



مِنظَرُ الصِّحَّةِ الْعَالَمِيَّةِ

المقررات الإجرائية

DECISIONS

REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE  
EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

EM/RC59/13  
October 2012

**Fifty-ninth Session**

**DECISION NO. 1 ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The Regional Committee elected the following officers:

Chairperson: H.E. Mr Bahar Idris Abu Garda (Sudan)

First Vice-Chairperson: H.E. Dr Ali Saad Al-Obeidi (Kuwait)

Second Vice-Chairperson: H.E. Dr Abdellatif Mekki (Tunisia)

H.E. Dr Ahmad Jan Naeem was elected Chairperson of the Technical Discussions.

Based on the suggestion of the Chairperson of the Regional Committee, the Committee decided that the following should constitute the Drafting Committee:

- Dr Mariam Al Jalahma (Bahrain)
- Dr Mohamed Mahyoub Hatem (Djibouti)
- Dr Mohamed Bassam Kassem (Jordan)
- Dr Hichem Abdessalem (Tunisia)
- Dr Ghulam Asghar Abbasi (Pakistan)
- Dr Mohammed Saedi (Saudi Arabia)
- Dr Samir Ben Yahmed (Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office)
- Dr Abdallah Assa'edi (WHO Representative, Oman)
- Dr Anshu Banerjee (WHO Representative, Sudan)
- Dr Sameen Siddiqi (Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office)
- Dr Kassem Sara (Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office)
- Ms Jane Nicholson (Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office)
- Mr Hassan Naguib (Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office)

**DECISION NO. 2 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The Regional Committee adopted the agenda of its Fifty-ninth Session.

**DECISION NO.3      REVISION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE REGIONAL  
COMMITTEE FOR THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN**

The Regional Committee decided to adopt the amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee attached to this decision, and to use the criteria proposed for assessing candidates for the post of the Regional Director attached to this decision with immediate effect. It also decided that the recently introduced practice of arranging technical meetings immediately prior to the Regional Committee should continue and be open to the representatives of all members of the Committee.

**DECISION NO. 4      REASSIGNMENT OF SOUTH SUDAN FROM THE WHO EASTERN  
MEDITERRANEAN REGION TO THE WHO AFRICAN REGION**

The Regional Committee decided to accept the request of the Government of South Sudan to be reassigned to the WHO African Region and requested the Regional Director to convey its views to the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly for consideration.

**DECISION NO. 5      AWARD OF THE STATE OF KUWAIT PRIZE FOR THE  
CONTROL OF CANCER, CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES  
AND DIABETES IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN**

The Foundation Committee of the State of Kuwait Prize for the Control of Cancer, Cardiovascular Diseases and Diabetes in the Eastern Mediterranean, having reviewed the nominations, decided not to award the prize this year. The Foundation Committee also decided to increase the amount of the prize from US\$ 1500 to US\$ 5000.

**DECISION NO.6      PLACE AND DATE OF THE NEXT SESSION OF THE REGIONAL  
COMMITTEE**

The Regional Committee decided to hold its Sixtieth Session in Tunisia between 26 and 31 October 2013.

ANNEX

(1) Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee

EXISTING TEXT	PROPOSED REVISED TEXT
<b>I. Membership and attendance</b>	
<b>Rule 2. Observers</b>	
<p>Subject to the terms of any existing agreements, the Committee may arrange for consultation outside the Organization with the respective regional bodies of the United Nations and with those of other specialized agencies and with other international regional organizations having interests in common with the Organization, and for their participation as observers, without vote, in its discussions and in those of committees or sub-committees convened or established under its authority.</p>	<p>Subject to the terms of any existing agreements, the Regional Committee may arrange for consultation with the respective regional committees of the United Nations and with those of other specialized agencies and with other regional international organizations having interests in common with the <b>World Health Organization</b> and for their participation as <b>observers, without vote, in its discussions and in those of committees or sub-committees convened or established under its authority. The Regional Director, in consultation with the Regional Committee, may invite States not members of the Committee to participate without vote in the sessions of the Committee. The Regional Director, in consultation with the Regional Committee, may also invite nongovernmental organizations to participate in the deliberations of the Committee as provided in section 5 of the “Principles governing relations between the World Health Organization and nongovernmental organizations”.</b></p>
<b>II. Credentials</b>	
<b>Rule 3. Credentials</b>	
<p>The Member States shall communicate to the Regional Director, not less than fifteen days before the date fixed for the opening of the session of the Committee, the names of their representatives, including all alternates and advisers. Similarly, the organizations referred to in Rule 2 invited to be represented at the session shall communicate the names of the persons by whom they will be represented.</p> <p>The credentials of representatives and names of alternates, advisers and observers shall be submitted to the Regional Director if possible not less than two days before the opening of the session of the Regional Committee.</p>	<p>The Member States shall communicate to the Regional Director, not less than fifteen days before the date fixed for the opening of the session of the Committee, the names of their representatives, including all alternates and advisers. Similarly, the organizations [and States] referred to in Rule 2 invited to be represented at the session shall communicate the names of the persons by whom they will be represented.</p> <p>The credentials of representatives and names of alternates, advisers and observers shall be submitted to the Regional Director if possible not less than two days before the opening of the session of the Regional Committee. <b>Such credentials shall be issued by the Head of State</b></p>

