

RC65 GUIDE AND IMPORTANT CONTACTS



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MEDIA BRIEFINGS

Daily media briefings will be held from today Tuesday 24th to Thursday 26th November 2015 at 12:00 hrs in the press room. You can also follow key issues discussed at RC65 on WHO/AFRO social media pages (Facebook: @WHOAFRO - Twitter: #RC65)



PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK DAY 3: Wednesday, 25th November 2015

08:00–09:00	<i>Side Event</i>	<i>Roll Back Malaria Partnership Ministers' meeting</i>
09:00–10:30	Agenda item 12	Progress report on the establishment of the Africa Centre for Disease Control (Document AFR/RC65/8)
10:30–11:00	<i>Tea break</i>	
11:00–12:00	Agenda item 13	African Public Health Emergency Fund: stocktaking (Document AFR/RC65/9)
12:00–14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13:00 – 4:00	<i>Side Event</i>	<i>Update on GAVI - The Vaccine Alliance (hosted by GAVI)</i>
14:00–15:30	Agenda item 10	Research for health: a strategy for the African Region (Document AFR/RC65/6)
15:30–16:00	<i>Tea break</i>	
16:00–17:30	Agenda item 15	Regional orientation on the implementation of the WHO Programme Budget 2016-2017 (Document AFR/RC65/11)
17:30 – 18:30	<i>Side Event</i>	<i>Polio Legacy – Transition Plans (Meeting hosted by Secretariat)</i>
18:30	End of the day's session	

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ACCESS TO THE INTERNET

Internet facilities are available throughout the Conference Centre and can be accessed via WIFI:

Palais 15 Janvier network.
Password: **palaistchad**

Cyber Cafe facilities are also available on the first floor of the Conference centre.

SIDE EVENT

SCORECARD FOR REPRODUCTIVE, MATERNAL, NEONATAL AND CHILD HEALTH (RMNCH) AS AN ACCOUNTABILITY AND ACTION TOOL (HOSTED BY HONOURABLE MINISTER OF HEALTH FOR ETHIOPIA)

A side event will be held today from 14:00 to 15:00 hours on "Scorecard for Reproductive Maternal Neonatal and Child Health (RMNCH) on an Accountability and Action Tool".

The main objectives are: (a) To share best practices and lessons learned during the development and implementation of country RMNCH management scorecards and (b) to identify next steps to ensure the sustainability of this approach in the upcoming Sustainable Development Goals era.

Programme:

- Background on accountability and action scorecards - Dr. Triphonie Nkurunziza, WHO/AFRO and Dr. Mustapha Kaloko, Commissioner of Social Affairs, the AU Commission.
- Best practices from countries**
 - Minister of Health of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia;
 - Minister of Health of the United Republic of Tanzania;
 - Minister of Health of Madagascar;
 - Minister of Health of Ghana.
- Outcomes of the RMNCH scorecard- lessons learned by Ms Joy Phumaphi, Executive Secretary of the African Leaders Malaria Alliance (ALMA)..
- Discussion and next steps



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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK DAY 2: TUESDAY, 24th NOVEMBER 2015

07:45 - 08:45	<i>Side Event</i>	<i>GAVI/AFRO Francophone constituency meeting (Hosted by Honourable Minister of Health for Senegal) -Venue Kempinski</i>
09:00 - 09:15	Agenda item 5 (cont'd)	Report of the Subcommittee on Credentials
09:15 - 09:30	Agenda item 7	Statement of the Chairman of the Programme Subcommittee (Document AFR/RC65/3)
09:30 - 11:00	Agenda item 9	Global Strategy on people-centred integrated service delivery: contribution of the African Region (Document AFR/RC65/5)
11:00 - 11:30	<i>Tea break</i>	
11:30 - 13:00	Agenda item 16	The Transformation Agenda of the WHO Secretariat in the African Region 2015 - 2020 (Document AFR/RC65/12)
13:00 - 15:00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:00 - 15:00	<i>Side Event</i>	<i>Scorecard for Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health (RMNCH) as an Accountability and Action Tool (Hosted by Honourable Minister of Health for Ethiopia)</i>
15:00 - 16:30	Agenda item 14	The 2014 Ebola Virus Disease outbreak: lessons learnt and way forward (Document AFR/RC65/10)
16:30 - 17:00	<i>Tea break</i>	
17:00 - 18:30	Agenda Item 11	Global Strategy on human resources for health: perspectives from the African Region (Document AFR/RC65/7)
18:30	End of the day's session	

EXCERPTS OF THE STATEMENT OF HIS EXCELLENCY KALZEUBE PAYIMI DEUBET, PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHAD

During the opening ceremony of the 65th Session of the WHO Regional Committee taking place in Ndjamena, Chad, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Chad, His Excellency Kalzeube Payimi Deubet, in a speech read on behalf of His Excellency Idriss Deby Itno, President of the Republic of Chad, reiterated the continued support of his country to WHO. He noted that "Chad is committed to contributing to the special funds and any other funding mechanisms of WHO".



