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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 select representatives to attend, as observers, the seventy-first session of the WHO Regional Committee for the Western Pacific, which will be virtually convened on three days: Tuesday (6 October 2020), Wednesday (7 October) and Friday (9 October). Each meeting on these three days will be held for 3 to 4 hours (maximum), commencing at 09:00, Philippine time.

... 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 [WPRpartnerships@who.int](mailto:WPRpartnerships@who.int), no later than 31 August 2020, as to whether or not you intend to select a representative to observe the session.

Further, your representatives are requested to complete and submit the online registration form no later than 31 August 2020 at: <https://extranet.wpro.who.int/rcm/Register/>.

The virtual meeting platform and connection details will be communicated separately.

Thank you.

*Takesh Kase*  
Manila, 17 August 2020



... ENCL.: As stated.



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

**REGIONAL COMMITTEE**

WPR/RC71/1

**Seventy-first session  
Manila, Philippines (virtual)  
6–9 October 2020**

6 August 2020

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

**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

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8. Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)
  - 8.1 Overview and update of the COVID-19 situation
  - 8.2 WHO's work in countries in support of the COVID-19 response
9. Programme budget 2018–2019: budget performance (final report)

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## **Policies, programmes and priorities for the future**

10. Proposed programme budget 2022–2023

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11. Ageing and health

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12. Vaccine-preventable diseases and immunization

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13. Safe and affordable surgery

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14. Progress reports on technical programmes

14.1 Thematic priority: Health security, including antimicrobial resistance

14.2 Thematic priority: Noncommunicable diseases and ageing

14.3 Thematic priority: Climate change, the environment and health

14.4 Thematic priority: Reaching the unreached

14.5 Driving the vision of *For the Future*

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

15.1 Agenda for the seventy-second session of the Regional Committee in 2021

15.2 WHO reform

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

15.4 Other items

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## **Membership of Global Committee**

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

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## **Other matters**

17. Time and place of the seventy-second and seventy-third sessions of the Regional Committee

18. Closure of the session

**GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND  
NON-STATE ACTORS IN OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH THE WORLD  
HEALTH ORGANIZATION  
DURING THE SEVENTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE  
WHO REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC,  
6-9 October 2020**

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 31 August 2020.

**Regional Committee Documentation**

Representatives of NSAs may visit the WHO Regional Committee webpage - <https://www.who.int/westernpacific/about/governance/regional-committee> 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.

**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.

This year, in an effort to further engage with our partners, NSAs are encouraged to submit a recorded video statement. The screening of video statements during the Regional Committee will be at the discretion of the Chairperson and are dependent on time available in the respective session. However, all videos will be made available to all participants and on WHO’s website for public viewing.

NSAs are encouraged to use visuals and/or other descriptive elements within the video. Videos should not exceed two minutes. If preferred, written statements will also be accepted, not exceeding 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.

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

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 written statements indicating the relevant agenda item via email to the Protocol Officer ([WPRpartnerships@who.int](mailto:WPRpartnerships@who.int)) not later than **18 September 2020**. For those wishing to deliver statements in audio/video form, a designated webpage will be shared with you in due course where you could upload the files.

In line with WHO's transparency agenda, all statements will be made publicly available at a designated webpage. In this regard, your submission of statements in audio/video form signifies your concurrence that the file will be made available online. 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.