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### **PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK**

#### **DAY 1: Monday, 28 August 2006**

9.00 a.m. – 11.50 a.m.	<b>Agenda item 1</b>	<b>Official opening ceremony</b>
11.50 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<b>Agenda item 2</b>	Constitution of the Subcommittee on Nominations
12.30 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>	
2.00 p.m. – 2.05 p.m.	<b>Opening remarks</b>	
2.05 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.	<b>Agenda item 3</b>	Election of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairmen and the Rapporteurs
	<b>Agenda item 4</b>	Adoption of the Agenda (document AFR/RC56/1)
	<b>Agenda item 5</b>	Appointment of members of the Subcommittee on Credentials
2.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.	<b>Agenda item 6</b>	The work of WHO in the African Region 2004–2005: Biennial Report of the Regional Director (document AFR/RC56/2)
3.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	<i>Break: Tea and Fruits</i>	
3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	<b>Agenda item 6</b>	(cont'd)
4.30 p.m. – 4.45 p.m.	Guest speaker	Mr Per Engebak, Regional Director, UNICEF/ESARO
4.45 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.	Guest speaker	Dr Gobind Nankani, World Bank Vice President for the African Region
6.30 p.m.	<b>Reception</b>	

**DAY 2: Tuesday, 29 August 2006**

- 9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.      **Agenda item 7**      Correlation between the work of the Regional Committee, the Executive Board and the World Health Assembly
- Agenda item 7.1**      Ways and means of implementing resolutions of regional interest adopted by the World Health Assembly and the Executive Board (document AFR/RC56/4)
- Agenda item 7.2**      Agendas of the one-hundred-and-twentieth session of the Executive Board, the Sixtieth World Health Assembly and the fifty-seventh session of the Regional Committee (document AFR/RC56/5)
- Agenda item 7.3**      Method of work and duration of the World Health Assembly (document AFR/RC56/6)
- Agenda item 8**      Report of the Programme Subcommittee (document AFR/RC56/3)
- 10.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.      *Break: Tea and Fruits*
- 11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.      **Agenda item 8.1**      Regional strategic plan for the Expanded Programme on Immunization 2006–2009 (document AFR/RC56/7)
- Agenda item 8.2**      HIV prevention in the African Region: a strategy for renewal and acceleration (document AFR/RC56/8)
- 12.30 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.      *Lunch break*
- 2.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.      **Agenda item 8.3**      Poverty, trade and health: an emerging health development issue (document AFR/RC56/9)
- Agenda item 8.4**      Health financing: a strategy for the African Region (document AFR/RC56/10)
- 3.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.      *Break: Tea and Fruits*
- 4.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.      **Agenda item 8.5**      Medicines regulatory authorities: current status and the way forward (document AFR/RC56/11)

**DAY 3: Wednesday, 30 August 2006**

- 9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.      **Agenda item 8.6** Revitalizing health services using the primary health care approach (document AFR/RC56/12)
- Agenda item 8.7** Child survival: a strategy for the African Region (document AFR/RC56/13)
- 10.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.      *Break: Tea and Fruits*
- 11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.      **Agenda item 8.8** Health research: agenda for the WHO African Region (document AFR/RC56/14)
- Agenda item 8.10** Knowledge management in the WHO African Region: strategic directions (document AFR/RC56/16)
- 12.30 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.      *Lunch break*
- 2.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.      **Agenda item 8.9** Avian influenza: preparedness and response to the threat of a pandemic (document AFR/RC56/15)
- Agenda item 8.11** Sickle-cell disease in the African Region: current situation and the way forward (document AFR/RC56/17)
- 3.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.      *Break: Tea and Fruits*
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| 4.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. | <b>Special Session:</b> Update on ongoing research on variola virus |
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**Evening session**

- 6.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.      **Agenda item 10** Information
- Agenda item 10.1** Polio eradication in the African Region: progress report (document AFR/RC56/INF.DOC/1)
- Agenda item 10.2** Implementation of the International Health Regulations (document AFR/RC56/INF.DOC/2)
- Agenda item 10.3** Report on human resources in WHO in the African Region (document AFR/RC56/INF.DOC/3)
- Agenda item 10.4** Current situation of onchocerciasis control in the African Region (document AFR/RC56/INF.DOC/4)
- Agenda item 10.5** Terms of reference of the meeting of African delegations to the World Health Assembly (document AFR/RC56/INF.DOC/5)
- 7.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.      **Agenda item 9** Review of the draft Medium Term Strategic Plan 2008-2013 and the Proposed Programme Budget 2008–2009 (document AFR/RC56/18)

**DAY 4: Thursday, 31 August 2006**

9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.      **Agenda item 14**    Smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks (document AFR/RC56/20)

10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.      *Break: Tea and Fruits*

11 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	<b>Agenda item 11</b>	<b><u>Round Table:</u></b> Intersectoral action for health promotion and disease prevention (document AFR/RC56/RT/1)
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11 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	<b>Agenda item 12</b>	<b><u>Panel Discussion</u></b> - Malaria control in the African Region: experiences and perspectives (document AFR/RC56/PD/1)
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1.00 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.      *Lunch break*

2.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.      **Agenda item 13**    Reports of the Round Table and the Panel Discussion (document AFR/RC56/19)

3.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.      **Agenda item 15**    Dates and places of the fifty-seventh and fifty-eighth sessions of the Regional Committee (document AFR/RC56/21)

**Agenda item 16**    Date and place of the global conference on research for health, 2008 (document AFR/RC56/22)

**Agenda item 17**    Date and place of the seventh global conference on health promotion in 2009 (document AFR/RC56/23)

3.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.      *Break: Tea and Fruits*

4.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.      (Cont'd)

**DAY 5: Friday, 1 September 2006**

9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	<b><u>Special Session:</u></b>	Follow-on Meeting to the post High Level Forum (HLF) on the health Millennium Development Goals: Briefing on outcomes
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10 30 a.m.                      *Break*

4.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.      **Agenda item 18**    Adoption of the report of the Regional Committee (document AFR/RC56/24)

**Agenda item 19**    Closure of the fifty-sixth session of the Regional Committee.