

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

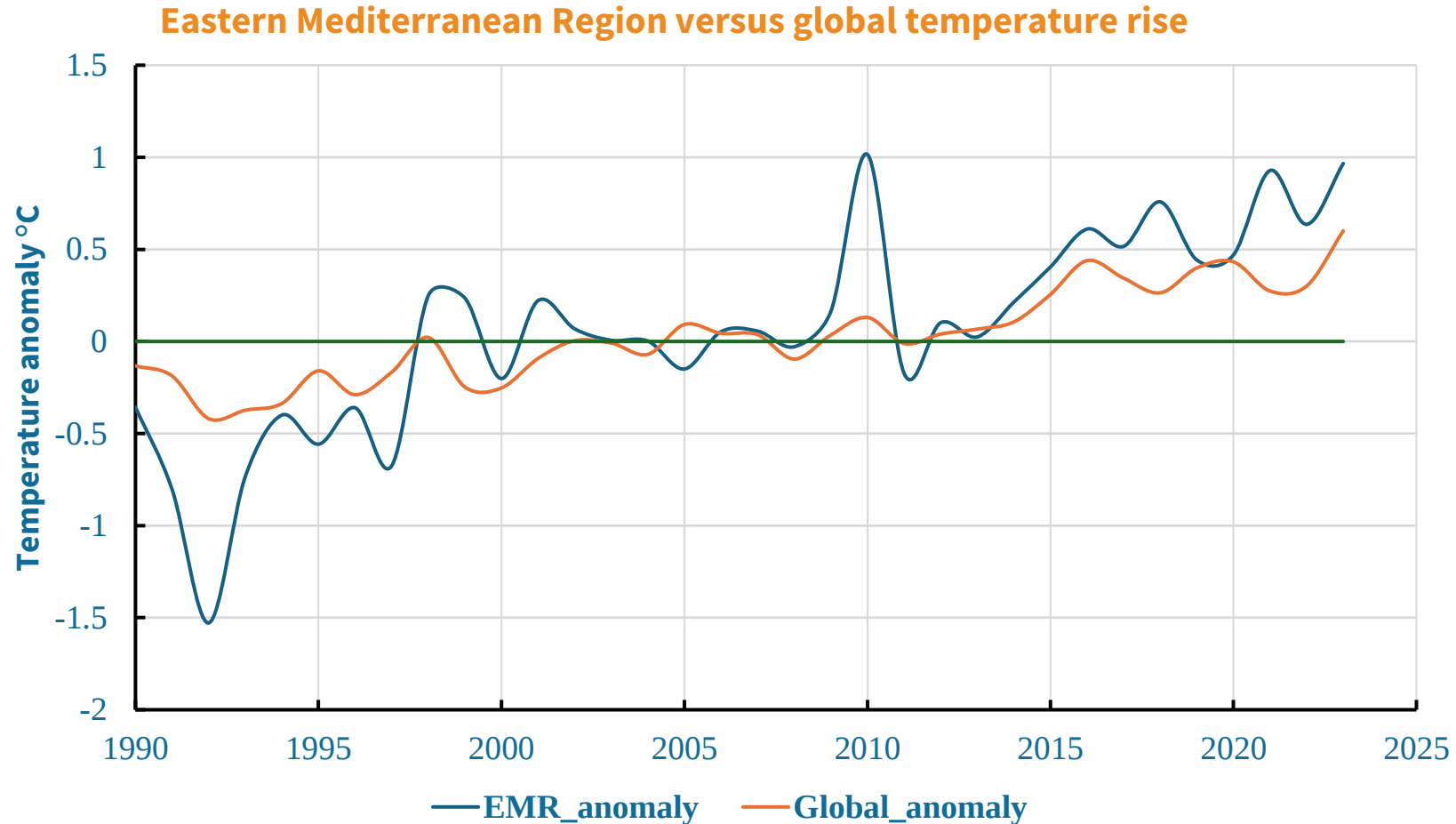
