

مشروع المقررات الإجرائية

DRAFT DECISIONS

**REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE
EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN**

October 2024

Seventy-first session

Decision No. 1 Election of officers

The Regional Committee decided to elect the following as the Officers of its 71st session:

Chair: H.E. Dr Hanan Mohamed Al Kuwari, Minister of Public Health of Qatar

Vice-Chair: H.E. Dr Ahmed Robleh Abdilleh, Minister of Health of Djibouti

Vice-Chair: H.E. Dr Ali Reza Raeisi, Deputy Minister for Public Health of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Based on rules of procedure of the Regional Committee, the Committee decided that the following should constitute the Drafting Committee:

Dr Samya Ali Bahram (Bahrain), Dr Nicknam Mohammad Houssein (Islamic Republic of Iran), Dr Riyadh Abdul Amer Al-Hilfi (Iraq), Dr Raid Anwar Al Shboul (Jordan), Dr Al-Munther Al-Hasawi (Kuwait), Ms Hilda Harb (Lebanon), Mr Abdelouahab Belmadani (Morocco), Dr Chekib Zedini (Tunisia).

Secretariat: Dr Adham Ismail Abdel Moneim, Dr Richard John Brennan, Dr Asmus Hammerich, Dr Awad Mataria, Dr Arash Rashidian, Dr Nevin Wilson. Dr Nasim Pourghazian, Mr Toby Boyd.

Decision No. 2 Adoption of the agenda

The Regional Committee adopted the agenda of its 71st session.

Decision No. 3 Closed meetings

In accordance with rule 6 of its rules of procedure, the Regional Committee agreed that sessions identified as closed sessions in the timetable would be limited to members of the Committee and the necessary minimum Secretariat presence, with no observers, in an exception to its normal practice of open meetings.

Decision No. 4 Place and date of future sessions of the Regional Committee

The Regional Committee decided to hold its 72nd session at the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean, Cairo, Egypt, from 13 to 16 October 2025.

Decision No. 5 Verification of credentials

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the WHO Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean, the Chair of the 71st session of the Regional Committee reported to the Regional Committee that the credentials submitted by the 19 Members attending the 71st session of the Regional Committee were reviewed. The credentials of 17 were found in compliance with the Committee's Rules of Procedure and two were seated provisionally. The report of the Chair of the 71st session on the verification of credentials was accepted by the Regional Committee.

Decision No. 6 Change to Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee

Following a recommendation from the Programme Subcommittee of the Regional Committee, the Regional Committee decided to change Rule 3 of its Rules of Procedure, as follows:

Previous text	Amended text
<p>Rule 3 The Member States shall communicate to the Regional Director, not less than fifteen days before the date fixed for the opening of the session of the Committee, the name of their representatives, including all alternates and advisers. Similarly, the organizations and States referred to in Rule 2 invited to be represented at the session shall communicate the names of the persons by whom they will be represented. The credentials of representatives and names of alternates, advisers and observers shall be submitted to the Regional Director if possible not less than two days before the opening of the session of the Regional Committee. Such credentials shall be issued by the Head of State or Government, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Health or any other competent authority.</p>	<p>The Member States shall communicate to the Regional Director, not less than fifteen days before the date fixed for the opening of the session of the Committee, the name of their representatives, including all alternates and advisers. Similarly, the organizations and States referred to in Rule 2 invited to be represented at the session shall communicate the names of the persons by whom they will be represented. The credentials of representatives and names of alternates, advisers and observers shall be submitted to the Regional Director electronically, or hand delivered, if possible not less than two days before the opening of the session of the Regional Committee. Such credentials shall be issued by the Head of State or Government, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Health or any other competent authority.</p>

Decision No. 7 Attendance by the Russian Federation at Regional Committee sessions as an Observer

In response to a request received from the Russian Federation, the Regional Committee was consulted and approved the request to invite the Russian Federation to attend future sessions of the Committee in the capacity of an Observer, with no voting rights, starting in 2025.

Decision No. 8 Accreditation of non-State actors not in official relations with WHO to attend Regional Committee sessions

Noting that they had fulfilled the established eligibility criteria and other requirements set out in the Framework of Engagement with non-State Actors, the Regional Committee decided that the Eastern Mediterranean Public Health Network, the Hamdard Foundation Pakistan, the Arab Hospitals Federation and the Arab Council for Childhood and Development should be accredited to attend sessions of the Committee in the capacity of Observers, with no voting rights, for three years commencing 17 October 2024.

Decision No. 9 Award of the State of Kuwait Prize for the Control of Cancer, Cardiovascular Diseases and Diabetes in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

The Regional Committee decided, based on the recommendation of the Foundation Committee for the State of Kuwait Prize for the Control of Cancer, Cardiovascular Diseases and Diabetes in the Eastern Mediterranean to award the State of Kuwait Prize for the Control of Cancer, Cardiovascular Diseases and Diabetes in the Eastern Mediterranean Region to Dr Majid Ghayour-Mobarhan (Islamic Republic of Iran) in the area of cardiovascular diseases and Dr Noor Badar Al-Busaidi (Oman) in the area of Diabetes. The Prize will be presented to the laureates during the 72nd session of the Regional Committee in 2025.

