REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE
EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN
68th session
WHO Regional Office, Cairo, Egypt, 11–14 October 2021

Provisional Agenda

1. **Opening of the session**
   (a) Election of Officers
   (b) Adoption of the Agenda

2. **(a) Annual Report of the Regional Director 2020**
   Progress reports on:
   (b) Eradication of poliomyelitis
   (c) Mid-term review of progress in implementing the regional tobacco control strategy
   (d) Scaling up mental health care: a framework for action
   (e) Regional framework for action on climate change
   (f) Regional framework on ending preventable newborn, child and adolescent deaths and improving health and development
   (g) Framework for action for the hospital sector in the Eastern Mediterranean Region
   (h) Developing national institutional capacity for evidence-informed policy-making for health
   (i) 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
   (j) Regional framework for action to strengthen the public health response to substance use
   (k) COVID 19 preparedness and response activities in the Region
   (l) Accreditation of regional non-State actors to the Regional Committee
   (m) Health issues facing populations affected by disasters and emergencies including IHR [special update]
3. **Technical papers**

(a) Accelerating health emergency preparedness and response – a plan of action

(b) A regional strategy for integrated disease surveillance – overcoming data fragmentation in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

(c) Building resilient communities for better health and well-being

(d) Addressing diabetes as a public health challenge in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

4. **World Health Assembly and Executive Board**

(a) **Programme and budget matters**

- Revision of Proposed Programme Budget 22-23
- Sustainable financing

(b) **Governance matters**

- Resolutions and decisions of regional interest adopted by the Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly and the Executive Board at its 148th and 149th sessions
- Review of the draft provisional agenda of the 150th session of the WHO Executive Board
- Membership of WHO bodies and committees
- Transformation update

5. **Report of the fifth meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee to the Regional Director**

6. **Report of the tenth and eleventh meeting of the Programme Subcommittee of the Regional Committee**

7. **Report of the first and second meeting of the Regional Subcommittee for Polio Eradication and Outbreaks**

8. **Awards**

(a) Award of the State of Kuwait Prize for the Control of Cancer, Cardiovascular Diseases and Diabetes in the Eastern Mediterranean Region
(b) Award of the Down Syndrome Research Prize

9. Place and date of future sessions of the Regional Committee

10. Other business

11. Closing session