	<p>of Government, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Health or any other competent authority.</p> <p>The officers of the Regional Committee shall examine the credentials of representatives and report thereon to the Regional Committee. Any representative to whose admission a Member has made objection shall be seated provisionally with the same rights as other representatives, until the officers have reported and the Regional Committee has given its decision.</p>
<p><b>X. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS</b></p>	
<p><b>Rule 37. Multiple proposals</b></p>	
<p>If two or more proposals are moved, the Committee shall first vote on the proposal deemed by the Chairman to be furthest removed in substance from the proposal first presented and then on the proposal next removed therefrom, and so on, until all the proposals have been put to the vote, unless the result of a vote on a proposal makes unnecessary any other voting on the proposal or proposals still outstanding.</p>	<p>If two or more proposals are moved, the Committee shall <del>first vote on the proposal deemed by the Chairman to be furthest removed in substance from the proposal first presented and then on the proposal next removed therefrom, and so on, until all the proposals have been put to the vote</del> , <b>unless it decides otherwise, vote on the proposals in the order in which they have been circulated to all Member States</b>, unless the result of a vote on a proposal makes unnecessary any other voting on the proposal or proposals still outstanding.</p>
<p><b>XI. VOTING</b></p>	
<p><b>Rule 48. Elections</b></p>	
<p>All elections shall be decided by secret ballot. However, except as concerns the vote required for the nomination of the Regional Director, an election may be accepted by a show of hands or by acclamation, provided that there is no more than one candidate for one elective office and that no representative requests otherwise. Where ballots are required, two tellers appointed by the Chairman from among the representatives shall assist in the counting of votes. Only ballot papers on which there are the same number of names as there are elective places to be filled shall be considered as valid votes. The nomination of the Regional Director shall be decided by secret ballot in accordance with Rule 47</p>	<p><del>All</del> Elections shall normally be held by secret ballot. However, except as concerns the nomination of the Regional Director, <del>an election may be accepted by a show of hands or by acclamation, provided that there is no more than one candidate for one elective office and that no representative requests otherwise.</del> <b>if the number of candidates for elective office does not exceed the number of the offices to be filled, no ballot shall be required and such candidates shall be declared elected.</b> Where ballots are required, two tellers appointed by the Chairman from among the representatives shall assist in the counting of votes. Only ballot papers on which there are the same number of names as there are elective places to be filled shall be considered as valid votes. The nomination of the Director shall be decided by secret ballot in accordance with <del>Rule 47</del> these rules.</p>

**Rule 51. Nomination of the Regional Director**

(a) Not less than six months before the date fixed for the opening of a session of the Committee at which a person is due to be nominated as Regional Director, the Director-General shall inform each Member State of the Region that he will receive proposals of names of candidates for nomination by the Committee as Regional Director.

(b) Any Member State of the Region may propose the name of one or more persons from within the Region who has indicated willingness to act as Regional Director, submitting with the proposal particulars of the person's qualifications and experience. Such proposals shall be sent to the Director-General so as to reach him not less than twelve weeks before the date fixed for the opening of the session.

(c) A person holding office as Regional Director for the Region shall be a candidate for nomination without being proposed under the preceding paragraph if he or she has indicated to the Director-General a willingness to be nominated.

(d) The Director-General shall, not less than ten weeks before the date fixed for the opening of the session, cause copies of all proposals for nomination as Regional Director (with particulars of qualifications and experience) received by him within the period specified to be sent to each Member State of the Region. The Director-General shall also indicate to each Member State whether or not the person holding the office is a candidate for nomination.

(e) If no proposals have been received by the Director-General in time for transmission to Member States in accordance with this Rule, they shall be informed accordingly not less than ten weeks before the opening of the session of the Committee. The Committee shall itself establish a list of candidates composed of the names proposed in secret by the representatives present and entitled to vote.

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**(f) If the Director is unable to perform the functions of his or her office or if his or her office becomes vacant before his or her term of office is completed, the Committee shall nominate a person for the post of Director at its next session, provided that the other provisions of this Rule are met. If the other provisions of this Rule cannot be met, the Committee shall take a decision at its next session with a view to nominating a person and submitting his or her name to the Executive Board as soon as possible.**

**(f bis) If the Director-General receives more than five proposals within the period specified in paragraph (b) of this Rule, the Committee shall draw up a short-list of five candidates at a private meeting at the commencement of its session. For this purpose, the Committee shall hold a secret ballot, and the five candidates obtaining the highest number of votes shall make up the short list. In the event of a tie between two or more candidates such that there are more than five candidates identified for inclusion on the short list, there shall be additional ballots between the candidates receiving the tie votes, with those receiving the highest number of votes filling the remaining place or places on the short list.**

**(f ter) The persons proposed in accordance with paragraph (b) of this Rule, or – in case of the preceding paragraph (f bis) being applicable – those persons on the short-list, shall be interviewed by the Committee as soon as possible at a private meeting. The interview shall consist of a presentation by each candidate in addition to answers to questions from members. The Committee shall determine, as appropriate, modalities for the interviews.**

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**(2) Criteria for assessing candidates for the post of the Regional Director**

1. A strong technical and public health background and extensive experience in global health;
2. Competency in organizational management;
3. Proven historical evidence for public health leadership;
4. Sensitivity to cultural, social and political differences;
5. A strong commitment to the work of WHO;
6. The good physical condition required of all staff members of the Organization.