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**DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA, PLACE AND DATES OF THE SIXTY-EIGHTH
SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE, AND PLACE OF THE SIXTY-NINTH
SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE**

1. In accordance with Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee and Procedural Decision No.4 of its Sixty-sixth session, the Regional Director presents the following proposal on the place and dates for the Sixty-eighth session of the Regional Committee.
2. As regards Member States' requests to host the Regional Committee, it should be noted that the cost of holding the Regional Committee outside the Regional Office is high. Furthermore, by virtue of Resolution AFR/RC41/R13, the additional costs of hosting the Regional Committee in a country other than that of the Regional Office shall be fully borne by the host country.
3. Should a Member State wish to host a Regional Committee, an agreement is drawn up between the host country's government and the World Health Organization, covering the following items that are required for the Regional Committee meeting:
 - (a) premises, furniture and equipment, including interpretation equipment required for the Regional Committee's work;
 - (b) lighting equipment, including maintenance, electric power supply and ventilation of the premises;
 - (c) staff for maintenance, cleaning and surveillance of the premises, installations, equipment and supplies;
 - (d) postal and telephone service, together with radio and television coverage essential for the efficient and proper coverage of the Regional Committee's proceedings;
 - (e) accommodation and travel expenses for the WHO Secretariat authorized to attend the meeting;
 - (f) vehicles for transporting Member State representatives, members of the WHO Secretariat, equipment, supplies and documents;
 - (g) national currency at the best rate of exchange and in the amount needed to meet the Organization's expenses in the host country.

4. The Regional Director deems it expedient to draw the attention of the Member States to the need to give full consideration to these commitments.

5. In accordance with Decision No.4 of the Sixty-sixth Regional Committee, the Regional Director proposes that the Sixty-eighth session of the Regional Committee be hosted by the Republic of Senegal. It is further proposed that the dates and place for the Sixty-eighth session of the Regional Committee be from 27 to 31 August 2018 in Dakar, Republic of Senegal. The draft provisional agenda of the Sixty-eighth session of the Regional Committee is attached herewith.

6. In accordance with resolution AFR/RC35/R10,¹ which resolved that ‘the Regional Committee shall meet at least once every two years at the Regional Office’, the Regional Director recommends that the Sixty-ninth Regional Committee be held at the Regional Office in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo and looks forward to hosting Member States in the newly renovated conference facility of the Regional Office.

¹ World Health Organization Regional Committee for Africa, Thirty-fifth session.

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1. Opening of the meeting
2. Election of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairpersons and the Rapporteurs
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Appointment of members of the Committee on Credentials
5. The Work of WHO in the African Region
6. Statement of the Chairperson of the Programme Subcommittee
7. [Matters of global concern related to World Health Assembly decisions and resolutions]
8. Regional framework for the implementation of the Global Strategic Plan to improve Public Health Preparedness and Response
9. Regional framework for the implementation of the WHO renewed Strategy for Cholera prevention and control
10. Regional strategy for Neglected Tropical Diseases targeted for elimination or eradication in the African Region
11. Quality of care for maternal, newborn and child health in the context of universal health coverage
12. Framework for certification of polio eradication in the African Region
13. Regional framework on Diet and Physical Activity in the African Region
14. Progress on the achievement of the four time-bound commitments on NCDs in the African Region
15. Regional Strategy for revitalizing and strengthening district/local health systems
16. Regional Strategy for strengthening hospital and clinical services

17. Regional Strategy for Sustainable financing for Health in Africa (2018-2030) OR Technical paper on Ensuring Sustainable financing for health in Africa in the midst of changing global and local economic factors
18. The antimicrobial resistance (AMR) journey so far: Status report on AMR in the African Region
19. **Information Documents**
 - 19.1 Progress report on the implementation of the Regional Strategy on Health Security and Emergencies
 - 19.2 Ratification of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products: Information document
20. Draft provisional agenda, place and dates of the Sixty-ninth session of the Regional Committee and place of the seventieth session of the Regional Committee
21. Adoption of the report of the Regional Committee
22. Closure of the Sixty-eighth session of the Regional Committee