



In reply please refer to: (WP) RDO/NV/19/06
Prière de rappeler la référence:

To all Non-State Actors
in Official Relations with WHO

The World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Director for the Western Pacific wishes to invite you to send representatives to attend, as observers, the seventieth session of the WHO Regional Committee for the Western Pacific, which will be held from 7 to 11 October 2019. The proceedings will commence at 09:00 on Monday, 7 October, in the Conference Hall of the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific in Manila, Philippines.

... 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 to wproprotocol@who.int, no later than 15 August 2019, 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 30 August 2019 at: <https://apps.wpro.who.int/rcm/Register/>. 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.

Below is a link to the General Information Booklet, which may be useful for your representatives:
https://web-prod.who.int/docs/default-source/wpro---documents/regional-committee/session-70/rcm70-gib.pdf?sfvrsn=a0ee205e_2.

Thank you.

Tahesh Kara
Manila, 31 July 2019



... ENCL.: As stated.



**REGIONAL OFFICE FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC
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REGIONAL COMMITTEE

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**Seventieth session
Manila, Philippines
7–11 October 2019**

19 July 2019

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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 Director¹

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8. Programme budget
 - a. Programme budget 2018–2019: budget performance (interim report)
 - b. Programme budget 2020–2021 update

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¹ This item will include discussion on future directions for the Western Pacific Region

Panel discussion

9. Panel discussion on ageing and health

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Policies, programmes and directions for the future

10. Tobacco control in the Western Pacific Region

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11. Protecting children from the harmful impact of food marketing

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12. Antimicrobial resistance

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13. Progress reports on technical programmes

- 13.1 Health security

- a. *Asia Pacific Strategy for Emerging Diseases and Public Health Emergencies*
- b. *Western Pacific Regional Framework for Action for Disaster Risk Management for Health*

- 13.2 Noncommunicable diseases and mental health

- 13.3 Climate change, environment and health

- 13.4 Action plan on healthy newborn infants

- 13.5 Communicable diseases

- a. Measles and rubella elimination
- b. HIV, viral hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections
- c. Implementation of the End TB Strategy

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14. Coordination of the work of the World Health Assembly, the Executive Board and the Regional Committee

14.1 Agenda for the seventy-first session of the Regional Committee in 2020

14.2 WHO reform

- a. WHO's work in countries
- b. The WHO Thirteenth General Programme of Work and the global transformation

14.3 Items recommended by the World Health Assembly and the Executive Board

14.4 Other items

- a. Geographically dispersed specialized offices in the Region

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Membership of Global Committee

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

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Other matters

16. Time and place of the seventy-first and seventy-second sessions of the Regional Committee

17. Closure of the session

**GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND
NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN OFFICIAL RELATIONS
WITH THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION
DURING THE SEVENTIETH SESSION OF THE
WHO REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC,
7 – 11 October 2019, Manila, Philippines**

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 2016.¹ 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 15 August 2019.

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 - <https://www.who.int/westernpacific/about/governance/regional-committee/seventieth-session/> 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.

¹ 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) not later than **27 September 2019**.

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.