His Excellency
Kalzeube Payimi Deubet
Prime Minister of the Republic of Chad

His Excellency Kalzeube Payimi Deubet recalled the international financial crisis that hit international institutions, including WHO saying that this situation should oblige all Member States in the region to honour their obligations and to "demonstrate more active solidarity while providing appropriate responses to the many health challenges our countries face".

The Prime Minister highlighted some major achievements initiated by His Excellency the President of the Republic Chad to improve the health status of the Chadian people. These include strengthening health care delivery through the provision of adequate health facilities throughout the country; training and motivation of health workers and improving access to health care services and medicines.

He further mentioned that the monthly multi-sectoral meetings attended by concerned ministries, technical and financial partners of the health sector to check on the status of implementation of recommendations as well as to discuss the health situation of the country was another initiative launched by the President of the Republic to boost health.

Finally, His Excellency Kalzeube Payimi Deubet, reminded the delegates that the people of Africa expect a lot from the current session of the WHO Regional Committee. "Your theme must be as close as possible to addressing the challenges and expectations of the people and to support the success of all our health programmes and plans".

He concluded by saying "I urge all delegates to discuss with a lot of objectivity, rigor and relevance as you examine issues brought to your attention so that the resolutions and recommendations of your work really benefit our countries". He then officially declared the 65th Session of the WHO Regional Committee open.

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EXCERPTS OF THE STATEMENT BY THE WHO DIRECTOR-GENERAL



Dr Margaret Chan
WHO Director-General

of the 65th Session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa (RC65) currently taking place in Ndjamena, Chad.

"As we know, this is not an easy victory. Given the obstacles that had to be overcome, it shows proof of the power of commitment by leadership at political, religious and community levels," noted Dr Chan.

This success was underscored when Nigeria, the last sanctuary of polio in Africa was removed from the list of polio endemic countries on 25th September, 2015. According to Dr Chan, triumph over polio is not yet assured and African leaders should be fully aware of the need to maintain high immunization coverage and intense surveillance. She emphasized that polio "should not be controlled; it must be eradicated".

Regarding the ongoing Ebola outbreak in West Africa, Dr Chan reported that in the last two months, WHO has been tracking and breaking every chain of transmission. She added that while Sierra Leone has interrupted transmission and Guinea is on countdown to interruption, the new cases in Liberia in the last few days signal the need for continued vigilance.

She commended the Democratic Republic of Congo, Nigeria, Mali and Senegal for the very good work they did in timely controlling and preventing the spread of Ebola emphasizing that strengthening health systems must be part of the global health security agenda. "Outbreaks of new and re-emerging

"For over a year now, no child has been paralyzed by wild poliovirus in the WHO African region and if this trend continues, the region might be certified polio-free as early as 2017 which is a gift of hope for all of Africa".

This was revealed by the Director General of WHO Dr Margaret Chan at the opening ceremony

diseases cannot be reliably predicted, but large, severe, and sustained outbreaks can be prevented through preparedness, timely detection, and a forceful response," she said.

Dr Chan noted that the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the UN is "supremely ambitious" with the number of goals increased from 8 in the Millennium Development Goals to 17 in the SDGs and the targets from 21 to 169.

With increased economic insecurity in many countries, domestic cut in public services and reduced political interest in international development, it is increasingly apparent that the SDGs will not be financed from international aid budgets.

She therefore proposed that countries make their tax systems more efficient and to introduce measures to combat tax evasion so that health financing could be placed on domestic budgets.

Furthermore, Dr Chan hailed the SDGs for recognizing Universal Health Coverage (UHC) as "pro-poor pillars for sustainable development" saying that UHC is the health target that underpins all other targets and is key to their implementation.

"UHC is the ultimate expression of fairness. It means ensuring that everyone can obtain essential health services of high quality without suffering financial hardship," she said.

SALIENT POINTS OF THE WHO REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Dr M. Moeti
WHO Regional Director for Africa

In her report, Dr Matshidiso Moeti, the WHO Regional Director for Africa (RD) highlighted the key achievements made in the six categories of the 12th General Programme of Work of WHO and acknowledged the contributions of all WHO offices in the Region.

