Provisional Agenda item 13

Seventy-first Session
New Delhi, India
3–7 September 2018

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Time and place of future Sessions of the Regional Committee
Background

1. According to Rule 4 of the “Rules of Procedure of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia”, the Regional Committee determines at each session the time and place of its next session.

2. The annual session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia takes place in early September each year. It is scheduled such that it does not overlap with the dates of regional committee sessions of the other WHO regions.

3. Considering the proposals for venues and dates, the Regional Committee is requested to keep in view the relevant excerpts of the following resolutions of the World Health Assembly:

   (1) WHA7.26: “RECOMMENDS that, in deciding on the place of their meetings, regional committees should consider holding them from time to time at the site of the Regional Office, taking into account the costs involved for the Organization and the Member States concerned;”

   (2) WHA9.20: “INVITES the attention of the regional committees to the desirability of host governments participating in the increased cost resulting from holding regional committee meetings outside the regional headquarters.”

4. The Regional Committee is invited to decide on the venue and date of its Seventy-second Session.

Seventy-second Session

5. At its Sixty-ninth session, the Regional Committee noted the invitation from the representative of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea to hold the Seventy-second Session of the Regional Committee 2019 in Pyongyang.

6. This invitation was reconfirmed by the Hon’ble Minister of Health of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea to the Director-General during the Seventy-first World Health Assembly in May 2018.

Action for the Regional Committee

7. The Regional Committee is invited to confirm the venue and dates of the Seventy-second Session of the Regional Committee.