

1. DATE AND PLACE OF THE MEETING

The Sixtieth Session of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean is scheduled to take place in Shangri-La's Barr Al Jissah Resort and Spa, Muscat, from Sunday 27 to Wednesday 30 October 2013 inclusive. On 27 October 2013, the pre-RC Technical Meetings will take place in the Ballroom of Al Bandar Hotel. The inaugural session of the Regional Committee will take place on Monday, 28 October 2013 at 09.00 in the same conference hall. It is expected that the provisional programme of the session will follow shortly.

2. REPRESENTATIVES AND OBSERVERS

The meeting will be attended by one Representative of each of the Members participating in the Session. The Representatives may be accompanied by alternates and advisers (Rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure).

Observers of the United Nations, the United Nations Development Programme, some of the Specialized Agencies, certain other organs of the United Nations, the League of Arab States, the African Union, and a number of other inter-governmental and nongovernmental organizations in official relations with WHO, as well as observers from some national health institutions, will also attend.

3. SECRETARIAT

Secretary of the Committee (Rule 17 of the Rules of Procedure). The WHO Director-General will also attend the first part of the session *ex-officio*. The Regional Director is

4. AGENDA AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FOR THE SESSION

In conformity with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure, the Provisional Agenda for the Session (Document EM/RC60/1-Rev.3) is now being sent to Members of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean. The main subjects for discussion will be:

1.

Annual Report of the Regional Director 2012

2.

Progress reports on:

(a) Eradication of poliomyelitis; regional implications of the end-game strategy

(b) Tobacco-Free Initiative

(c) Achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals and global health goals after 2015 □ □

(d) Health systems strengthening: challenges, priorities and options for future action

(e) Implementing the International Health Regulations (2005)

(f) Update on emergencies and the impact of the Syrian crisis on health systems in the neighboring countries

(g) Road Safety

3.

Technical Discussions

Regional strategy on environmental health 1.

Towards universal health coverage: Challenges, Opportunities and Roadmap 2.

4.

Technical Papers

Saving the lives of mothers and children 1.

5.

World Health Assembly and Executive Board

Resolutions and decisions of regional interest adopted by the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly and the Executive Board at its 132nd and 133rd Sessions 1.

Review of the draft provisional agenda of the 134th Session of the WHO Executive Board 2.

WHO reform 3.

process for developing the proposed programme budget 2016-2017 1.

WHO's Financing Dialogue 1.

Health in the post-2015 UN development agenda 2.

International Health Regulations (2005): criteria for additional extensions 3.

6.

Implementing the United Nations Political Declaration on Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases based on the regional framework for action

7.

Review of implementation of Regional Committee resolutions 2000-2011

8.

Report of the first meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee to the Regional Director

9.

Awards for 2013

(a) Award of the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Prize and Fellowship

(b) Award of the State of Kuwait Prize for the Control of Cancer, Cardiovascular Diseases and Diabetes in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

4.1 Technical Discussion

A Chairman will be elected to preside over the Technical Discussion which this year will be on:

1. Regional strategy on environmental health
2. Towards universal health coverage: Challenges, Opportunities and Roadmap

The background documents on these subjects are being prepared (EM/RC60/Tech.Disc.1 and EM/RC60/Tech.Disc.2) and will be despatched with the documents for the Session.

5. INTERPRETATION

Arabic, English and French are the official languages of the Regional Committee (Rule 21 of the Rules of Procedure). Simultaneous interpretation will therefore be provided in these three languages. Representatives who have prepared written statements will greatly facilitate the work of the Session if they will be kind enough to give advance copies to the Conference Secretariat, at least 48 hours before the beginning of the meeting.

6. ARRANGEMENTS AND FACILITIES

Reception on Arrival 6.1

International Airport and will be assisted with transport directly to the hotel. Provided that sufficient notice is given, delegations will be met on arrival at Muscat

In order to make arrangements for reception at the airport, as well as for transportation to the hotel, it is important that Representatives and other participants communicate their . Correspondence may be addressed as follows: (Annex A) using 20 September 2013, at the very latest flight details, date and exact time of arrival by

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Entry Visa to Oman 6.2

Representatives and other participants should obtain visa for Oman prior to departure from their home countries. Should any assistance be required, they should contact either the WHO Representative or the Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme in their countries. Meanwhile, this Office is prepared to assist 5 weeks in participants from countries where consular authorities of Oman are not available, in obtaining their visa on arrival at the airport provided full details are faxed at least 5 weeks in advance (maximum by 20 September 2013) to obtain necessary visa (Annex C).

Privileges and Immunities 6.3

All Members officially attending the Regional Committee in Muscat, as well as their alternates and advisers, will enjoy the privileges and immunities granted to Representatives at meetings convened by UN Specialized Agencies, which are set out in the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies.

Health Requirements on Arrival/Departure 6.4

According to the WHO International Travel and Health Requirements, the Government of Oman does not require any vaccination certificates from international travellers except for those coming from yellow fever-infected areas.  However, kindly also check with the travel agent or airline concerned in your country regarding any developments in health requirements.

Hotel Accommodation 6.5

Block hotel reservations have been made at Shangri-La's Barr Al Jissah Resort & Spa. The cost of superior rooms has been subsidized by generous support of the Government of Oman. The preferential rates agreed upon are listed hereunder:

Shangri-La's Barr Al Jissah Resort & Spa

P.O. Box 644, Muscat, Post Code 100

Sultanate of Oman

Tel: +968 2477 6666

Fax: ☐ +968 2477 6777

Room type

RO

Al Waha Superior

80

Al Waha Superior Seaview

100

Al Waha Family

230

Al Waha One Bedroom Suite

300

Al Waha Specialty Suite

400

Al Bandar Deluxe (Standard)

95

Al Bandar Deluxe Terrace

145

Al Bandar Deluxe Seaview

145

Al Bandar One Bedroom Suite

350

Al Bandar Specialty Suite

425

Al Husn Deluxe

175

Al Husn Deluxe Seaview

180

Al Husn One Bedroom Suite

375

Al Husn Specialty Suite

450

RO – Rial Omani

– The above room rates are on bed and breakfast basis, and subject to 17% service charge and taxes.

