# Tentative Programme for the Seventy-third Session of the WHO Regional Committee (Virtual), Thailand, 9–10 September 2020

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<td><strong>Wednesday</strong>&lt;br&gt;9 Sept. 2020</td>
<td>11:00 a.m.–11:45 a.m.&lt;br&gt;Opening of the Seventy-third Session of the Regional Committee&lt;br&gt;<strong>Opening of the Session (Item 1)</strong>&lt;br&gt;  • Election of Office-bearers (Item 2)&lt;br&gt;  • Credentials of Representatives (Item 3)&lt;br&gt;  • Adoption of the Agenda (Item 4)&lt;br&gt;11:45 a.m.–15:00 p.m.&lt;br&gt;Key addresses and report on the work of WHO (Item 5) (Plenary)&lt;br&gt;  • Introduction to the Regional Director’s Annual Report on the Work of WHO in the South-East Asia Region covering the period 1 January–31 December 2019 (Item 5.1)&lt;br&gt;  • Address by the Director-General (Item 5.2)&lt;br&gt;  • Member State interventions: Hon’ble Ministers of Health/Heads of Delegations</td>
<td><strong>Programme Budget matters (Item 7)</strong>&lt;br&gt;  • Programme Budget Performance Assessment: 2018–2019 (Item 7.1)&lt;br&gt;  • Programme Budget 2020-2021: Implementation (Item 7.2)&lt;br&gt;<strong>Policy and Technical matters (Item 8)</strong>&lt;br&gt;  • Decade for health workforce strengthening in SEA Region 2015–2024: mid-term review of progress, challenges, capacities and opportunities (Item 8.1)&lt;br&gt;  • Annual report on monitoring progress on UHC and health-related SDGs (Item 8.2)&lt;br&gt;<strong>Progress reports on selected Regional Committee resolutions (Item 9)</strong>&lt;br&gt;  • Promoting physical activity in the South-East Asia Region (SEA/RC69/R4) (Item 9.1)&lt;br&gt;  • South-East Asia Regional Action Plan to implement the Global Strategy to reduce harmful use of alcohol (2014–2025) (SEA/RC67/R4) (Item 9.2)&lt;br&gt;  • Access to medicines (SEA/RC70(3)) (Item 9.3)&lt;br&gt;  • South-East Asia Regional Health Emergency Fund (SEARHEF) (SEA/RC 60/R7) (Item 9.4)&lt;br&gt;  • Expanding the scope of the South-East Asia Regional Health Emergency Fund (SEARHEF) (SEA/RC69/R6) (Item 9.5)&lt;br&gt;  • Strengthening emergency medical teams (EMTs) in the South-East Asia Region (SEA/RC71/R5) (Item 9.6)&lt;br&gt;  • Intensifying activities towards control of dengue and elimination of malaria in the South-East Asia Region (SEA/RC71/R4) (Item 9.7)&lt;br&gt;  • Measles and rubella elimination by 2023 (SEA/RC72/R3) (Item 9.8)&lt;br&gt;  • Challenges in polio eradication (SEA/RC60/R8) (Item 9.9)</td>
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<td><strong>Thursday</strong>&lt;br&gt;10 Sept. 2020</td>
<td>11:00 a.m.–14:30 p.m.&lt;br&gt;Ministerial Roundtable on COVID-19 (Item 6)&lt;br&gt;  • Country experiences and lessons learnt with future transition to the ‘new normal’ (Item 6.1)&lt;br&gt;  • Maintaining essential health services and public health programmes in the context of COVID-19 (Item 6.2)&lt;br&gt;  • Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration&lt;br&gt;14:30 p.m.–15:00 p.m.&lt;br&gt;  • Closing of the Session (Item 14)</td>
<td><strong>Governing Body matters (Item 10)</strong>&lt;br&gt;  • Review of the Draft Provisional Agenda of the 148th session of the WHO Executive Board (Item 10.1)&lt;br&gt;  • Elective posts for Governing Body meetings (WHA, EB and PBAC) (Item 10.2)&lt;br&gt;<strong>Management and governance matters (Item 11)</strong>&lt;br&gt;  • WHO Transformation Agenda (Item 11.1)&lt;br&gt;<strong>Special Programmes (Item 12)</strong>&lt;br&gt;  • UNICEF/UNDP/World Bank/WHO Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases: Joint Coordinating Board (JCB) – Report on attendance at JCB in 2020 (Item 12.1)&lt;br&gt;  • UNDP/UNFPA/UNICEF/WHO/World Bank Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction (HRP): Policy and Coordination Committee (PCC) – Report on attendance at PCC in 2020 and nomination of a member in place of Bhutan whose term expires on 31 December 2020 (Item 12.2)&lt;br&gt;  • Time and place of future Sessions of the Regional Committee (Item 13)</td>
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NOTE:

Tea/coffee break: 10 minutes mid-session break on both days, as per the feasibility of the agenda.

Physical activity sessions:
- 2 sessions of 3-minute energizers with a gap of 2 hours on both days. Video footage on stretching exercises at the desk will be broadcast.
- Thursday, 10 September 2020: Morning exercises for 40 minutes, to be broadcast live from SEARO on social media platforms (Facebook and YouTube), at 8.00 a.m. (Bangkok time), with participation from India, Myanmar, Thailand and Timor-Leste.

Side-event on:
- Public Health Achievements in the Region: Thursday, 10 September 2020, following the conclusion of the Ministerial Roundtable.
- Video launch of WHO Publications: Thursday, 10 September 2020, following the conclusion of the Side-event on Public Health Achievements in the Region.