

Provisional programme (annotated)

Copenhagen, Denmark, 29–31 October 2024

Tuesday, 29 October 2024

Opening and global and regional updates from WHO

08:30–09:00 **Welcome and high-level segment with invited dignitaries**

09:00–09:30 **Opening of the session**

- Election of officers
- Adoption of the provisional agenda (interactive) and provisional programme (annotated)

The outgoing Executive President of the 73rd session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe (RC73) will open the proceedings and conduct the election of the officers of RC74: President, Executive President, Deputy Executive President and Rapporteur. The Regional Committee will then be invited to adopt the agenda and programme of the session.

09:30–10:00 **Address by the WHO Director-General**

In his address, the WHO Director-General will highlight current key challenges in global health and inform the Regional Committee about WHO's responses.

10:00–10:30 Healthy break

10:30–11:15 **Address by and report of the WHO Regional Director for Europe**

The WHO Regional Director for Europe will report on the work of the WHO Regional Office for Europe (WHO/Europe) work since the last session of the Regional Committee.

11:15–13:00 **General discussion: the state of health in the WHO European Region**

Following the Director-General's and Regional Director's addresses, a general debate will be held on the state of health in the WHO European Region and the strategic action taken by WHO to achieve the goals of the European Programme of Work, 2020–2025, and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

13:00–14:30 Lunch break

14:30–15:30 **General discussion: the state of health in the WHO European Region (cont.)**
To conclude this item, the Regional Committee will be invited to adopt the related draft decision.

15:30–16:00 **Report of the Thirty-first Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe**
The Chairperson of the Thirty-first Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe (SCRC) will present its consolidated report (including the report of the fifth regular session of the Thirty-first SCRC). The Regional Committee will be invited to adopt a related draft decision.

16:00–16:30 Healthy break

16:30–17:00 **Matters arising from resolutions and decisions of the World Health Assembly and the Executive Board**
The Regional Committee will be invited to consider the implications for the Region of the technical resolutions and decisions adopted by the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly and by the Executive Board at its 155th session and to provide input for related discussions at global level.
The link between the Executive Board and the SCRC will deliver a statement on this topic.
The implications of these resolutions and decisions will also be considered in discussions on related agenda items.

Wednesday, 30 October 2024

Governance and programme budget matters

09:00–12:30 **Private meeting: elections and nominations**

- Nomination of the Regional Director
- Nominations of two members of the Executive Board
- Election of four members of the SCRC
- Election of one member in Category 2 of the Policy and Coordination Committee (PCC) of the Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction (HRP)

In a private meeting, Member States will consider the nominations received for membership of WHO governing bodies and committees, including for the post of Regional Director. The Regional Committee will be invited to adopt a draft decision on the appointment of the Regional Director.

The Regional Committee will, additionally, consider the process for nominating elective posts for the Seventy-eighth World Health Assembly and for the Executive Board at its 157th session in May 2025.

The outcomes of the meeting will be announced during the opening of the subsequent plenary session.

12:30–14:00 Lunch break
A high-level technical briefing on One Health, followed by a networking lunch, will also be organized.

14:00–15:15

Governance and leadership of the WHO European Region

- WHO/Europe Accountability Report 2024
- Business operations (including audit and compliance)
- Governance and leadership
- Engagement with non-State actors

To help further strengthen WHO/Europe's accountability and transparency, and support participatory governance, the Regional Committee will be invited to take note of the 2024 Accountability Report, which presents an overview of how WHO/Europe is resourced, structured, managed and governed, together with the five-year report on the work of the geographically dispersed offices.

During the discussion on governance and leadership, the Regional Committee will be presented with an update on the implementation of the recommendations from the governance review that was conducted in 2023, which were welcomed by the Regional Committee at RC73.

The Regional Committee will also consider the application of new non-State actors not in official relations with WHO to be accredited to attend the sessions of the Regional Committee. In addition, it will review the status of the six non-State actors accredited at RC71. The Regional Committee will be invited to adopt a related draft decision. For this subitem, delegations are advised to contribute through written statements.

