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Operational action plan for climate change and health in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (2026–2030)

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the technical paper on the operational action plan for climate change and health in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (2026–2030);¹

Recalling World Health Assembly resolutions WHA61.19 (2008) and WHA77.14 (2024) on climate change and health, and decision WHA78(27) (2025) on the global action plan on climate change and health (2025–2028), as well as Regional Committee resolution EM/RC70/R.5 (2023) on climate change, health and environment: a regional framework for action, 2023–2029;

Recognizing that the Eastern Mediterranean Region faces unprecedented climate-related health challenges, including extreme heat, droughts, water scarcity, dust storms, rising sea levels and climate-induced displacement that disproportionately affect vulnerable populations;

Acknowledging the substantial progress in the Region since 2023, including the expansion of the number of national climate change and health focal points to 16, mobilization of US\$ 1.8 million and completion of health national adaptation plans in three countries, while recognizing that sustainable regional financing remains a critical gap for achieving the regional 2029 targets;

Emphasizing that effective action requires regionally owned frameworks, reflecting Region-specific challenges, economic diversity and the principle of Common but Differentiated Responsibilities;

Resolving that interventions must strengthen national development objectives, while respecting sovereignty and promoting voluntary regional cooperation;

¹ EM/RC72/10.

1. URGES Member States to:

- 1.1 Implement the operational action plan on climate change and health in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (2026–2030), building on the designation of national climate and health focal points, the establishment of multisectoral coordination platforms and mechanisms to ensure effective national and regional follow-up;
- 1.2 Adopt and scale up climate-informed public health interventions with demonstrated health co-benefits, including climate-informed vector control and Heat-Health Action Plans (HHAPs);
- 1.3 Engage with the regional implementation support facility to secure sustainable financing for climate change and health interventions, and mobilize domestic resources where feasible;
- 1.4 Utilize the regional health security observatory to strengthen surveillance, early warning systems, research and evidence-based decision-making;
- 1.5 Participate in regional collaboration mechanisms, including South–South knowledge exchange and peer-to-peer technical assistance, to accelerate learning and joint action;
- 1.6 Integrate climate change and health priorities into national health policies, strategies and development plans, ensuring alignment with global and regional commitments;
- 1.7 Contribute to regional collaboration and knowledge-sharing efforts, including through engagement with the regional health security observatory and participation in mechanisms for South–South cooperation and peer-to-peer support;
- 1.8 Strengthen national leadership and coordination by designating climate change and health focal points with representation from relevant ministries and sectors to ensure cross-governmental action.

2. REQUESTS the Regional Director to:

- 2.1 Support Member States in the implementation of the operational action plan on climate change and health in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (2026–2030), ensuring alignment with national priorities and development objectives;
- 2.2 Facilitate the establishment, by December 2026, of a regional health security observatory (with a climate and environmental health module) and a regional implementation support facility for sustainable financing;
- 2.3 Provide technical cooperation, capacity-building and facilitation of peer-to-peer learning in support of national and regional implementation;
- 2.4 Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the operational action plan and report on progress to future sessions of the Regional Committee, beginning with 74th session of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean in 2027.