She recognized some of the challenges which include the outbreak of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in West Africa in 2014 which she said was the most complex EVD outbreak in history and had recorded over 28,417 cases and 11,310 deaths including over 535 health workers as of August 2015. She summarized the main achievements of the Regional Office during the reporting period as follow:

Communicable diseases: Removal of Nigeria from the list of polio-endemic countries on 25th September 2015, introduction of hepatitis B and haemophilus influenza type B vaccines in all countries of the Region, introduction of rotavirus and Pneumococcal conjugate vaccines into the routine immunization programmes of some countries. A 56% decline in the number of AIDS-related deaths between 2005 and 2014 while 1.7 million people living with HIV were put on antiretroviral therapy. She mentioned the decrease in TB incidence, increase in the number of TB patients on second line treatment and decline in malaria incidence by 34%.

Noncommunicable diseases: Forty-three (43) countries of the Region are now parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC)

and that nutrition-monitoring services now cover almost 21 million women of reproductive age and 12 million children under five in the Region

Promoting health throughout the life course: WHO provided support to Member States to reduce under-five mortality rates from 90 per 1000 live births recorded in 2014 to 81 per 1000 live births in 2015 while 10 countries of the Region were supported to attain MDG 4.

Health Systems: 14 countries were supported to develop comprehensive and costed National Health Policies and Strategic plans bringing the total to 42 while National Health Workforce Observatories were established in six additional countries, bringing the total to 19.

Preparedness, disease surveillance and response: WHO and its partner helped to control the Ebola outbreaks in Mali, Nigeria, Senegal and Liberia and significantly reduce transmission in Guinea and Sierra Leone. Furthermore, she said that 90% of the performance standards of the Emergency Response Framework (ERF) were achieved in all the level 3 crises response in the Region during the report period.

Corporate services and enabling functions: Fifty-seven (57%) reduction in outstanding audit recommendations, increase in periodic review of risks, and development of key performance indicators (KPIs) to further enhance transparency and accountability in the Organization.

Finally, the Regional Director reported on "The Transformation Agenda of the WHO Secretariat in the African Region". She charted the way forward for WHO/AFRO in the coming years which include among others strengthening of health security, universal health coverage through health systems strengthening and pursuing the post-2015 development agenda and tackling the social and economic determinants of health.

OPENING CEREMONY OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE



The opening ceremony of the 65th Session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa took place at the Palais 15 Janvier, Ndjamena, Republic of Chad on 23rd November 2015.

The Prime Minister of Chad, His Excellency Kalzeube Payimi Deubet gave a key note address on behalf of the President and officially opened the meeting.

Other dignitaries who made statements include:

- Mayor of Ndjamena
- Minister of Public Health of Chad
- Chairman of the 64th Session of the WHO Regional Committee and Minister of Health and Social Affairs of the Republic of Senegal
- WHO Regional Director for Africa
- WHO Director-General and
- Representatives of Heads of State and Government of Cote D'Ivoire and Gabon.

ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN, THE VICE-CHAIRMAN AND RAPORTEURS

The Regional Committee elected the following officers:

Chairman of RC65: Hon. Mr Assane Nguéadoun
Minister-Secretary of Health
Republic of Chad

1st Vice-Chairman: Hon. Chitalu Chilufya
Deputy Minister of Health
Zambia

2nd Vice-Chairman: Dr Pascal Dossou Togbe
Minister of Health
Benin

Rapporteurs: Dr Foday Sawai Lahai
Deputy Minister of Health
Sierra Leone (English)

Dr Josiane Nijimbere
Minister of Health
Burundi (French)

Dr Mouzinho Saide
Vice Minister of Health
Mozambique (Portuguese)



WHO RECOGNISES OUTSTANDING STAFF



Left to right: Mr Akpan, Dr Banda, Dr Moeti, Mr Momodou, Dr Chan, Dr Vaz and Dr Okot

In a special ceremony, the WHO Regional Office for Africa recognized staff members who have made outstanding contributions to the work of the Organization in the Region in the previous year.

The 2015 Awards were presented to 5 winners in 3 categories as follow:

OUTSTANDING STAFF:

Mr Godwin Obong, AKPAN

Zonal Data Assistant, WHO Country office in Nigeria, for his exceptional performance in the development of a mobile phone application that contributed to a more effectively data capture on disease surveillance.

Mr Gassama MOMODOU

National Professional Officer, WHO Country Office in The Gambia for exceptional commitment to health promotion related issues.

Dr Charles LUKOYA OKOT

Epidemiologist at WHO Country Office in Ghana, for his exceptional performance during various emergency preparedness activities.

OUTSTANDING MANAGER:

Dr Rui Gama VAZ

WHO Country Representative to Nigeria, for his continuing and consistent motivational leadership of the WHO Nigerian Country Team, which has recently led to removal of Nigeria from the list of polio-endemic countries.

OUTSTANDING TEAM:

WHO Expanded Program on Immunization POLIO Team in Nigeria for the excellent work in interruption of Polio transmission in Nigeria, which has been internationally recognized.