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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

Monday, 11 October 2021 – PRE-REGIONAL COMMITTEE TECHNICAL MEETINGS		Presenter/speaker
10.00-10.40	Pre-Regional Committee technical meeting Global Strategy on Digital health (GSDH) 2020–2024: a framework for action in the Eastern Mediterranean Region	Dr Ahmed Mandil
10.14-11.25	Pre-Regional Committee technical meeting Strategy to promote the health of refugees and migrants in the Eastern Mediterranean Region	Dr Ali Ardalan
11.30-12.25	Panel Discussion Health for Peace – from theory to action	RD Opening Remarks H.E. Sayyid Bader Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister, Oman H.E. Dr. Ahmad Al Saidi Minister of Health, Oman (TBC) H.E. Ms. Nora Kronig Romero, Vice Director- General of the Federal Office of Public Health, Head of International Affairs Division, Switzerland H.E. Dr. Fawziya Abikar Nur, Minister of Health and Social Care, Somalia Rt Hon. Prof. The Lord Darzi of Denham Co-Director of the Institute of Global Health Innovation RD Closing Remarks GHPI potential
12.30-13.00	Introduction to marketplace	Mr Omid Mohit
13.00–14.00	Break	



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INAUGURAL SESSION		Presenter/speaker
14.00–15.00	<p>Opening Ceremony of the 68th session of the Regional Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recital from the Holy Quran • Address by the Chairman of the 67th session of the Regional Committee • Address by Dr Ahmed Al-Mandhari, WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean • Video • Address by Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General • <i>High-level segment of Opening Ceremony (TBC)</i> 	<p>CdC Moderator</p> <p>H.E. MOH Egypt</p> <p>RD's Opening Address</p> <p>Check if RD wants to introduce as part of his address</p> <p>DG</p>
Tuesday, 12 October 2021 – REGULAR SESSIONS OF RC68		Presenter/speaker
09.00–09.15	<p>(a) Election of officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair • 2 Vice-Chairs <p>(b) Adoption of the provisional agenda and provisional daily timetable</p> <p>(c) Decision on: Establishment of the Drafting Committee</p>	<p>MOH Egypt</p> <p>MOH Libya</p>
09.15–10.25	<p>Regional Director's Annual Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Report of the Regional Director for the year 2020, and progress reports • <i>Vision 2023</i> Midterm Review and Push Forward • Discussions 	<p>(Agenda item 2) EM/RC68/3 EM/RC68/INF.DOC.1-12</p> <p>RD's Verbal Statement</p> <p>Dr Maha Al Rabbat</p> <p>DG for Comments RD for Comments</p>
10.30–11.15	<p>Special updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergencies in the Eastern Mediterranean Region • Discussions 	<p>Dr Rick Brennan</p>
11.15–11.55	<p>Special updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polio eradication in the Eastern Mediterranean Region including the first and second meeting report of the Regional 	<p>EM/RC68/16 EM/RC68/17</p> <p>Dr. Hamid Jafari</p> <p>H.E. Dr. Hala Zayed, Minister of Health, Egypt,</p>



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	<p>Subcommittee for Polio Eradication and Outbreaks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions 		<p>Other speakers</p> <p>RD closing remarks</p>
12.00–13.00	Break		
13.00–13.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth report of the Programme Subcommittee of the Regional Committee Place and date of future sessions of the Regional Committee Membership of WHO bodies and committees Discussions 	<p>EM/RC68/14 EM/RC68/15</p> <p>EM/RC68/INF.DOC.15</p> <p>EM/RC68/11</p>	<p>Dr M. A. Jama</p> <p>CdC</p> <p>RC Chair</p>
13.30–14.25	<p>Technical paper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accelerating health emergency preparedness and response – a plan of action Discussions 	EM/RC68/4	<p>Dr Rick Brennan</p> <p>RD to intervene</p>
14.30–14.55	<p>World Health Assembly and Executive Board follow-up matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working Group on Strengthening WHO Preparedness and Response to Health Emergencies; way forward (Resolution WHA74.7) Discussions 		<p>H.E. Ms Grata Endah Werdaningtyas</p> <p>Dr Ala Alwan</p> <p>RD to intervene</p>
15.00–15.55	<p>Panel discussion</p> <p>A decade of action on the Sustainable Development Goals in the Eastern Mediterranean Region: progress, challenges, and way forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions 		<p>DPM EMRO / Co-chair of WHO EMRO SDG task force</p> <p>Director SID</p> <p>CdC/EMRO, Co-chair of WHO EMRO SDGs task force</p> <p>Her Excellency Dr Mai AlKaila</p> <p>Ms. Maisaa Youssef</p> <p>Dr Hossam El-Sharkawi</p>



