

RC62 GUIDE AND IMPORTANT CONTACTS



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Working Hours - 8:30 to 12:00 and 14:00 to 19:00 hours.

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CONSTITUTION OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

The Regional Committee appointed the Subcommittee on Nominations consisting of the following Member States:

- Benin
- Chad
- Cote d'Ivoire
- Eritrea
- Ethiopia
- Lesotho
- Rwanda
- Sao Tome & Principe
- Sierra Leone
- Tanzania
- Togo
- Zimbabwe

The Subcommittee on Nominations met on Monday, 19th November 2012 and elected, Dr. José Vieira Dias Van-Dúnem, Minister of Health of the Republic of Angola as its Chairperson.

TRAVEL

A travel desk is available at the entrance of the Conference Centre. Note: Delegates are requested to reconfirm their tickets through their respective countries.

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SHUTTLE DEPARTURE TIME FROM THE HOTELS : Wednesday 21st November 2012

HOTEL	DESTINATION	DEPARTURE TIME
VICTORIA GARDEN	TALATONA	08:00
POR DO SOL	TALATONA	08:30
CHIK CHIK	TALATONA	08:30
CALOR TOPICAL	TALATONA	08:00
HA BH	TALATONA	08:00
SUN SHINE	TALATONA	08:00
ROSA VALLS	TALATONA	08:30
SHON FILL	TALATONA	08:30

DECADE OF VACCINES AND GAVI ALLIANCE UPDATE

A Side event will be held today from 16:00 to 18:00 hours in the Plenary room, under the following theme: **Decade of Vaccines and GAVI Alliance Update** which will be presided over by the Chairperson of RC62.

Aim of the side event:

- To provide an opportunity to share thinking on the GAVI African regional priorities;
- To discuss how to translate the Global Vaccine Action Plan strategy to implementation at national and regional levels to secure increase resources for immunization in Africa.

Programme:

- Opening remarks by the Regional Director;
- Overview of the Global Vaccine Action Plan;
- GAVI update by the Chief Executive Officer;
- Discussions;
- Closing remarks by the Regional Director.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK DAY 2: Tuesday, 20th November 2012

07:00 - 08:30	Breakfast meeting	<i>Follow-up meeting to the recommendations of the Commission on life saving Commodities for Women and Children (To be attended by 19 countries by invitation)</i>
09:00 - 10:30	Agenda Item 10	Disaster risk management: a strategy for the health sector in the African Region (Document AFR/RC62/6) - Subcommittee A
	Agenda Item 11	Road map for scaling up human resources for health for improved health services delivery in the African Region 2012–2025 (Document AFR/RC62/7) - Subcommittee B
10:30 - 11:00		Tea break
11:00 - 12:30	Agenda Item 12	Consideration and endorsement of the Brazzaville Declaration on Noncommunicable Diseases (Document AFR/RC62/8) - Subcommittee A
	Agenda Item 13	Health Promotion: strategy for the African Region (Document AFR/RC62/9) - Subcommittee B
12:30 - 14:00		Lunch break
12:30 - 13:00		Meeting of the Subcommittee on Credentials
14:00 - 15:30	Agenda Item 14	HIV/AIDS: strategy for the African Region (Document AFR/RC62/10) - Subcommittee A
	Agenda Item 15	Health and human rights: current situation and way forward in the African Region (Document AFR/RC62/11) - Subcommittee B
15:30 - 16:00		Tea break
16:00 - 18:00	Side event	Decade of Vaccines and GAVI Alliance Update
18:00		End of day's session

EXCERPTS OF THE SPEECH BY HIS EXCELLENCY VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA

It is with great satisfaction that our country hosts the sixty-second session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa.

We are holding this session in the knowledge that the health of the citizens of our countries is a core component of economic and social development. However, we must acknowledge that our progress to date has not been sufficient to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by 2015.

We need to persevere in order to enhance, with quality and equality, universal access to integrated health services, for all citizens.

