



In reply please refer to: (WP) RDO/NV/21/02
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 invites you to select representatives to attend, as observers, the seventy-second session of the Regional Committee, to be held from 25 to 29 October 2021 in Himeji, Japan.

This year's session is proposed to be a "hybrid" meeting, with Member State representatives who are able to travel and core members of the Secretariat participating in Himeji and others, including non-State actors in official relations with WHO and other observers, participating virtually via the Zoom videoconference platform.

... 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, no later than 31 August 2021, as to whether you intend to select representatives to attend the session online as observers.

Further, your representatives are requested to complete and submit the online registration form no later than 31 August 2021 at: <https://extranet.wpro.who.int/rcm/Register/>.

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

Thank you.

Tahesni Rasid
Manila, 17 August 2021



... ENCL.: As stated.

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REGIONAL COMMITTEE

WPR/RC72/1

Seventy-second session
Himeji, Japan
25–29 October 2021

19 May 2021

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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 Director
WPR/RC72/2
8. Programme budget 2020–2021: budget performance (interim report)
WPR/RC72/3

Panel discussion

9. Panel discussion on primary health care
WPR/RC72/4

Policies, programmes and priorities for the future

10. COVID-19
WPR/RC72/5

11. School health
WPR/RC72/6
12. Traditional medicine
WPR/RC72/7
13. Tuberculosis
WPR/RC72/8
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*
WPR/RC72/9
15. Coordination of the work of the World Health Assembly, the Executive Board and the Regional Committee
 - 15.1 Agenda for the seventy-third session of the Regional Committee in 2022
 - 15.2 WHO reform (including WHO's work in countries)
 - 15.3 Items recommended by the World Health Assembly and the Executive Board
 - 15.4 Other items (if any)
WPR/RC72/10

Membership of Global Committee

16. Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction: Membership of the Policy and Coordination Committee
WPR/RC72/11

Other matters

17. Time and place of the seventy-third and seventy-fourth 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
AT THE SEVENTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE
WHO REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC
25–29 October 2021**

The World Health Organization (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 sessions of the Regional Committee.

Participation in such meetings is governed by WHO’s Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors, adopted by the World Health Assembly in May 2016.¹ Non-State actors (NSAs) may participate at the Regional Committee without the right to vote.

Notification of participation at the Regional Committee

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 2021.

Regional Committee documentation

Representatives of NSAs in official relations with WHO may visit the 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. Documentation issued during the session, such as daily journals and resolutions, will be made accessible online.

Delivery of statements at the Regional Committee

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.

NSAs are encouraged to submit a recorded video statement. The screening of video statements at the Regional Committee will be at the discretion of the Chairperson and are dependent on time available for the respective agenda item. However, all videos will be made available to 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, not exceeding 500 words, will also be accepted.

Further, statements should not raise issues of a purely political nature that are unrelated to the agenda item 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

¹ Resolution WHA69.10 (2016)

documents should be correct. There should be no obvious spelling or grammatical errors.

Representatives of NSAs in official relations are requested to submit their written statements indicating the relevant agenda item via email to the Protocol Officer (WPRpartnerships@who.int) not later than **18 October 2021 at 17:00 (Philippine Standard Time)**. For those wishing to deliver statements in audio/video form, a designated webpage to upload your files will be shared with you in due course.

In line with WHO's commitment to transparency, all statements will be made publicly available online. In this regard, your submission of audio/video statements signifies your concurrence that the file will be made available. Further, as statements reflect solely the views of the NSA concerned, it follows that posted statements do not necessarily reflect the views of WHO, including its Member States and Secretariat.