

**69th session of the WHO Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean,
10–13 October 2022
Cairo, Egypt**

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10 October 2022**

Registration	<p>All participants are kindly requested to register for the 69th session of the Regional Committee through the secure online registration service at https://indico.un.org/event/1001474 no later than 15 September 2022. It is recommended to use the latest version of Google Chrome browser to access the registration page.</p> <p>The WHO Secretariat will confirm your registration via email. Registration is a prerequisite for accessing the Zoom platform during the Regional Committee sessions. Access to the platform will be restricted to registered and approved participants.</p>
Documents	<p>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.</p>
Internet access	<p>The meeting will be conducted both in-person and 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.</p>
Support	<p>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.</p>
Statements	<p>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 69th 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.</p> <p>Please send written statements for posting to the WHO website to emrgovbod@who.int, indicating the name of the country delegation/entity in the subject line of the email.</p>
WHO publications	<p>WHO publications are available on the Regional Committee website.</p>
Security	<p>Please ensure that your RC69 ID badge is displayed at all times while inside the premises, if attending in person.</p>
Interventions	<p>To help in drafting the report of this session of the Regional Committee, delegations may provide the text of remarks on paper to a member of the WHO Secretariat or by email to emrgovbod@who.int. NGO statements may also be submitted for posting on the website.</p>
Membership and attendance	<p>The Regional Committee consists of one representative from each country or territory of WHO's Eastern Mediterranean Region. For the hybrid modality of the Regional Committee, Member delegations can attend in person or access the Zoom platform. Advisers and representatives of other entities invited under</p>

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Languages

Rule 2 of the Regional Committee's Rules and Procedures will be able to follow the sessions and deliberations through webcast.

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. Member State delegation members will be able to follow in the chosen language by selecting their preferred language when connecting to the Zoom platform. The meeting will also be webcast in multiple languages. The Agenda and other documentation for the session are available in Arabic, English and French on the Regional Committee website. Documents will not be dispatched by post. Participants are kindly requested to consult the documents online.

Virtual Regional Committee platform

A [virtual platform](#) has been created that simulates the Regional Office. It includes an exhibition of success stories from the Member States of the Region, which can also be viewed in-person in the foyer of the Regional Office. A virtual marketplace provides an exhibition hall of booths showcasing advocacy and technical products from a selected range of regional WHO initiatives. Attendees can save documents and presentations to a virtual briefcase for later viewing. These will also be emailed to attendees later on. Attendees can chat or talk to the relevant technical team for any questions or inquiries about the displayed content.

Programme of work

Monday, 10 October 2022

Agenda item	Regular session
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Walk the talk – Child Park

Gradual return to Regional Office and coffee break

Welcoming remarks by the Regional Director and ground rules

Pre-Regional Committee technical meetings

Session 1 Local vaccine production – a priority for the Eastern Mediterranean Region

Session 2 Regional cervical cancer elimination strategy

Session 3 The regional approach to the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021–2030

Session 4 Improving the monitoring of response to public health events and emergencies in the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region

Session 5 Strengthening hospital information systems in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

Session 6 Launch of BMJ Global Health Special issue on Peace and Health

Session 7 Inaugural session

Address by the Chairman of the 68th 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

High-level segment

Group photo of Heads of delegations with the Regional Director, Director-General and High-level guest speakers, Kuwait Conference Hall

Session 8 Closed meeting: Second meeting of the High-level Ministerial Group on the Control of Tobacco and Emerging Tobacco and Nicotine Products in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (HLM), 7th floor meeting room

Tuesday, 11 October 2022

Agenda item	Regular session
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Session 1

1(a) Election of Officers

1(b) Adoption of the provisional agenda and provisional daily timetable

[EM/RC69/1-Rev.1](#)

1(c) Decision on Establishment of the Drafting Committee

[EM/RC69/2-Rev.1](#)

Session 2 **Annual Report of the Regional Director for the year 2021 and progress reports**

2(a) Annual Report of the Regional Director 2021

[EM/RC69/3](#)

2(b) Eradication of poliomyelitis

[EM/RC69/INF.DOC.1](#)

2(c) Regional approach to implementing the Thirteenth General Programme of Work, 2019–2023 (VS)

[EM/RC69/INF.DOC.2](#)

2(d) Private sector engagement for advancing universal health coverage

[EM/RC69/INF.DOC.3](#)

2(e) Strengthening the nursing workforce to advance universal health coverage in the Eastern Mediterranean Region: a call for action

[EM/RC69/INF.DOC.4](#)

