations. Technical meetings were held on: 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 in health care facilities; and the Strategic framework for the prevention and control of emerging and epidemic-prone infectious diseases.

In addition, the sixth meeting of the Programme Subcommittee for the WHO Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean was held.

3. Other meetings Tuesday, 15 October 2019

		Venue
17:30	Strengthening primary health care in the Eastern Mediterranean Region by implementing the Astana Declaration – a panel discussion in collaboration with UNICEF	Zarrin Hall
18:30	Implementing the UNGA Political Declaration on Tuberculosis and the multisectoral accountability framework to End TB in the EMR	Brilliant meeting room
18:30	Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation, Down Syndrome Research, and State of Kuwait Prizes selection (closed side meeting)	Almaas meeting room
19:30	Daily meeting of the Drafting Committee	Almaas meeting room