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Monday, 16 September 2019

09:00–10:00 Opening of the session
  Election of officers
  Adoption of the provisional agenda and the provisional programme

10:00–10:45 Address by the Regional Director and report on the work of the Regional Office since the 68th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe

10:45–11:15 Coffee break

11:15–12:30 Discussion of the Regional Director’s address and general debate

12:30–14:30 Lunch break
  Ministerial lunch on leadership in public health in the WHO European Region
  Technical briefing on digitalization of health systems

14:30–15:00 Keynote speech by Professor Ola Rosling, President and co-founder of Gapminder Foundation: “For a fact-based worldview”

15:00–16:00 Lessons learned from Health 2020 implementation
  • Leadership in public health in the WHO European Region
  • Promoting health equity in the WHO European Region (including outcome of the regional high-level conference, Accelerating Progress towards Healthy and Prosperous Lives for All in the WHO European Region)

16:00–16:30 Coffee break
16:30–18:00 Lessons learned from Health 2020 implementation (continued)
  • Leadership in public health in the WHO European Region
  • Promoting health equity in the WHO European Region (including outcome of the regional high-level conference, Accelerating Progress towards Healthy and Prosperous Lives for All in the WHO European Region)

18:00–18:15 Report of the Twenty-sixth Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe
Tuesday, 17 September 2019

09:00–10:15  Address by the Director-General
10:15–10:45  Coffee break
10:45–12:30  Private meeting: elections and nominations
              (a) Nomination of the Regional Director
              (b) Nomination of two members of the Executive Board
              (c) Election of four members of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee
12:30–14:30  Lunch break

Ministerial lunch

Launch of the publication “Better Health for Europe: more equitable and sustainable”

Technical briefing on health diplomacy and migration

14:30–16:00  Private meeting: elections and nominations (continued)
16:00–16:30  Coffee break
16:30–18:00  Implementation of the Programme budget 2018–2019
              Programme budget 2020–2021: the regional perspective
**Wednesday, 18 September 2019**

09:00–09:20  Keynote speech by Ms Anne Bucher, Director-General, European Commission, Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety

09:20–10:30  The WHO transformation and its implications for the WHO European Region

10:30–11:00  Coffee break

11:00–12:30  Putting countries at the centre in the WHO European Region

12:30–14:30  Lunch break

14:30–16:00  Report on the work of the geographically dispersed offices in the WHO European Region

16:00–16:30  Coffee break

16:30–18:00  Accelerating primary health care in the WHO European Region: organizational and technological innovation in the context of the Declaration of Astana
Thursday, 19 September 2019

09:00–10:30 Matters arising from resolutions and decisions of the World Health Assembly and the Executive Board:
  • Draft global strategy to accelerate cervical cancer elimination
  • Development of a global strategy for tuberculosis research and innovation
  • Summary of the draft global strategy on digital health
  • Development of a proposal for a decade of healthy ageing 2020–2030

10:30–11:00 Coffee break

11:00–12:30 Health literacy in the WHO European Region

12:30–14:30 Lunch break

14:30–15:00 Accreditation of regional non-State actors to the WHO Regional Committee for Europe

15:00–16:30 Progress reports

Communicable diseases
  • Implementation of the Action Plan for the Health Sector Response to HIV in the WHO European Region (resolution EUR/RC66/R9)
  • Implementation of the Action Plan for the Health Sector Response to Viral Hepatitis in the WHO European Region (resolution EUR/RC66/R10)

Corporate services and enabling functions
  • Audit and compliance

Cross-cutting
  • Action Plan for Sexual and Reproductive Health: towards achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Europe – leaving no one behind (resolution EUR/RC66/R7)
  • Roadmap to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, building on Health 2020, the European policy for health and well-being (resolution EUR/RC67/R3)

16:30–16:45 Confirmation of dates and places of regular sessions of the Regional Committee
16:45–17:00  Other matters
17:00–17:30  Closure of the session

**Technical briefings**
- Digitalization of health systems (Monday lunch time)
- Health diplomacy and migration (Tuesday lunch time)
- Regional collaboration for health with parliaments in the WHO European Region (Wednesday lunch time)
- Children’s and adolescents’ health in the WHO European Region (Thursday lunch time)

**Ministerial lunches**
- Leadership in public health in the WHO European Region (Monday)
- Ministerial lunch (Tuesday)
- Launch of the publication “Better health for Europe: more equitable and sustainable” (Tuesday)

**Side events**
- Update on the work of the WHO collaborating centres (Wednesday breakfast)
- Briefing on the guide to resources for implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (Wednesday lunch time)
- Human resources for health (Thursday breakfast)
- Meeting of the national counterparts (Thursday lunch time)
- Briefing by the United Nations Population Fund on the 25th anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) (Thursday lunch time)

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