

**GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND  
NON-STATE ACTORS IN OFFICIAL RELATIONS  
WITH THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION  
AT THE SEVENTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE  
WHO REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC  
24–28 October 2022**

The World Health Organization (WHO) values its partnerships with intergovernmental, nongovernmental and other organizations (referred to as “non-State actors”) in official relations and recognizes their importance in achieving global health outcomes. In this regard, we encourage their participation in sessions of the Regional Committee.

Participation in such meetings is governed by WHO’s Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors, adopted by the World Health Assembly in May 2016.<sup>1</sup> Non-State actors (NSAs) may participate at the Regional Committee without the right to vote.

**Notification of participation at the Regional Committee**

NSAs in official relations with WHO automatically receive an invitation to the annual session of the Regional Committee and are kindly requested to inform the Regional Office of the name(s) of their representative(s) by 22 September 2022.

**Regional Committee documentation**

Representatives of NSAs in official relations with WHO may visit the Regional Committee webpage (<https://www.who.int/westernpacific/about/governance/regional-committee/session-73>) to access all working documents in English and French prior to the opening day of the session. Documentation issued during the session, such as daily journals and resolutions, will be made accessible online.

**Delivery of statements at the Regional Committee**

Representatives of NSAs in official relations with WHO will be given an opportunity to make a statement under the agenda item relating to their activities.

NSAs are encouraged to submit a recorded video statement. The screening of video statements at the Regional Committee will be at the discretion of the Chairperson and are dependent on time available for the respective agenda item. However, all videos will be made available to participants and on WHO’s website for public viewing.

NSAs are encouraged to use visuals and/or other descriptive elements within the video. Videos should not exceed two minutes. If preferred, written statements, not exceeding 500 words, will also be accepted.

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<sup>1</sup> Resolution WHA69.10 (2016)

Further, statements should not raise issues of a purely political nature that are unrelated to the agenda item and should not contain any inappropriate or offensive references to Member States. The nomenclature used to refer to Member States, or areas of Member States, must follow that of the United Nations. Titles of individuals, organizations and/or specific documents should be correct. There should be no obvious spelling or grammatical errors.

Representatives of NSAs in official relations are requested to submit their written statements indicating the relevant agenda item via email to the Protocol Officer ([WPRpartnerships@who.int](mailto:WPRpartnerships@who.int)) not later than 18 October 2022 at 17:00 (Philippine Standard Time). For those wishing to deliver statements in audio/video form, a designated webpage to upload your files will be shared with you in due course.

In line with WHO's commitment to transparency, all statements will be made publicly available online. In this regard, your submission of audio/video statements signifies your concurrence that the file will be made available. Further, as statements reflect solely the views of the NSA concerned, it follows that posted statements do not necessarily reflect the views of WHO, including its Member States and Secretariat.