– Check in time 14.00 hours on the day of arrival. Check out time is 12.00 noon. Daily rate will be chargeable for late check-out beyond 12.00.

– For early flight arrivals (scheduled flight before 8.00 am) reservations will automatically be made from the night before to ensure immediate access to the resort and its facilities.

The current exchange rate is RO 0.385 per 1 US\$ which is subject to change should there be a revision in rates.□

All above expenses are the direct responsibility of persons lodging in the hotel and should be settled individually.

not later than 20 September (Annex B) It is important that requests for hotel accommodation be sent to the Regional Office together with the enclosed hotel registration form

2013.

Hotel bookings will be arranged as and when requests are received and participants will be advised by return about action taken. It is also important that requests for hotel accommodation be sent complete with the exact duration of stay and number of room bookings to be made, as well as whether each room or suite should be for single or double occupancy.

Meals:

Lunch will be provided by the organizer throughout the official days of the meeting.

Transportation 6.6

In addition to transport on arrival and departure, transport will be provided for any official functions which are held away from the hotel.

Currency and Banking facilities 6.7

Foreign currency can be exchanged at the hotel or at any bank in Muscat. The hotel bank is open 24 hours. Foreign currency brought in Oman may be exchanged for local currency through banks and authorized dealers in foreign currency. Major credit cards are accepted in most establishments.

Travel Services 6.8

as onward reservations and deviations may be difficult to obtain at short their return flights confirmed before departing for Oman, Participants are strongly advised to have notice.

Communication Services 6.9

During the period of the Session, communications should be addressed as follows:

Office of the World Health Organization Representative

Al Wezarat Street, Ministry of Health Building

Al Khuwair, Muscat, Oman

Telephone: +968 24600989/24605860

Fax: +968 24602637

wroman@oma.emro.who.int e-mail:

or else please send directly to the hotel as follows:

Shangri-La's Barr Al Jissah Resort & Spa

P.O. Box 644, Muscat, Post Code 100

Sultanate of Oman

Tel: +968 2477 6666

Fax: ☐ +968 2477 6777 ☐

Departure tax 6.10 ☐

No Departure tax is applicable.

Mailing of Documents 6.11

The Secretariat will be pleased, at the end of the Session, to assist in mailing documents to participants in their home countries. The documents should have clearly marked labels provided by the Secretariat with the name and full address of the participant, and should be left in the Conference Room.

Climate 7. ☐

In October the weather in Muscat is expected to be hot during the day and warm at night. Temperatures during this time of the year range between a maximum of 34°C and a minimum of 27°C.

ANNEX "A"

REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR

THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

Sixtieth Session

Muscat, Oman, 27-30 October 2013

PLEASE RETURN AS SOON AS FLIGHT RESERVATION

IS CONFIRMED, BY 20 September 2013 AT THE LATEST

NOTICE OF ARRIVAL

To: WHO Regional Office, Fax: (202) 26702492 - 26702494

asu@emro.who.int and registry@emro.who.int E-mail:

NAME:.....Nationality.....

Representing (Country/Organization)

1. Coming from..... I am due to arrive on.....

by flight via

:..... hours. My exact time of arrival at Airport

2. My return reservation is now confirmed.

I will depart on.....

by flightathours.

Date: Signature:

ANNEX "B"

REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR

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ACCOMMODATION REQUEST

To: WHO Regional Office, Fax: (202) 26702492 – 26702494

asu@emro.who.int and registry@emro.who.int E-mail:

Name:

Representing Country/Organization:

Shanri-La's Barr Al Jissah Resort and Spa

Room type

RO

Guest preference

Al Waha Superior

80

Al Waha Superior Seaview

100

Al Waha Family

Al Waha One Bedroom Suite

Al Waha Specialty Suite

Al Bandar Deluxe (Standard)

95

Al Bandar Deluxe Terrace

145

Al Bandar Deluxe Seaview

145

Al Bandar One Bedroom Suite

350

Al Bandar Specialty Suite

425

Al Husn Deluxe

175

Al Husn Deluxe Seaview

180

Al Husn One Bedroom Suite

375

Al Husn Specialty Suite

450

The above room rates are in Omani Rials, on bed and breakfast basis, subject to 17% service charge and taxes.

Date: Signature:

ANNEX "C"

REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR

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INFORMATION REQUIRED IN ORDER TO OBTAIN

VISA FOR SULTANATE OF OMAN

This form should be used by participants where no Consular Representative exists in their country. Visa process takes about 5 weeks from the date of submission to the cognizant authorities in Oman

Name (in triplicate):

Nationality:

Date of Birth: Place of Birth:

Passport No. : Place of Issue:

Date of Issue: Expiry Date:

Please send us the above information as soon as possible and maximum by

. Copies of the following documents will be needed: 20 September 2013

before the six months 1- ☐ Clear scanned copies of passport including passport page showing the signature of the passport holder if available (passport validity should be minimum

travel date);

2- Completed visa application form (format attached). Filling up of all personal details is mandatory including mother's name;

3- Scanned photograph.

and registry@emro.who.int Your exact time of arrival in Oman and full flight details should also be sent to the Regional Office (fax. no.: (202) 26702492 – 26702494) or E-mail: asu@emro.who.int as soon as confirmed.

Thank you.

Date: Signature:

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