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Registration	Registration is a prerequisite for accessing the Zoom platform during the Regional Committee sessions, which will be restricted to registered and approved participants.
Documents	Official documentation of the session is available in Arabic, English and French on the Regional Committee website . Participants are kindly requested to consult the documents online.
Internet access	The meeting will be conducted virtually using the Zoom video conferencing platform, facilitated from WHO's Regional Office in Cairo, Egypt. Details for accessing the virtual platform will be provided following completion of the registration process.
Support	You will find here useful tips on how to connect to and navigate the virtual Regional Committee platform, as well as useful contact information for IT and administrative support for the Regional Committee.
Statements	Written statements of no more than 600 words may be submitted for posting on the WHO regional website under the related agenda item. Written statements should be sent in advance of the opening of the 67th session of the Regional Committee. They may be submitted in lieu of a live intervention or to complement a live intervention from a Member State. Please send written statements for posting to the WHO website to emrgogovbod@who.int , indicating the name of the country delegation/entity in the subject line of the email.
WHO publications	WHO publications are available on the Regional Committee website .
Membership and attendance	The Regional Committee consists of one representative from each country or territory of WHO's Eastern Mediterranean Region. For the virtual modality of RC67, access to the Zoom platform will be granted to representatives and their alternates. Advisers and representatives of other entities invited under Rule 2 of the Regional Committee's Rules and Procedures will be able to follow the sessions and deliberations through webcast.
Languages	The working languages of the Regional Committee are Arabic, English and French. Statements made in any of these languages will be interpreted simultaneously into the other two languages. Delegates will be able to follow the chosen language by selecting the preferred language when connecting to the Zoom platform. The meeting will also be webcast in multiple languages.

1. Programme of work

Monday, 12 October 2020

Opening by H.E. Dr Saeed Namaki, Minister of Health and Medical Education of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Chairman of the 66th session of the Regional Committee

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

Address by Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General

Abridged Agenda item

Regular session

1(a–b)	Election of Officers Adoption of special rules and procedures Adoption of the provisional agenda and provisional daily timetable ¹ Establishment of the Drafting Committee Verification of Credentials	
2(a–g)	Annual report of the Regional Director for the year 2019 and progress reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction by Dr Ahmed Al-Mandhari• Interventions by Members	EM/RC67/INF.DOC.1 EM/RC67/INF.DOC.2 EM/RC67/INF.DOC.3 EM/RC67/INF.DOC.4 EM/RC67/INF.DOC.5 EM/RC67/INF.DOC.6
	<i>1. In the context of the restrictions imposed in response to the pandemic of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), and through a written silence procedure, Member States have approved arrangements for a virtual Regional Committee session to be held using video conferencing technology. This de minimis session will only consider an abridged version of the provisional agenda.</i>	

Tuesday, 13 October 2020

Agenda item

Regular session

3(b)	The COVID-19 pandemic in the Eastern Mediterranean Region	EM/RC67/7 EM/RC67/8
3(b)	Ensuring continuity of essential health services: a critical priority during the COVID-19 pandemic	EM/RC67/7
5(b–c)	Award of the State of Kuwait Prize for the Control of Cancer, Cardiovascular Diseases and Diabetes in the Eastern Mediterranean Region Award of the Down Syndrome Research Prize	EM/RC67/INF.DOC.8 EM/RC67/INF.DOC.9

4	Establishment of a Subcommittee for Polio Eradication and Outbreaks	EM/RC67/17
3(a)	Regional strategy to improve access to medicines and vaccines in the Eastern Mediterranean Region, 2020–2030, including lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic	EM/RC67/6
	Report of the seventh, eighth, and ninth meetings of the Programme Subcommittee	EM/RC67/13 EM/RC67/14 EM/RC67/15
6	Place and date of future sessions of the Regional Committee	EM/RC67/INF.DOC.10
7	Other business	
8	Closing session: Adoption of resolutions and decisions Closure of the Regional Committee	