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**Panel discussion: Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> August**

**Health financing: Sharing experiences in securing funding to achieve national health development goals**

A panel discussion will be held tomorrow, 30th August (09:00-12:30) to:

- Share country experiences in securing sufficient funding for strengthening health systems and increasing access to quality health care towards achieving the MDGs;
- Share and disseminate the HHA report on "Investing in Health for Africa: the case for strengthening systems for better health outcomes";
- Discuss the main funding strategies and options for increasing fiscal space to strengthen national health systems in the African Region;
- Propose ways of raising additional funds for the health sector and improving the efficiency of utilization of both domestic and external resources;
- Make recommendations for improving health financing.

**Monday, 29 August:**

- Meeting of the Subcommittee on Nominations, 11:30 to 13:00, Room A
- Meeting of the Ad hoc Committee of the African Public Health Associations (AFPHA) - 14:00 to 17:00 - Room A
- Meeting of the Subcommittee on Credentials, 17:00 to 18:30, Room A
- RC61 exhibition of posters and publications
- Dinner offered by the Government of Côte d'Ivoire (upon invitation) - 18:30

**Tuesday, 30 August:**

- Panel discussion health financing - 09:00 to 12:30 - Plenary, Room C
- Meeting of the AFPHA - 09:00 to 12:30 - Room A
- Consultative meeting with GFATM, 16:30 to 18:30 - Plenary, Room C
- Exhibition – Conference Centre - All day
- Reception offered by the World Health Organization

**CURRENCY AND BANKING**

The national currency is Franc CFA (FCFA) of West Africa. The exchange rates are (August 2011):

- 1 Euro = 655 FCFA
- 1 USD = 458 FCFA

Banking services and a foreign exchange bureau are available at the exhibition area. The bank will be open on 29th (Monday), from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm. The requirements for changing money are as follows:

- Cash: a photocopy of the passport is required.
- Travelers cheques: a photocopy of the passport and a copy of the transaction receipt.

**TRAVEL**

A travel desk available at the entrance of the Conference Centre will assist delegations with reconfirmation of their return flights. You are kindly requested to fill in the form that is in your folder and send it back to the Secretariat of the meeting for reconfirmation of your trip.

**RC61 EXHIBITION**

The stands of the exhibition, located at the entrance of the Conference Centre, are opened throughout the duration of the meeting. The following items are displayed: publications, other medical literature, posters etc. from countries and WHO.



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**WELCOME MESSAGE OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR**

Dear Heads and members of Delegations,

On behalf of Dr Margaret Chan, the WHO Director-General, I have the honour and pleasure to welcome all the Ministers, distinguished guests and participants, to the 61<sup>st</sup> Session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa, here in Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire.

I wish to express my gratitude to His Excellency President Allasane Ouattara, the Government and the people of Côte d'Ivoire for their kind hospitality and the excellent arrangements made for this forum.

The 61<sup>st</sup> session of the Regional Committee is taking place at a time of profound changes that have a significant impact on health. Demographic and epidemiological transitions, global financial crisis and climate change are creating new challenges to health systems in Africa.

In spite of all these, countries in the Region are making commendable efforts to improve people's health. With less than five years to the deadline for achieving the Millennium Development Goals, Governments, communities and partners have no choice but to ensure universal access to quality health care for sustainable health outcomes.

The Regional Committee provides a unique platform for dialogue and deliberations on actions to improve the health of the people of the African Region.

My profound gratitude goes to you all – Governments, health development partners and communities for upholding our shared vision and for your continued commitment to improve the health of people as a prerequisite for human development.

The Regional Committee *Journal* that you will receive daily will present the views of distinguished delegates on topics discussed and provide information about our daily programme of work and other matters related to the Regional Committee.

The WHO Secretariat is entirely at your disposal. I wish you a fruitful meeting.

Dr. Luis G. Sambo  
Regional Director

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**61<sup>st</sup> SESSION OF REGIONAL COMMITTEE OPENS TODAY IN YAMOOUSSOUKRO**



The 61<sup>st</sup> session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa opens today at the "Fondation Felix Houphouet-Boigny pour la Recherche de la Paix" in Yamoussoukro, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire. The Regional Committee for Africa is the Organization's governing body in the African Region, composed of Ministers of Health of the 46 Member States.

From 29<sup>th</sup> August to 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2011, Delegates will discuss a range of health issues including: The work of WHO in the African Region 2010: annual report of the WHO Regional Director; the framework for the African Public Health Emergency Fund; measles elimination by 2020: A strategy for the African Region; the implementation of the WHO Programme Budget 2010-2011 in the African Region; the WHO Programme Budget 2012-2013: orientations for implementation in the African Region and the future of financing for WHO.

The Regional Committee will discuss documents related to: monitoring the implementation of the health Millennium Development Goals; the framework for public health adaptation to climate change in the African Region, among others.