2(f)	Regional strategy to improve access to medicines and vaccines in the Eastern Mediterranean Region, 2020–2030, including lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic	EM/RC69/INF.DOC.5
2(g)	Strategic framework for blood safety and availability 2016–2025	EM/RC69/INF.DOC.6
2(h)	Health issues facing populations affected by disasters and emergencies, including the International Health Regulations (2005)	EM/RC69/INF.DOC.7
Session 3	Special updates:	EM/RC69/14
4(g)	Emergencies in the Eastern Mediterranean Region The work of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB)	
Session 4	Special updates:	EM/RC69/22
7	Polio eradication in the Eastern Mediterranean Region, including the third and fourth meeting reports of the Regional Subcommittee for Polio Eradication and Outbreaks	EM/RC69/23
Session 5	Reports of the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth meetings of the Programme Subcommittee of the Regional Committee	EM/RC69/20 EM/RC69/21
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10	Place and date of future sessions of the Regional Committee	EM/RC69/INF.DOC.9
4(e)	Membership of WHO bodies and committees	EM/RC69/12
Session 6	Building resilient health systems to advance UHC and promote health security in the Eastern Mediterranean Region	EM/RC69/4
3(a)		
Session 7	Leveraging religious scholars to promote public health; the Islamic Advisory Group – Report and future plans	
Session 8	Panel discussion Learning to live with COVID-19	
Session 9	Closed Meeting (Member States only): Consultation on the relocation of the Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean from Cairo to the New Capital as proposed by the Government of Egypt	
Session 10	Side Event Operationalization of the humanitarian-development-peace nexus in the Eastern Mediterranean Region	Parallel meeting 5th floor meeting room
Session 11	Side Event The new global health sector strategies on HIV, hepatitis and STIs	Parallel meeting 7th floor meeting room
Session 12	Side Event Strengthening palliative care in the Eastern Mediterranean Region	Parallel meeting Kuwait Hall

Wednesday, 12 October 2022

Agenda item	Regular session	
Session 1 3(b)	Accelerating the prevention, control and elimination of communicable diseases through integration: optimizing support from Gavi and the Global Fund	EM/RC69/5
Session 2 3(c)	Promoting health and well-being in the Eastern Mediterranean Region: moving from theory to action to achieve the health-related Sustainable Development Goals	EM/RC69/6
Session 3 3(d)	Advancing the implementation of One Health in the Eastern Mediterranean Region	EM/RC69/7
Session 4	Panel discussion Towards more country impact: supporting Member States in accelerating implementation of health-related SDGs through joint action of UN country teams	

Session 5 3(e)	Regional strategy for fostering digital health in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (2023–2027)	EM/RC69/8
Session 6	Panel discussion Leveraging partnerships for collective and transformative actions to achieve Health for All by All	
Session 7	Side event (not part of regular sessions) Report on the most recent data on emerging tobacco and nicotine products	Parallel meeting 7th floor meeting room
Session 8	Side event (not part of regular sessions) One Planet, One Health: sustainable and resilient health care systems	Parallel meeting 5th floor meeting room
Session 9	Side event Health systems governance framework for action: institutionalizing participatory governance in the Eastern Mediterranean Region	Parallel meeting Kuwait Hall
Session 10	Informal closed Member States meeting: Intergovernmental Negotiating Body to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response	Kuwait Hall
	Closed Meeting: Foundation for the State of Kuwait Prize for the Control of Cancer, Cardiovascular Diseases and Diabetes in the Eastern Mediterranean Region	3rd floor meeting room
	Meeting of the Drafting Committee	7th floor meeting room

Thursday, 13 October 2022

Agenda item	Regular session	
Session 1	World Health Assembly and Executive Board follow-up – programme and budget matters	
4(a)	Extending the Thirteenth General Programme of Work, 2019–2023, to 2025	EM/RC69/9
4(b)	Member State consultations on Programme Budget 2024-2025	EM/RC69/10
Session 2	World Health Assembly and Executive Board follow-up – governance matters	
4(d)	Review of the draft provisional agenda of the 152nd session of the WHO Executive Board	EM/RC69/11-Annex 1
4(f)	Transformation update	EM/RC69/13
	World Health Assembly and Executive Board follow-up – technical matters	
4(c)	Resolutions and decisions of regional interest adopted by the Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly and the Executive Board at its 150th and 151st sessions	EM/RC69/11
4(h)	Global strategy on infection prevention and control	EM/RC69/15
4(i)	Strengthening clinical trials to provide high-quality evidence on health interventions and to improve research quality and coordination	EM/RC69/16
4(j)	Global Health for Peace Initiative	EM/RC69/17
4(k)	Well-being and health promotion	EM/RC69/18
	Statement from the Eastern Mediterranean Region Staff Association (EMRSA)	

- Session 3 Nominations:
8 Nomination of a Member State to the Joint Coordinating Board (JCB) [EM/RC69/24](#)
of the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical
Disease (TDR)
- Session 4 Adoption of the report, resolutions and decisions
- Session 5 Closing session
*(Closing session will be followed by a press conference- reception
area)*
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