We need health systems to become more solid and geared towards promotion, prevention, diagnosis and treatment with a holistic vision. The Angolan Executive has prioritized the prevention and control of communicable and neglected diseases the ones that most affect our population.

It is now time to pay more attention to noncommunicable diseases, violence and injury, both in terms of their incidence and the negative impact they have on people's lives, on society and on the economies.

The incapacity to respond rapidly to emergencies causes loss of lives that can potentially affect the socioeconomic development of the region. In this context, Angola has contributed financial resources to the African Public Health Emergency Fund established by the WHO Regional Office for Africa.

We recognize that we still have a long way to go to ensure universal coverage of essential health services to the populations. Health is an investment that generates benefits for the whole of society, because it reduces inequality and irons out social imbalances.

I would like to reiterate our profound gratitude for the more-than-generous level of technical and financial support that our development partners, particularly WHO and other United Nations agencies have given us.



His Excellency Vice-President of the Republic of Angola, Eng. Manuel Domingos Vicente

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EXCERPTS FROM THE STATEMENT BY THE WHO REGIONAL DIRECTOR



Dr Luis Gomes Sambo
Regional Director for Africa

the economic, social and cultural standpoint.

He expressed his profound gratitude to the President of the Republic of Angola, His Excellency Eng. José Eduardo dos Santos for the conditions put in place for the holding of Regional Committee and for the support given to him for the work of WHO in the African Region.

In his speech, Dr Sambo emphasized that average life expectancy at birth in the African region is estimated at 54 years compared to 68 years at the global level and that the African Region, which is home to about 12% of the world population, accounted for nearly 18.6% of deaths that occurred in 2008. He emphasised that communicable diseases represents 63% of total deaths in the African Region and that diarrhoeal diseases, malaria, tuberculosis and child diseases cause 88% of deaths. Only HIV/AIDS is accountable for 15.6% of the total deaths in the Region.

Even so, the WHO Regional Director stressed that significant progress has been made in the control of HIV/AIDS particularly in reduction of vertical transmission of HIV; reduction of malaria morbidity and mortality by about 50% in 12 countries of the Region; interruption of poliomyelitis transmission; reduction of the under-five mortality and of maternal mortality from 720 deaths per 100 000 live-births in 2000 to 480 deaths per 100 000 live-births in 2010.

Dr Luis Sambo said that chronic diseases, including mental disorders and injuries represent nearly 60% of the current burden of diseases at global level and

that the burden of chronic diseases has increased rapidly, affecting in particular the poorest and needy populations. The majority of these diseases are associated with risk factors such as smoking, unhealthy diet, lack of exercise and alcohol abuse. He stressed the need to strengthen health promotion activities.

In conclusion the Regional Director summed stressed following issues:

The health status of the African populations has improved in recent years and is expected to keep improving;

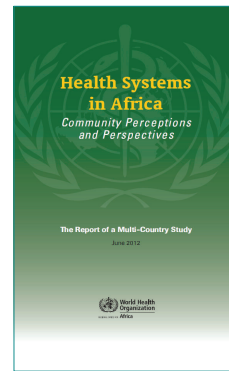
Economic growth in Africa provides new opportunities for successful reform but health systems would need to benefit from them;

Reforms should impact on least-performing health system components such as financing, human resources, health information systems and epidemiological surveillance, health technologies, research and innovation;

In the decision-making process, account should be taken of the opinions and expectations of communities and community-based organizations in matters of health;

Intersectoral dialogue for health should be strengthened through leadership of Ministers of Health with a view to promoting social determinants and establishing objective conditions that reduce inequalities in health and achieve universal coverage of health care in Africa.

LAUNCHING OF KEY HEALTH PUBLICATIONS



Two key publications were launched yesterday as part of RC62 activities.

The first, "Health Systems in Africa: Community Perceptions and Perspectives" is a report of a study done in ten African countries. The study demonstrates that certainly, communities have a clear understanding of health and services delivery.

According to the study, communities perceived health to be "physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, social and economic well-being". This perception even surpasses WHO's definition of health.