15:15–15:45

Healthy break

15:45–17:00

Programme budget matters

- Accountability Report
- WHO Programme budget 2022–2023 results report
- Developing the WHO Programme budget 2026–2027
- WHO investment round

The Regional Committee will be presented with the final implementation report of the programme budget for the previous biennium and the implementation outlook for Programme budget 2024–2025.

17:00–17:15

Progress reports

The Regional Committee will be invited to note the following progress reports.

Pillar 1: 1 billion more people benefiting from universal health coverage

- Leveraging digital transformation for better health in Europe: Regional digital health action plan for the WHO European Region 2023–2030 (EUR/RC72/R2)
- Establishment of a new geographically dispersed office (GDO) for primary health care in Kazakhstan (EUR/RC63(1))

Pillar 3: 1 billion more people enjoying better health and well-being

- European regional action framework for behavioural and cultural insights for equitable health, 2022–2027 (EUR/RC72/R1)

For this item, delegations are advised to contribute through written statements. The progress reports will also be considered in discussions on related agenda items.

17:15–18:00

Matters arising from resolutions and decisions of the World Health Assembly and the Executive Board (cont.)

The Regional Committee will be invited to consider the implications for the Region of the governance and institutional resolutions and decisions adopted by the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly and by the Executive Board at its 155th session and to provide input for related discussions at global level.

The implications of these resolutions and decisions will also be considered in discussions on related agenda items.

Thursday, 31 October 2024

Technical priorities and closure of the session

09:00–10:30

Framework for action on resilient and sustainable health systems in the WHO European Region 2025–2030

The Regional Committee will be invited to consider a framework for action on resilient and sustainable health systems, informed by WHO/Europe's health systems thinking and related activities during 2023, which culminated in the Tallinn Charter 15th Anniversary High-level Conference held in Tallinn, Estonia, 12–13 December 2023.

The Regional Committee will be invited to adopt a related draft decision.

10:30–11:00

Healthy break

11:00–12:30

Health emergency preparedness, response and resilience in the WHO European Region 2024–2029: preparing for a new regional strategy and action plan (Preparedness 2.0)

In the context of the strengthening of the global architecture for health emergency preparedness, response and resilience, and following the mandate provided by RC72 and updated at RC73, the Regional Committee will be invited to consider a strategy and action plan on health emergency preparedness, response and resilience in the WHO European Region 2024–2029 (Preparedness 2.0), which aims to support countries to develop fit-for-purpose national health emergency preparedness and response plans.

The Regional Committee will be invited to adopt a related draft decision.

12:30–14:00

Lunch break

14:00–15:30

Emergency Medical Teams regional action plan 2024–2030

Closely related and linked to the work towards the strategy and action plan on health emergency preparedness, response and resilience in the WHO European Region 2024–2029 (Preparedness 2.0), the Regional Committee will be invited to endorse the Emergency Medical Teams regional action plan 2024–2030, based on the global Emergency Medical Teams 2030 Strategy.

The Regional Committee will be invited to adopt a related draft decision.

15:30–16:30

Developing a strategy for harnessing health innovations and emerging technologies in the WHO European Region 2025–2030

The Regional Committee will be consulted on the development of a strategy for harnessing health innovations and emerging technologies in the Region for 2025–2030, which will be presented for endorsement at RC75.

16:30–17:00

Confirmation of dates and places of regular sessions of the Regional Committee in 2025–2028

The Regional Committee will be invited to consider possible dates and venues for sessions of the Regional Committee for 2025–2028 and to adopt a related draft decision.

Other matters

Closure of the session

The President of RC74 will close the session.

18:00–19:00

Thirty-second Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe

Following the closure of the session, the Thirty-second SCRC will hold its first session to determine any immediate action points and discuss an initial programme of work.

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