Decision No. 10 Award of the Down Syndrome Research Prize

1. The Regional Committee decided not to award the Down Syndrome Research Prize this year based on the recommendation of the Down Syndrome Research Prize Foundation.
2. The Regional Committee further decided to change the Statutes of the Down Syndrome Research Prize Foundation, as follows:

Statutes before amendment	Statutes after amendment
<p>Article 4</p> <p>Purpose</p> <p>The Foundation is established for the purpose of awarding a prize to one or more persons, or one or more nongovernmental organizations or other institutions, that have made an outstanding contribution in the field of research related to Down Syndrome and a grant to one or more persons, or one or more nongovernmental organizations or other institutions for research to be undertaken in the same field. The specific criteria that shall be applied in the assessment of the work done by the candidates, in the case of the Prize, and of the proposed research, in the case of the Grant, shall be determined by the Foundation Committee</p>	<p>Purpose</p> <p>The Foundation is established for the purpose of awarding a prize to one or more persons, or one or more nongovernmental organizations or other institutions, that have made an outstanding contribution in the field of research related to Down Syndrome and up to two grants, each to one or more persons, or one or more nongovernmental organizations or other institutions for research to be undertaken in the same field. The specific criteria that shall be applied in the assessment of the work done by the candidates, in the case of the Prize, and of the proposed research, in the case of the Grant, shall be determined by the Foundation Committee. The Administrator may propose criteria for consideration of the Foundation Committee.</p>
<p>Article 6</p> <p>The Foundation Committee</p> <p>The Committee entitled the “Down Syndrome Research Prize Foundation Committee” shall be composed of the following members: the Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean, and a representative of the Founder. The Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean or his representative shall serve as the Secretary of the Committee.</p>	<p>The Foundation Committee</p> <p>The Committee entitled the “Down Syndrome Research Prize Foundation Committee” shall be composed of the following members: the Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean, and a representative of the Founder. The Regional Committee may, at its discretion, designate a representative of one of its members to serve as an alternate member of the Foundation Committee in place of the Chairman or either of the Vice Chairmen for the duration of any given session of the Regional Committee. The Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean or his representative shall serve as the Secretary of the Committee.</p>
<p>Article 7</p> <p>Proposal and selection of candidates</p> <p>1. Candidates may be proposed for the Prize or Grant by any national health, education or social administration of a Member State of the World Health Organization within the Eastern Mediterranean Region, or any former recipient of the Prize or Grant. The Foundation Committee may also ask relevant WHO staff to proactively search for publications of Down Syndrome-related research studies from scholars in countries of the Region. If any potential candidate(s) were identified, the respected countries/institutions will be notified and encouraged to submit an application. All nominations shall be accompanied by a written statement and submission of required documents supporting the reasons on which the statement is based. Proposals shall be submitted to the Administrator who shall submit them to the Foundation Committee together with technical comments.</p>	<p>Proposal and selection of candidates</p> <p>1. Candidates may be proposed for the Prize or Grant by any national health, education or social administration of a Member State of the World Health Organization within the Eastern Mediterranean Region, or any former recipient of the Prize or Grant. The Foundation Committee may also ask the Administrator to proactively search for publications of Down Syndrome-related research studies from scholars in countries of the Region. In addition, with respect to research grants, the Administrator may issue calls for applications for potential research grants. Such calls shall include the eligibility criteria. If any potential candidate(s) are identified through these efforts, the respective countries/institutions will be notified and encouraged to submit an application. All nominations shall be accompanied by a written statement and submission of required documents supporting the reasons on which the statement is based. Proposals shall be submitted to the Administrator who shall submit them to the Foundation Committee together with technical comments.</p>

3. The Regional Committee further decided to change Article 3 of the Guidelines for the Down Syndrome Research Prize Foundation, as follows:

Guidelines before amendment	Guidelines after amendment
3. The nomination of candidates to receive the prize or grant may be made by any national health administration of a Member State within the Eastern Mediterranean Region or any former recipient of the prize. All nominations shall be accompanied by full details of the person or institution nominated, including accomplishments in the field of research related to Down Syndrome. For the Grant, a research proposal on how the grant will be used should be submitted and that may be revised by the Committee before approval.	3. The nomination of candidates to receive the prize or grant may be made by any national health, education or social administration of a Member State within the Eastern Mediterranean Region or any former recipient of the prize or grant . All nominations shall be accompanied by full details of the person or institution nominated, including accomplishments in the field of research related to Down Syndrome. For the Grant, a research proposal on how the grant will be used should be submitted, addressing any eligibility criteria. Such research proposals may be revised by the Committee before approval.