From that perspective, the study notes that good health systems should therefore be people-centred with policies, knowledge sharing, infrastructure access to essential health services and strong community involvement. Consequently, the study stresses that people's perspectives, if taken into account by health planners could help improve health systems responsiveness and effectiveness in the African Region and this is "the untapped potential" that should never be missed.

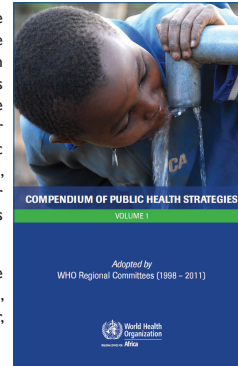
Notable recommendation made by study include establishment of a mechanism to increase health provider's awareness about community perspective of health; establishment of community-based surveillance for

detecting and reporting the most common problems; expansion of the range health interventions to also address needs of adolescents and older persons; establishment of appropriate health financing mechanisms; carry-out social, epidemiological and health services research; and documentation and sharing of best practices.

The second publication, "Compendium of Public Health Strategies" pulls together strategies adapted by WHO Regional Committees from 1998 to 2011". Arranged around the six Strategic Directions of WHO, the publication provides easy retrieval and access to the strategies.

For each Strategic Direction, the publication opens with an Executive Summary that highlights the health issues that the subsequent strategies addresses. The publication therefore makes it easy to identify a particular strategy, understand the Strategic Direction it supports and above all, know the action required of Member States, WHO and partners for its effective implementation.

Clearly, the publications are an invaluable resource which every health workers, planner, private practitioner, researcher, academician or students must have.



OPENING CEREMONY OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE



The opening ceremony of the 62nd session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa (RC62) took place at the Centro de Convenções de Talatona" in Luanda, Republic of Angola, on 19th November 2012.

The ceremony had the following speakers:

- Dr José Vieira Dias Van-Dúnem, Minister of Health of Angola;
- Dr Luis Gomes Sambo, WHO Regional Director for the Africa;
- His Excellency Eng. Manuel Domingos Vicente, Vice-President of the Republic of Angola.

ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN, THE VICE-CHAIRMAN AND RAPPORTEURS

The Regional Committee unanimously elected the following officers:

Chairman: Dr José Vieira Dias Van-Dúnem, Minister of Health of Angola

1st Vice-Chairman: Mr Housseynou Hamady Ba, Minister of Health, Mauritania

2nd Vice-Chairman: Dr Walter T. Gwenigale, Minister of Health and Social Welfare, Liberia

Rapporteurs: Mrs Mahlet Kifle Habtemariam, Ethiopia, (English)
Prof. Dorothee Kindé Gazard, Minister of Health, Benin (French)

Dr Cristina Fontes, Minister of Health, Cape Vert (Portuguese)



PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK – DAY 3: Wednesday 21st November 2012

09:00 - 10:30	Agenda Item 16	Implementation of International Health Regulations (2005) in the WHO African Region (Document AFR/RC62/12) - Subcommittee A
	Agenda Item 17	The African Health Observatory: opportunity for strengthening health information systems through national health observatories (Document AFR/RC62/13) - Subcommittee B
10:30 - 11:00		Tea break
		Plenary Session
11:00 - 11:10	Agenda Item 6 (cont'd)	Report of the Subcommittee on Credentials
11:10 - 12:30	Agenda Item 18	Follow-up of the Report of the Consultative Expert Working Group on Research and Development : financing and coordination (Document AFR/RC62/14)
12:30 - 14:00		Lunch break
	Side Event	Roll Back Malaria Partnerships briefing - (for 9 countries: Angola, Cameroun, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Sao Tome & Principe)
14:00 - 15:00	Agenda Item 18	Cont'd
15:00 - 15:30		Tea break
15:30 - 17:00	Agenda Item 19	Optimizing Global Health Initiatives to strengthen national health systems (Document AFR/RC62/15)
17:00 - 17:15		Statement by the representative of Harmonization for Health in Africa (HHA)
17:15		End of day's session
19:00		Reception offered by WHO