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## WHO REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

### PROVISIONAL DAILY TIMETABLE

Sixty-eighth session, WHO Regional Office, Cairo, 11–14 October 2021

<b>Monday, 11 October 2021 – PRE-REGIONAL COMMITTEE TECHNICAL MEETINGS</b>	
10.00-10.40	<b>Pre-Regional Committee technical meeting</b> Global Strategy on Digital health (GSDH) 2020–2024: a framework for action in the Eastern Mediterranean Region
10.14-11.25	<b>Pre-Regional Committee technical meeting</b> Strategy to promote the health of refugees and migrants in the Eastern Mediterranean Region
11.30-12.25	<b>Panel Discussion</b> Health for Peace – from theory to action
12.30-13.00	<b>Introduction to marketplace</b>
13.00–14.00	Break
<b>INNAUGURAL SESSION</b>	
14.00–15.00	<b>Opening Ceremony of the 68th session of the Regional Committee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recital from the Holy Quran</li> <li>• Address by the Chairman of the 67th session of the Regional Committee</li> <li>• Address by Dr Ahmed Al-Mandhari, WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean</li> <li>• Video</li> <li>• Address by Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General</li> <li>• <i>High-level segment of Opening Ceremony (TBC)</i></li> </ul>



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Tuesday, 12 October 2021 – REGULAR SESSIONS OF RC68		
09.00–09.15	(a) Election of officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair</li> <li>• 2 Vice-Chairs</li> </ul> (b) Adoption of the provisional agenda and provisional daily timetable (c) Decision on: Establishment of the Drafting Committee	
09.15–10.25	<b>Regional Director’s Annual Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Report of the Regional Director for the year 2020, and progress reports</li> <li>• <i>Vision 2023</i> Midterm Review and Push Forward</li> <li>• Discussions</li> </ul>	(Agenda item 2) EM/RC68/3 EM/RC68/INF.DOC.1–12
10.30–11.15	<b>Special updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergencies in the Eastern Mediterranean Region</li> <li>• Discussions</li> </ul>	
11.15–11.55	<b>Special updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polio eradication in the Eastern Mediterranean Region including the first and second meeting report of the Regional Subcommittee for Polio Eradication and Outbreaks</li> <li>• Discussions</li> </ul>	EM/RC68/16 EM/RC68/17
12.00–13.00	Break	
13.00–13.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth report of the Programme Subcommittee of the Regional Committee</li> <li>• Place and date of future sessions of the Regional Committee</li> <li>• Membership of WHO bodies and committees</li> <li>• Discussions</li> </ul>	EM/RC68/14 EM/RC68/15  EM/RC68/INF.DOC.15  EM/RC68/11
13.30–14.25	<b>Technical paper</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accelerating health emergency preparedness and response – a plan of action</li> <li>• Discussions</li> </ul>	EM/RC68/4



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14.30–14.55	<b>World Health Assembly and Executive Board follow-up matters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working Group on Strengthening WHO Preparedness and Response to Health Emergencies; way forward (Resolution WHA74.7)</li> <li>Discussions</li> </ul>	
15.00–15.55	<b>Panel discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A decade of action on the Sustainable Development Goals in the Eastern Mediterranean Region: progress, challenges, and way forward</li> <li>Discussions</li> </ul>	
16.00–17.00	<b>Side event (not part of regular sessions)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria: special focus on strategic directions to accelerate ending tuberculosis in countries of the Eastern Mediterranean Region, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance and immunization</li> </ul>	
<b>Wednesday, 13 October 2021 – REGULAR SESSIONS OF RC68</b>		
09.00–09.55	<b>Technical paper</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A regional strategy for integrated disease surveillance – overcoming data fragmentation in the Eastern Mediterranean Region</li> <li>Discussions</li> </ul>	EM/RC68/5
10.00–10.55	<b>Technical paper</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Building resilient communities for better health and well-being</li> <li>Discussions</li> </ul>	EM/RC68/6
11.00–12.00	<b>Panel discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shaping the future of health systems in the Eastern Mediterranean Region: advancing the dual goals of universal health coverage and health security</li> <li>Discussions</li> </ul>	
12.00–13.00	Break	



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13.00–13.55	<b>Technical paper</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Addressing diabetes as a public health challenge in the Eastern Mediterranean Region</li> <li>Discussions</li> </ul>	EM/RC68/7
14.00–14.55	<b>Panel discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build back fairer: achieving health equity in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (the report of the Commission on Social Determinants of Health in the Eastern Mediterranean Region)</li> <li>Discussions</li> </ul>	
15.00–16.00	<b>Side event (not part of regular sessions)</b> Measuring and verifying excess mortality during a pandemic	
17.00–18.00	<i>Possible meeting of the drafting committee</i>	
<b>Thursday, 14 October 2021- REGULAR SESSIONS OF RC68</b>		
09.00–09.55	<b>World Health Assembly and Executive Board follow-up – governance matters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resolutions and decisions of regional interest adopted by the Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly and the Executive Board at its 148th and 149th sessions</li> <li>Review of the draft provisional agenda of the 150th session of the WHO Executive Board</li> <li>Transformation update</li> <li>Discussions</li> </ul>	EM/RC68/10  EM/RC68/10-Annex 1  EM/RC68/12
10.00–11.55	<b>World Health Assembly and Executive Board follow-up – Programme and budget matters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revision of Proposed Programme Budget 2022–2023</li> <li>Sustainable financing</li> <li>Discussions</li> </ul>	EM/RC68/8 EM/RC68/9
12.00–13.00	Break	
13.00–14.00	Adoption of the report, resolutions and decisions	
14.00–15.00	<i>High-level segment for closing (TBC)</i>  Closing session	



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<b>Marketplace: exhibitions, booths, press releases and other innovative ways of showcasing important issues and developments</b>		
<b>PILLAR 1</b>		
1	DCD	Strengthening infection prevention and control (IPC) in the Eastern Mediterranean Region: an urgent need
2	UHS	The role of the private health sector in maintaining essential health services during the COVID-19 pandemic in the Eastern Mediterranean Region: lessons learned
3	UHS	2021 – International Year of Health and Care Workers: investing in health workforce
4	NMH	16th anniversary of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control
<b>PILLAR 2</b>		
5	WHE	Improved information management for health emergencies (EOC)
6	WHE	Complex trauma and mass casualty management in humanitarian settings
<b>PILLAR 3</b>		
7	DHP	Social Determinants of Health (SDH)
<b>PILLAR 4</b>		
8	CdC	The Regional Health Alliance
9	CRP	Communications showcase: highlighting its importance in the COVID-19 pandemic
10	CdC	Regional Committee resolutions monitoring dashboard
11	CdC	Country functional review dashboard
12	BOS	WHO core values