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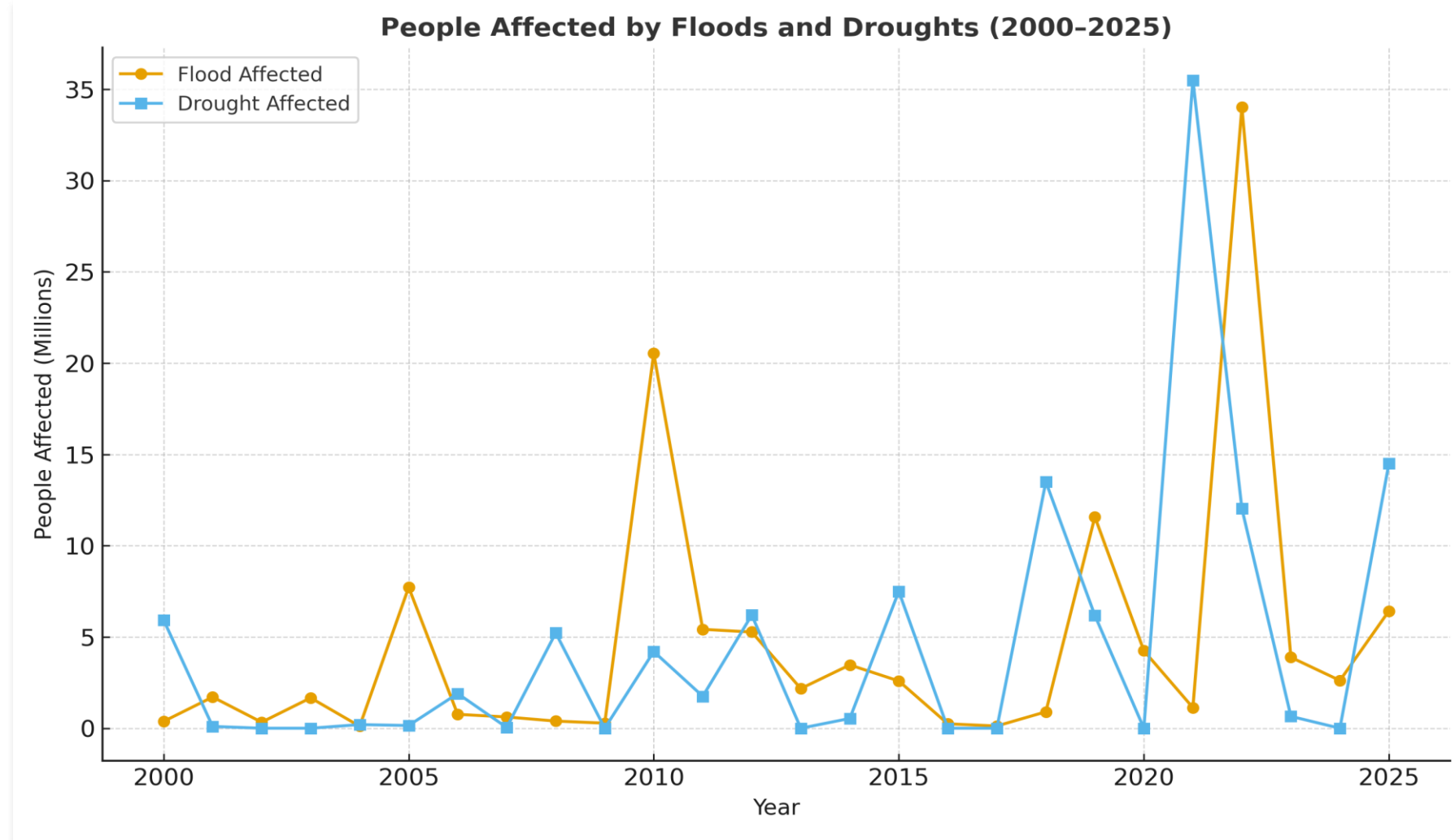


