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Provisional agenda item 3

### **PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK**

**(Time: GMT/UTC+2)**

**DAY 3: Wednesday, 30 August 2023**

7:45 – 8:45    *Ad-hoc side event*        *Closed door session with Ministers of Health on  
cVDPV outbreaks*

**Pillar 1: One billion more people benefitting from universal health coverage**

09:00–10:30	<b>Agenda item 11</b>	Regional strategy on diagnostic and laboratory services and systems, 2023–2032 for the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC73/7 and Document AFR/RC73/WP2)
10:30–11:00	<i>Health break</i>	
11:00–12:15	<b>Agenda item 9</b>	Framework for sustaining resilient health systems to achieve universal health coverage and promote health security, 2023–2030 in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC73/5)
12:15–14:15	<i>Lunch break</i>	
12:45–14:00	<i>Side event 5</i>	<i>Strengthening Africa’s regulatory capacity for the “Africa We Want” through the establishment and operationalization of the African Medicines Agency</i>

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

14:15–15:30	<b>Agenda item 12</b>	Framework for implementing the Global alcohol action plan, 2022–2030 in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC73/8)
15:30–16:00	<i>Health break</i>	
16:00–18:00	<b>Special event</b>	Interrupting the transmission of all polioviruses in the African Region
18:00	<b>End of the day's session</b>	
18:30–20:30	<i>Side event 6</i>	<i>Celebrating one year of actioning Africa's commitment to health security</i>

**DAY 4: Thursday, 31 August 2023**

7:45–8:45	<i>Ad-hoc side event</i>	<i>Closed door session with Ministers of Health on WPV1</i>
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09:00–10:30	<b>Agenda item 14</b>	Regional multisectoral strategy to promote health and well-being, 2023–2030 in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC73/10 and Document AFR/RC73/WP4)
10:30–11:00	<i>Health break</i>	
11:00–12:30	<b>Agenda item 13</b>	Strengthening community protection and resilience: regional strategy for community engagement, 2023–2030 in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC73/9 and Document AFR/RC73/WP3)
12:30–14:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
13:00–14:15	<i>Side event 7</i>	<i>Strategic priorities for Africa's engagement with GHIs</i>

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14:30–15:30	<b>Agenda item 16</b>	Programme budget (Document AFR/RC73/12)
15:30–16:00	<i>Health break</i>	
16:00–17:15	<b>Agenda item 7</b>	Fourteenth General Programme of Work, 2025–2028 (Document AFR/RC73/15 and Document AFR/RC73/16)

- 17:15–18:00 **Agenda item 15** Eighth progress report on the implementation of the Transformation Agenda of the World Health Organization Secretariat in the African Region (Document AFR/RC73/11)
- 18:00–18:30 **Agenda item 8 (contd)** Framework for implementing the Global strategic directions for nursing and midwifery, 2021–2025 in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC73/4)
- 18:30 **End of the day’s session**
- 18:45–20:45 **Side event 8** *Building a foundation of Africa free of cervical cancer: reaffirming commitments to eliminate cervical cancer as a public health problem in the African Region*

**DAY 5: Friday, 1 September 2023**

- 09:00–09:30 **Agenda Item 18** **Information documents**

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- Agenda item 18.1** Progress report on Research for health: a strategy for the African Region (Document AFR/RC73/INF.DOC/1)
- Agenda item 18.2** Progress report on the implementation of the Strategy for scaling up health innovations in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC73/INF.DOC/2)
- Agenda item 18.3** Progress report on Utilizing eHealth solutions to improve national health systems in the African Region (Document AFR/RC73/INF.DOC/3)
- Agenda Item 18.4** Final report on the implementation of the health promotion strategy for the African Region (Document AFR/RC73/INF.DOC/4)
- Agenda item 18.5** Final report on addressing the challenge of women’s health in Africa: report of the Commission on Women’s Health in the African Region (Document AFR/RC73/INF.DOC/5)
- 09:30–10:00 **Agenda Item 18 (contd) Information documents**

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- Agenda item 18.6** Progress report on the Framework for the implementation of the Global action plan for physical activity, 2018–2030 in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC73/INF.DOC/6)
- Agenda item 18.7** Progress report on the implementation of the Decade of action for road safety in the African Region (Document AFR/RC73/INF.DOC/7)
- Agenda item 18.8** Progress report on the implementation of the Strategic plan to reduce the double burden of malnutrition in the African Region (2019–2025) (Document AFR/RC73/INF.DOC/8)

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- Agenda item 18.9** Report on WHO staff in the African Region (Document AFR/RC73/INF.DOC/9)
- Agenda item 18.10** Regional matters arising from reports of the WHO internal and external audits (Document AFR/RC73/INF.DOC/10)
- 10:00 – 10:30 **Agenda item 17** Draft provisional agenda, place, and dates of the Seventy-fourth session of the Regional Committee (Document AFR/RC73//13)
- 10:30–11:00 **Agenda item 20** Closure of the Seventy-third session of the Regional Committee
- 11:00–11:30 **Health break**
- 11:30–12:30 **Side event 9** *Health Development Partnership for Africa and the Caribbean (HeDPAC)*
- 12:30–14:00 **Lunch break**
- 14:00 ***The Botswana experience.***