



In reply please refer to: (WP)RDO/NV/17/03  
Prière de rappeler la référence:

To all Non-State Actors  
in Official Relations with WHO

The World Health Organization Regional Director for the Western Pacific wishes to invite you to send representatives to attend, as observers, the sixty-eighth session of the World Health Organization Regional Committee for the Western Pacific, which will be held from 9 to 13 October 2017. The opening ceremony will commence at 10:30 on Monday, 9 October, at the Plaza Auditorium, Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, corner Merivale and Glenelg streets, South Bank, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. The plenary session will commence at 13:00 in the Plaza Ballroom at the same venue. A copy of the provisional agenda is attached. Also enclosed are the guidelines for participation in the session.

The Office of the Regional Director kindly requests that you respond by email at [wproprotocol@who.int](mailto:wproprotocol@who.int), no later than 31 July 2017, as to whether or not you intend to send an observer.

Further, your representatives are requested to complete and submit the online registration form no later than 31 August 2017 at: <http://www.wpro.who.int/rcm/register.aspx>. WHO is not authorized under its financial regulations to cover travel or other costs for observers; however, we are pleased to assist with hotel reservations and other information.

In line with our efforts to be more environmentally friendly, please see below link to the general information booklet, which may be useful for your representatives:  
[http://www.wpro.who.int/about/regional\\_committee/68/rcm68\\_gib\\_en.pdf](http://www.wpro.who.int/about/regional_committee/68/rcm68_gib_en.pdf)

Should you require a hard copy, please provide the names and addresses of desired recipients.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Perini', written in a cursive style.

Manila, 3 July 2017

ENCL.: As stated.

**GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND  
NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN OFFICIAL RELATIONS  
WITH THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION  
DURING THE SIXTY-EIGHT SESSION OF THE  
WHO REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC,  
9 – 13 October 2017, Brisbane, Australia**

WHO values its partnerships with intergovernmental, nongovernmental and other organizations (referred to as “non-State actors”) in official relations and recognizes their importance in achieving global health outcomes. In this regard, we encourage their participation in the Regional Committee.

Participation in such meetings is governed by the WHO’s Framework of engagement with non-State actors, adopted during the World Health Assembly in May 2016.<sup>1</sup> Non-State actors may participate in sessions of the Regional Committee without the right to vote.

**Notification of participation at the Regional Committee**

Non-State actors (NSAs) in official relations with WHO automatically receive an invitation to the annual session of the Regional Committee and are kindly requested to inform the Regional Director of the name(s) of their representative(s) by 30 July 2017.

**Issuance of identification badges**

Representatives of organizations that have previously notified the Secretariat of their participation will have identification badges waiting for them at the WHO Travel Desk at their hotel upon check-in. During the session, badges can be collected at the Enquiry Desk upon registration at the session venue.

If WHO has not been informed in advance, the representative(s) should present a copy of the WHO invitation and the formal letter of accreditation on the organization’s letterhead to the WHO Enquiry Desk on your first day of attendance. The representative(s) may then be issued a badge.

Seats for NSAs in official relations with WHO will be available for those who have registered online and have given their nomination to WHO in advance. Representatives are kindly requested to wear their identification badge at all times during sessions and official functions.

**Regional Committee Documentation**

Representatives of NSAs may visit the WHO Regional Committee webpage - [http://www.wpro.who.int/about/regional\\_committee/68/en/](http://www.wpro.who.int/about/regional_committee/68/en/) to access all working documents in English and French prior to the opening day of the session.

In line with WHO’s green initiative, documentation issued during the session, e.g. daily journals and resolutions, will be made accessible online while limited copies will be available at the Enquiry Desk.

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<sup>1</sup> Resolution WHA69.10 (2016)

## **Delivery of statements at the Regional Committee session**

Representatives of NSAs in official relations with WHO will be given an opportunity to make a statement under the agenda item relating to their activities.

Statements may be delivered in written or verbal form. The mode of delivery depends on the time available in the respective session and statements will be allowed at the discretion of the Chairperson.

For verbal delivery, representatives are kindly requested to make brief statements not exceeding 300 words (approximately three minutes in reading time) while written statements should not exceed 500 words.

Further, statements should not raise issues of a purely political nature that are unrelated to the topic and should not contain any inappropriate or offensive references to Member States. The nomenclature used to refer to Member States, or areas of Member States, must follow that of the United Nations. Titles of individuals, organizations and/or specific documents should be correct. There should be no obvious spelling/grammatical errors.

Representatives are requested to submit their statements indicating the relevant agenda item and preferred mode of delivery via email to the Protocol Officer ([wproprotocol@who.int](mailto:wproprotocol@who.int)) not later than **29 September 2017**.

In line with WHO's transparency agenda, all statements will be made publicly available at a designated webpage. Further, as statements reflect solely the views of the NSA concerned, it follows that posted statements do not necessarily reflect the views of the World Health Organization, including its Member States and Secretariat.



**REGIONAL OFFICE FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC  
BUREAU REGIONAL DU PACIFIQUE OCCIDENTAL**

**REGIONAL COMMITTEE**

WPR/RC68/1

**Sixty-eighth session  
Brisbane, Australia  
9–13 October 2017**

8 June 2017

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

**DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda**

1. Opening of the session
2. Address by the outgoing Chairperson
3. Election of new officers: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Rapporteurs
4. Address by the incoming Chairperson
5. Adoption of the agenda

**Keynote address**

6. Address by the Director-General

**Review of the work of WHO**

7. Address by and Report of the Regional Director
8. Programme budget 2016–2017: budget performance (interim report)

**Policies, programmes and directions for the future**

9. Measles and rubella elimination
10. Protecting children from the harmful impact of food marketing
11. Health promotion in the Sustainable Development Goals
12. Triple elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, hepatitis B and syphilis
13. Transitioning to integrated financing of priority public health services

14. Regulatory strengthening and convergence for medicines and health workforce
15. Food safety
16. Progress reports on technical programmes
  - 16.1 Health security and the Asia Pacific Strategy for Emerging Diseases and Public Health Emergencies
  - 16.2 Noncommunicable diseases
  - 16.3 Tobacco-free initiative
  - 16.4 Mental health
  - 16.5 Tuberculosis
  - 16.6 Hepatitis
  - 16.7 Traditional medicine
  - 16.8 Gender and health
17. Coordination of the work of the World Health Assembly, the Executive Board and the Regional Committee
  - 17.1 Agenda for 2018
  - 17.2 WHO reform
  - 17.3 Items recommended by the World Health Assembly and the Executive Board
  - 17.4 Geographically dispersed specialized offices in the Region

**Membership of Global Committee**

18. Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction: Membership of the Policy and Coordination Committee

**Other matters**

19. Time and place of the sixty-ninth and seventieth sessions of the Regional Committee
20. Closure of the session