

**REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE
EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN
Seventy-first session
Doha, Qatar, 14–17 October 2024**

**EM/RC71/1-Rev.3
13 October 2024**

Provisional Agenda

1. **Opening of the session**
 - (a) Election of Officers
 - (b) Adoption of the Agenda EM/RC71/1-Rev.3
2. **Ministerial plenary sessions**
 - (a) Overview of the flagship initiatives
 - (b) Regional flagship initiative 1: Expanding equitable access to medical products EM/RC71/A
 - (c) Regional flagship initiative 2: Investing in a resilient health workforce EM/RC71/B-Rev.1
 - (d) Regional flagship initiative 3: Accelerating public health action on substance use EM/RC71/C
 - (e) Eastern Mediterranean Region strategic operational plan, 2025–2028 EM/RC71/D-Rev.1
3. **(a) Annual Report of the Regional Director 2023** EM/RC71/2

Progress reports on:

 - (b) Poliomyelitis eradication and polio transition EM/RC71/INF.DOC.1-Rev.1
 - (c) Strategic framework for blood safety and availability, 2016–2025 EM/RC71/INF.DOC.2
 - (d) Regional strategy to improve access to medicines and vaccines in the Eastern Mediterranean Region, 2020–2030, including lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic EM/RC71/INF.DOC.3
 - (e) Health issues facing populations affected by disasters and emergencies, including the International Health Regulations (2005) EM/RC71/INF.DOC.4-Rev.1
 - (f) Building resilient health systems to advance universal health coverage and ensure health security in the Eastern Mediterranean Region EM/RC71/INF.DOC.5

- (g) Accelerating the prevention, control and elimination of communicable diseases through integration: optimizing support from Gavi and the Global Fund EM/RC71/INF.DOC.6
- (h) Promoting health and well-being in the Eastern Mediterranean Region: moving from theory to action to achieve the health-related Sustainable Development Goals EM/RC71/INF.DOC.7
- (i) Advancing the implementation of One Health in the Eastern Mediterranean Region EM/RC71/INF.DOC.8
- (j) Regional strategy for fostering digital health in the Eastern Mediterranean Region, 2023–2027 EM/RC71/INF.DOC.9
- (k) The work of the High-level Ministerial Group on the Control of Tobacco and Emerging Tobacco and Nicotine Products in the Eastern Mediterranean Region EM/RC71/INF.DOC.10
- (l) Strategy to promote the health and well-being of refugees, migrants, internally displaced populations and other displaced groups in the Eastern Mediterranean Region EM/RC71/INF.DOC.11
4. **Technical papers**
- (a) Addressing the increasing burden of trauma in humanitarian settings in the Eastern Mediterranean Region EM/RC71/3-Rev.1
- (b) Promoting collaborative action to accelerate the response to antimicrobial resistance in the Eastern Mediterranean Region EM/RC71/4-Rev.1
- (c) Regional action plan for mental health and psychosocial support in emergencies, 2024–2030 EM/RC71/5-Rev.2
- (d) Enhancement and digitalization of health information systems in the countries of the Eastern Mediterranean Region: a regional strategy, 2024–2028 EM/RC71/6-Rev.2
5. **World Health Assembly and Executive Board**
- Programme and budget matters**
- (a) Investment Case 2025–2028 and latest on WHO Investment Round EM/RC71/7
EM/RC71/7-A
- (b) Draft proposed programme budget 2026–2027 EM/RC71/8
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Governance matters

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| (c) Resolutions and decisions of regional interest adopted by the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly and the Executive Board at its 154th and 155th sessions | EM/RC71/9 |
| (d) Review of the draft provisional agenda of the 156th session of the WHO Executive Board | EM/RC71/9-Annex 1 |
| (e) Membership of WHO bodies and committees | EM/RC71/10 |
| (f) Update on implementation of the WHO Transformation Agenda in the Eastern Mediterranean Region | EM/RC71/INF.DOC.12-Rev.1 |
| (g) Nomination and appointment of Regional Directors: review of the process for the election of Regional Directors | EM/RC71/INF.DOC.13 |
| 6. Reports of the nineteenth and twentieth meetings of the Programme Subcommittee of the Regional Committee | EM/RC71/11
EM/RC71/12 |
| 7. Reports of the tenth and eleventh meetings of the Regional Subcommittee for Polio Eradication and Outbreaks | EM/RC71/13
EM/RC71/14 |
| 8. Procedure for accreditation of regional non-State actors not in official relations with WHO to attend meetings of the WHO Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean | EM/RC71/15 |
| 9. Application from the Russian Federation to attend the WHO Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean in an observer capacity | EM/RC71/16 |
| 10. Awards | |
| a) Award of the State of Kuwait Prize for the Control of Cancer, Cardiovascular Diseases and Diabetes in the Eastern Mediterranean Region | EM/RC71/INF.DOC.14 |
| b) Award of the Down Syndrome Research Prize | EM/RC71/INF.DOC.15 |
| 11. Place and date of future sessions of the Regional Committee | EM/RC71/INF.DOC.16 |
| 12. Other business | |
| 13. Closing session | |