Regional situation

- Basic national documentation has been accepted from 21 countries that have been polio-free for 3 years or more (Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt, Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, occupied Palestinian territory, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen).

- Provisional national documentation has been received from countries that still have wild polio virus circulation (Afghanistan and Pakistan).

- Final national documentation for regional certification has been accepted from 17 countries that have been polio-free for 5 years or more and have completed phase I of laboratory containment (Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt, Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, occupied Palestinian territory, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and United Arab Emirates).

- Regular yearly updates (annual update and abridged annual update) have been submitted on a yearly basis by all countries whose basic national documentation was accepted (annual update), and countries whose final national documentation for regional certification was accepted (abridged annual update).

**Eastern Mediterranean Regional Certification Commission**

The Eastern Mediterranean Regional Certification Commission was established in 1995. It comprises ten members and is chaired by Dr Yagoub Al Mazrou. Table 1 shows the composition of the Regional Certification Commission.

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Dr Mohamed Helmy Wahdan

2012  Current
Professor Tariq Bhutta

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Dr Bijan Sadrizadeh

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Dr Supamit Chunsuttiwat

2013  Current
Dr Moncef Sidhom

2013  Current
Dr Abdoulie Jack

1995   2013
Dr Ali Jaffer Mohamed

1995   2013
Dr Malek Afzali

1995   2013
Professor Mushtaq Khan
Dr Sadig Mahgoub El Tayeb  
1995  1999

Dr Abdullahi Deria  
1995  2006

Dr Imam Zaghloul  
1997  2000

Professor Natth Bhamarapravati  
1998  2003

Professor Reda Teklahaimanot  
1998  2006

Dr Naryan Keshary Shah  
2004  2008

Professor Oyewale Tomori  
2007  2013

Professor Nazrul Islam  
2009  2013

More information about members of the Regional Certification Commission.

Terms of reference of the Regional Certification Commission
1. To establish minimum guidelines for countries to document achievements towards polio eradication.
2. To review and assess country data and documentation of activities, and eventually, national committee reports on polio eradication.
3. To issue a report to the Global Commission on the achievement of polio eradication in the Region.

Regional Certification Commission meetings

The Regional Certification Commission has held 32 meetings so far; the last meeting took place in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from 24 to 26 April 2018. Also an exceptional Closed Follow-Up meeting for the Regional Certification Commission was held in Tunis, Tunisia, from 13 to 14 November 2013.

Regional Certification Commission meetings

Country certification information

Afghanistan

Bahrain

Djibouti

Egypt

Islamic Republic of Iran

Iraq

Jordan
Kuwait

Lebanon

Libya

Morocco

Oman

Pakistan

Occupied Palestinian territory

Qatar

Saudi Arabia

Somalia

Sudan
Syrian Arab Republic

Tunisia

United Arab Emirates

Yemen

**Blank certification documents (October 2012 version)**

Basic national documentation

Annual update

Final national documentation for regional certification

Abridged annual update

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