The Eastern Mediterranean Region is bearing the burden of “warming”



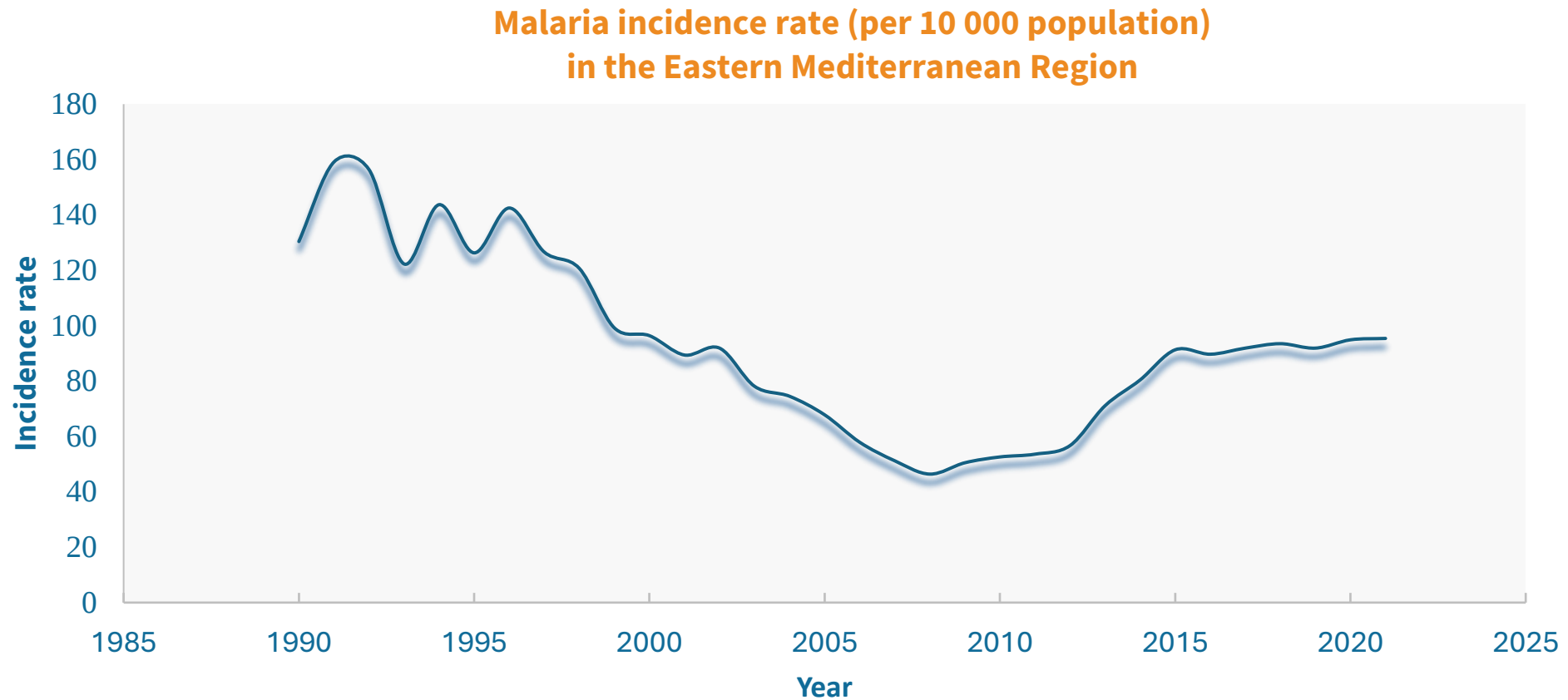
Source: Global and regional temperature anomalies from NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS).

Population affected by natural disasters



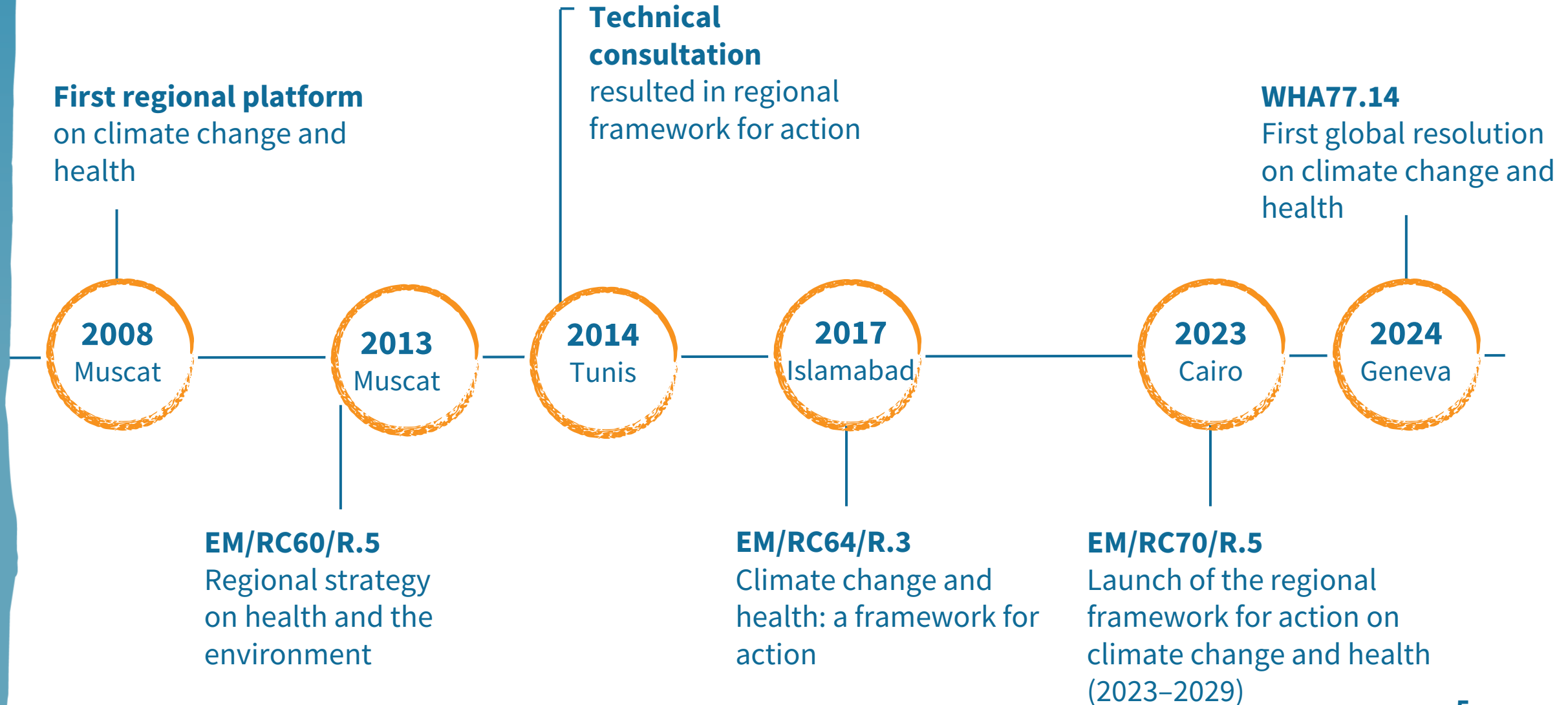
Source: EM-DAT. The International Disaster Database [online database]. Brussels: Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters; 2025 (<https://www.emdat.be>).

