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Provisional Agenda

1. **Opening of the session**

2. **Procedural matters**

   (a) Election of Officers
   (Rule 10, Rules of Procedure)

   (b) Adoption of the Agenda — EM/RC73/1-Rev.1
   (Rules 7 and 8, Rules of Procedure)

   (c) Appointment of the Drafting Committee
   (Rule 15, Rules of Procedure)

3. **Constitutional matters**

   (a) Annual Report of the Regional Director 2025/2026 — EM/RC73/2

   (b) Reports of the twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth, and twenty-seventh meetings of the Programme Subcommittee of the Regional Committee — EM/RC73/3, EM/RC73/4, EM/RC73/12

4. **Programme and budget matters**

   Regional consultation on the draft proposed Programme Budget 2028–2029 — EM/RC73/5-Rev.1

5. **Progress reports on technical matters**

   (a) Poliomyelitis eradication and polio transition — EM/RC73/INF.DOC.1

   (b) Health issues facing populations affected by disasters and emergencies, including implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005) — EM/RC73/INF.DOC.2

   (c) Strategy to promote the health and well-being of refugees, migrants, internally displaced populations and other displaced groups in the Eastern Mediterranean Region — EM/RC73/INF.DOC.3

   (d) Relocation of the Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean — EM/RC73/INF.DOC.4

   (e) Regional strategy to improve access to medicines and vaccines in the Eastern Mediterranean Region, 2020–2030 — EM/RC73/INF.DOC.5

(f) Implementing the regional strategy and action plan for tobacco control, including an update on the activities of the High-level Ministerial Group on the Control of Tobacco and Emerging Tobacco and Nicotine Products in the Eastern Mediterranean Region	EM/RC73/INF.DOC.6
(g) Building resilient health systems to advance universal health coverage and ensure health security in the Eastern Mediterranean Region	EM/RC73/INF.DOC.7
(h) Accelerating the prevention, control and elimination of communicable diseases through integration: optimizing support from Gavi and the Global Fund	EM/RC73/INF.DOC.8
(i) Promoting health and well-being in the Eastern Mediterranean Region: moving from theory to action to achieve the health-related Sustainable Development Goals	EM/RC73/INF.DOC.9
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(k) Regional strategy for fostering digital health in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (2023–2027)	EM/RC73/INF.DOC.11
(l) A call for action to enhance and scale up the health workforce in the Eastern Mediterranean Region	EM/RC73/INF.DOC.12
(m) Addressing the increasing burden of trauma in humanitarian settings in the Eastern Mediterranean Region	EM/RC73/INF.DOC.13
(n) Promoting collaborative action to accelerate the response to antimicrobial resistance in the Eastern Mediterranean Region	EM/RC73/INF.DOC.14
(o) Regional action plan for mental health and psychosocial support in emergencies, 2024–2030	EM/RC73/INF.DOC.15
(p) Enhancement and digitalization of health information systems in the countries of the Eastern Mediterranean Region: a regional strategy, 2024–2028	EM/RC73/INF.DOC.16
(q) Zero-dose children: addressing inequity in routine immunization coverage in the Eastern Mediterranean Region	EM/RC73/INF.DOC.17
(r) Update on implementation of the WHO Transformation Agenda in the Eastern Mediterranean Region	EM/RC73/INF.DOC.18
(s) Strategic framework for implementation of Immunization Agenda 2030 in the Eastern Mediterranean Region	EM/RC73/INF.DOC.19

6. Technical papers

(a) Advancing health financing for stronger financial protection in the Eastern Mediterranean Region: pathways to equity and resilience	EM/RC73/6
(b) A multi-communicable disease elimination approach for the Eastern Mediterranean Region	EM/RC73/7

7. World Health Assembly and Executive Board

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(a) Review of the draft provisional agenda of the 160th session of the WHO Executive Board	EM/RC73/8
(b) Membership of WHO bodies and committees	EM/RC73/9
(c) Engagement with non-State actors: applications submitted by entities for accreditation to attend meetings of the WHO Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean	EM/RC73/10

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(d) Resolutions and decisions of regional interest adopted by the Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly and the Executive Board at its 158th and 159th sessions	EM/RC73/11

8. Nominations

(a) Nomination of a Member State to the Policy and Coordination Committee of the Special Programme of Research, Development, and Research Training in Human Reproduction	EM/RC73/INF.DOC.20
(b) Nomination of a Member State to the Joint Coordinating Board of the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases	EM/RC73/INF.DOC.21

9. Awards

(a) Award of the State of Kuwait Prize for the Control of Cancer, Cardiovascular Diseases and Diabetes in the Eastern Mediterranean Region	EM/RC73/INF.DOC.22
(b) Award of the Down Syndrome Research Prize	EM/RC73/INF.DOC.23

10.	Place and date of future sessions of the Regional Committee	EM/RC73/INF.DOC.24

11. Other business

12. Closing session