Progress reports will also be presented on poliomyelitis in the African Region; the Road map for accelerating the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals related to maternal and newborn mortality in Africa; the Decade of traditional medicine in the African Region; the implementation of Regional Committee Resolution on accelerated malaria and the implementation of the Regional Health Promotion Strategy.

Delegates will have the opportunity to participate in a panel discussion on health financing: sharing experiences in securing funding to achieve national health development goals. Consultative meetings are also planned on: Lessons learnt from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria from round 10 and the preparation for round 11 and on Sustainability of Vaccination programmes.

During the Regional Committee a side event will also be held to launch the African Federation of Public Health Association.

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME: OPENING CEREMONY**  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2011, Yamoussoukro

- 08:30 Arrival of delegates
- 09:00 Arrival of His Excellency , Mr. Daniel Kablan Duncan, State Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs
- 09:05 National Anthem of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire
- 09:10 Welcome remarks by M. Jean Kouacou Gnaragbe Kouadio, Mayor of Yamoussoukro
- 09:15 Address by Prof. Thérèse Aya N'Dri-Yoman, Minister of Health and AIDS control of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire
- 09:30 Address by the WHO Regional Director for Africa, Dr Luis Gomes Sambo
- 09:45 Address by the WHO Director-General, Dr Margaret Chan
- 10:05 Official opening of the 61<sup>st</sup> Session of the Regional Committee for Africa by His Excellency, Mr. Daniel Kablan Duncan, State Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Group photo and cocktail
- 10:50 End of the opening ceremony



**WHO MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGIC PLAN 2008–2013: STATEMENT OF STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES**

1. To reduce the health, social and economic burden of communicable diseases.
2. To combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis.
3. To prevent and reduce disease, disability and premature death from chronic noncommunicable diseases, mental disorders, violence and injuries and visual impairment.
4. To reduce morbidity and mortality and improve health during key stages of life, including pregnancy, childbirth, the neonatal period, childhood and adolescence, and improve sexual and reproductive health and promote active and healthy ageing for all individuals.
5. To reduce the health consequences of emergencies, disasters, crises and conflicts, and minimize their social and economic impact.
6. To promote health and development, and prevent or reduce risk factors for health conditions associated with use of tobacco, alcohol, drugs and other psychoactive substances, unhealthy diets, physical inactivity and unsafe sex.
7. To address the underlying social and economic determinants of health through policies and programmes that enhance health equity and integrates pro-poor, gender-responsive, and human rights-based approaches.
8. To promote a healthier environment, intensify primary prevention and influence public policies in all sectors so as to address the root causes of environmental threats to health.
9. To improve nutrition, food safety and food security throughout the life-course and in support of public health and sustainable development.
10. To improve health services through better governance, financing, staffing and management, informed by reliable and accessible evidence and research.
11. To ensure improved access, quality and use of medical products and technologies.
12. To provide leadership, strengthen governance and foster partnership and collaboration with countries, the United Nations system, and other stakeholders in order to fulfil the mandate of WHO in advancing the global health agenda as set out in the Eleventh General Programme of Work.
13. To develop and sustain WHO as a flexible, learning organization, enabling it to carry out its mandate more efficiently and effectively.

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK – DAY 1: MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2011**

- 09:00-10:50 **Agenda item 1** Opening of the meeting
- 10:50-11:30 Group photo followed by refreshments
- 11:30-12:00 *Plenary session (Room C)* Opening remarks of the Chairman of the Sixtieth session of the Regional Committee
- Agenda item 2** Constitution of the Subcommittee on Nominations
- 12:00-14:00 *Lunch break*
- 14:00-14:30 **Agenda item 3** Election of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteurs
- Agenda item 4** Adoption of the Agenda and the Programme of Work (Document AFR/RC61/1)
- Agenda item 5** Appointment of members of the Subcommittee on Credentials
- 14:30-15:15 **Agenda item 6** The Work of WHO in the African Region 2010: Annual report of the Regional Director (Document AFR/RC61/2)
- 15:15-15:45 *Tea break*
- 15:45-16:30 **Agenda item 6** (cont'd)
- 16:30-16:45 **Agenda item 7** Statement of the Chairman of the Programme Subcommittee (Document AFR/RC61/3)
- 16:45 **End of day session**

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK DAY 2: TUESDAY, 30 AUGUST 2011**

- 09:00 - 10:30 **Item 8** **Panel Discussion**—Health financing: Sharing experiences in securing funding to achieve national health development goals (Document AFR/RC61/PD/1)
- 10:30 - 11:00 *Tea break*
- 11:00 - 12:30 **Item 8** (cont'd)
- 12:30 - 14:00 *Lunch break*
- 14:00 - 16:00 **Item 9** Framework document for the African Public Health Emergency Fund (Document AFR/RC61/ 4)
- 16:00 - 16:30 *Tea break*
- 16:30 - 18:30 **Side event** *Consultative meeting of Ministers of Health of the African Region with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria: Lessons learnt from round 10 and the preparation of Round 11*
- 18:30 **End of day session**
- 19:00 *Reception offered by the World Health Organization*