Reversing the positive trend?



Global Health Observatory [online database]. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2024 (<https://www.who.int/data/gho>).

Region's global leadership on climate change



Global action plan: Regional perspective



Equity ignored

Exclusion of principle of
Common But Differentiated
Responsibilities



Rushed process

Insufficient consultation time



Heavy obligations

Resource burden on
developing countries



The regional framework needs to be updated and aligned



Alignment opportunity

Harmonize with
Member States for
consistent messaging



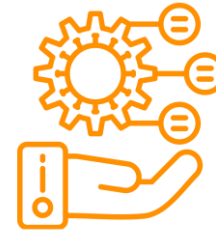
Consensus building

Expand participation
to strengthen
regional solidarity



Resource mobilization

Add mechanisms
for accessing
climate finance



Evidence-based implementation

Enhance monitoring
systems with Region-
specific data

Our strategic proposal



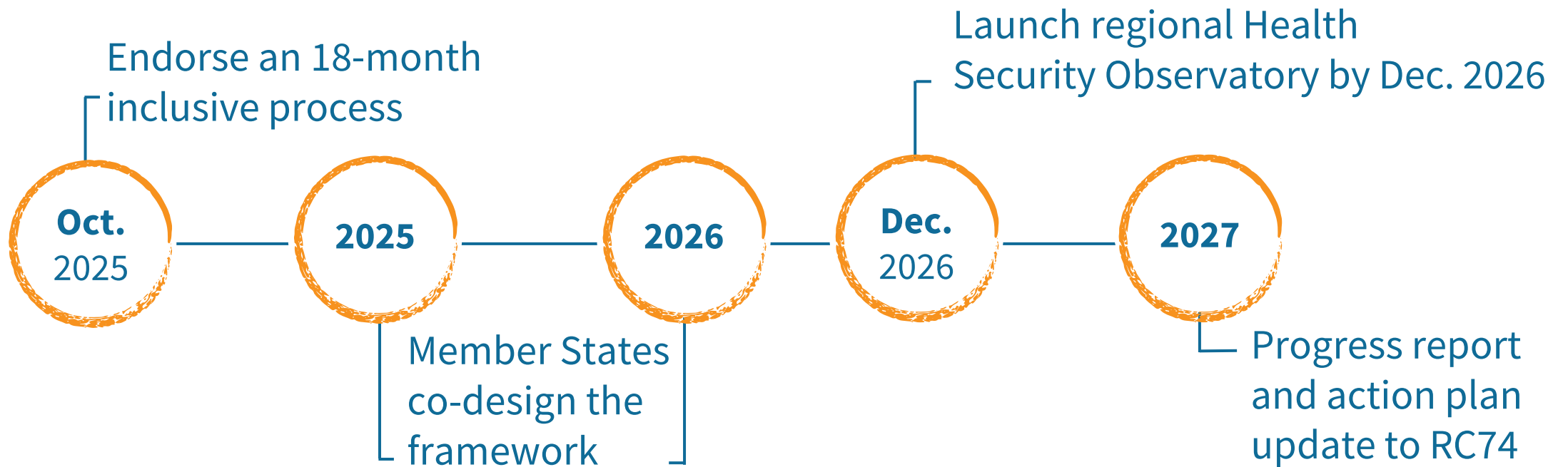
Dialogue



Action



Impact



*Not just a plan; an empowerment process.

Proposed Resolution EM/RC72/R.6

URGES the Regional Director to:



support

Member States in implementation of operational action plan



provide

support for regional peer-to-peer learning



facilitate

the establishment of a regional health security observatory and regional support facility for financing



monitor and evaluate

implementation of operational action plan and report to Regional Committee on progress

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URGES Member States to:



implement

the operational action plan on climate change and health



designate

climate change and health focal points



adopt

climate-informed public health interventions with health co-benefits



integrate

climate change and health priorities into national health policies, strategies and development plans



participate

in regional collaboration mechanisms