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			<p>Dr Ali Mokdad</p> <p>Dr Ammar Abdo Ahmed</p> <p>CdC</p> <p>RD Closing Remarks</p>
16.00–17.00	<p>Side event (not part of regular sessions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 		<p>RD?</p> <p>Dr Asadi Lari, Iran</p> <p>Dr Fardousi</p> <p>Cynthia Mwase</p> <p>Amy LaTrielle</p> <p>Ministers of Health in the region/ or representatives</p> <p>Dr Rana Hajjeh, DPM</p>
Wednesday, 13 October 2021 – REGULAR SESSIONS OF RC68			Presenter/speaker
09.00–09.55	<p>Technical paper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A regional strategy for integrated disease surveillance – overcoming data fragmentation in the Eastern Mediterranean Region Discussions 	EM/RC68/5	<p>Dr Pierre Nabeth</p> <p>RD to intervene</p>
10.00–10.55	<p>Technical paper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building resilient communities for better health and well-being Discussions 	EM/RC68/6	<p>Dr Maha El Adawy</p> <p>RD to intervene</p>
11.00–12.00	<p>Panel discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shaping the future of health systems in the Eastern Mediterranean Region: advancing the dual goals of universal health coverage and health security 		<p>Dr Awad Mataria</p> <p>Prof David Bishai from Hopkins</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions 		<p>H.E. Minister of Health Population of Egypt, Dr Hala Zayed</p> <p>Prof Maha El-Rabbat</p> <p>Dr Maryam Bigdeli</p> <p>Prof Vankatraman</p> <p>Dr Altaf Musani</p> <p>RD closing remarks</p>
12.00–13.00	Break		
13.00–13.55	<p>Technical paper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addressing diabetes as a public health challenge in the Eastern Mediterranean Region Discussions 	EM/RC68/7	<p>Dr Asmus Hammerich</p> <p>RD to intervene</p>
14.00–14.55	<p>Panel discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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) Discussions 		<p>Chair of the EMRO SDH Commission, Sir Micheal Marmot</p> <p>RD Closing remarks</p>
15.00–16.00	<p>Side event (not part of regular sessions) Measuring and verifying excess mortality during a pandemic</p>		<p>RD?</p> <p>Dr Henry Doctor</p> <p>Dr Arash Rashidian</p> <p>Dr Eman Aly</p> <p>Dr Robert Mswia</p> <p>Dr John Wilmoth</p>
17.00–18.00	<i>Possible meeting of the drafting committee</i>		
Thursday, 14 October 2021- REGULAR SESSIONS OF RC68			Presenter/speaker
09.00–09.55	<p>World Health Assembly and Executive Board follow-up – governance matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolutions and decisions of regional interest adopted by 	EM/RC68/10	Dr Rana Hajjeh



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	<p>the Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly and the Executive Board at its 148th and 149th sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the draft provisional agenda of the 150th session of the WHO Executive Board • Transformation update • Discussions 	<p>EM/RC68/10-Annex 1</p> <p>EM/RC68/12</p>	<p>CdC</p> <p>Tarja Turtia Team Lead, Transformation</p> <p>RD to intervene</p>
10.00–11.55	<p>World Health Assembly and Executive Board follow-up – Programme and budget matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision of Proposed Programme Budget 2022–2023 • Sustainable financing • Discussions 	<p>EM/RC68/8</p> <p>EM/RC68/9</p>	<p>Dr Imre Hollo</p> <p>Dr Bjorn Kummel</p> <p>RD to intervene</p>
12.00–13.00	Break		
13.00–14.00	Adoption of the report, resolutions and decisions		Mr Toby Boyd RC Chair
14.00–15.00	<p><i>High-level segment for closing (TBC)</i></p> <p>Closing session</p>		RD to make his closing statement