
Place and date of future sessions of the Regional Committee

1. At its 71st session in Doha, Qatar, in October 2024, the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean decided to hold its 72nd session in the WHO Regional Office, Cairo, Egypt, from 13 to 16 October 2025 (Decision No. 4). The dates were later amended through a silence procedure to be from 15 to 17 October 2025.
2. The Regional Committee is invited to decide on the place and date of its 73rd session in 2026.
3. The Regional Committee may also wish to consider proposals, if any, for its 74th session, which will be held in 2027.
4. In considering the above, the Regional Committee is requested to be mindful of relevant resolutions of the World Health Assembly and of the Regional Committee. Specifically, resolution WHA7.26 of the Seventh World Health Assembly “recommends that in deciding on the place of their meetings, regional committees should consider holding them from time to time at the site of the Regional Office, taking into account the costs involved for the Organization and the Member States concerned”. Resolution WHA9.20 of the Ninth World Health Assembly “invites the attention of the regional committees to the desirability of host governments participating in the increased cost resulting from holding regional committee meetings outside the regional headquarters”. Resolution EM/RC6A/R.13 of the Regional Committee calls upon “Member States inviting the Committee to meet in their territories to make the maximum possible contribution towards this additional cost”.
5. Decisions taken by the Regional Committee regarding future venues will enable the Regional Director to make the appropriate administrative and financial arrangements on a timely basis.