TENTATIVE TIMETABLE OF THE SIXTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC Guam, United States of America, 12–16 October 2015 (Subject to confirmation by the issue of a Programme of Work each day)

For Representatives

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10:30		to 10:15	4. Address by the incoming Chairperson	12. Violence and injury prevention	14. Progress reports on technical programmes-	16. Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human
	Opening ceremony	Coffee break	8. Programme budget 2014–2015: budget performance (interim report)	13. Urban health	14.4 Ageing and health	Reproduction: Membership of the Policy and Coordination Committee
	Sandrasue Dinner Ineater	10:30	9. Viral hepatitis		14.5 Noncommunicable disease prevention and control	17. Time and place of the sixty-seventh and sixty- eighth sessions of the Regional
		to 12:00			14.6 · Regulatory systems strengthening	18. Closure of the session
			Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:00	Lunch Sandcastle Dinner Theater	12:00	Side event: Regional Health Security	Side event: Sustainable Development Goals Grand Ballroom	Side event: Public Health Law	14元ででいる
			Grand Ballroom	Member States Consultation on Polio Resolution Santa Rosa	Santa Rita and Santa Rosa	12/4/10/3/4
13:30	Registration of participants		Items;	lems:	ltems:	20 12 X
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	Rapporteurs	15:30	Plenary discussion	14.3 Neglected tropical diseases and	אבאוחוש כסווווווווווווווווווווווווווווווווווו	<u> </u>
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	Address by and Report of the Regional Director	17:00	in indeficients			
17.15	Rapporteurs' meeting		***Rapporteurs meeting	Private informal consultation with Member States (Caucus)/Grand Ballroom		
	Santa Rosa	17:15	Santa Rosa	Side event: Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria	Rapporteurs' meeting Santa Rosa	
Evening Di 18:00	Dinner hosted by the host Government Beach Club	18:30	Dinner hosted by the Regional Director Crystal Ballroom, Lotte Hotel	Santa Rita Rapporteurs' meeting Santa Rosa		

^{*}Session on Tuesday, 13 October, will conclude at 17:30

^{**}Panel discussion on universal health coverage will commence at 14:15

^{***} Rapporteurs' meeting on Tuesday, 13 October, will commence at 17:45

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- 3. Election of new officers: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Rapporteurs
- 4. Address by the incoming Chairperson
- 5. Adoption of the agenda

Keynote address

6. Address by the Director-General

Review of the work of WHO

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Policies, programmes and directions for the future

9. Viral hepatitis

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Membership of Global Committee

16. Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction: Membership of the Policy and Coordination Committee

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Other matters

- 17. Time and place of the sixty-seventh and sixty-eighth sessions of the Regional Committee
- 18. Closure of the session

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PROGRESS REPORTS ON TECHNICAL PROGRAMMES

As a follow-up to discussions at previous sessions of the WHO Regional Committee for the Western Pacific, progress reports on the following technical programmes and issues are presented herein:

- 14.1 Food safety: Regional strategy beyond 2015
- 14.2 Asia Pacific Strategy for Emerging Diseases (2010) and the International Health Regulations (2005)
- 14.3 Neglected tropical diseases and leprosy
- 14.4 Ageing and health
- 14.5 Noncommunicable disease prevention and control
- 14.6 Regulatory systems strengthening

The Regional Committee is requested to note the progress in these technical programmes and issues.

14.1 FOOD SAFETY: REGIONAL STRATEGY BEYOND 2015

1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

endorsed the Western Pacific Regional Food Safety Strategy 2011–2015. The strategy focuses on strengthening national food safety systems and promoting in-country and regional coordination and collaboration across sectors and national borders. The strategy also calls for enhanced cooperation among key agencies and development partners working in the area of food safety.

In October 2014, a progress report was presented to the sixty-fifth session of the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific on implementing the Western Pacific Regional Food Safety Strategy 2011–2015. The Regional Committee requested that WHO indicate plans to renew the strategy and to continue its work on strengthening food safety in the Region.

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Guided by the regional strategy, significant progress has been made in strengthening food safety in the Western Pacific Region. Food laws, regulations and policies have been developed and updated and risk-based food inspection and enforcement mechanisms and procedures have been established. In addition, surveillance and laboratory capabilities have been upgraded, and stronger cross-sectoral collaboration and coordination have been fostered.

WHO has provided both regional and tailored in-country support to efforts to strengthen food safety throughout Asia and the Pacific. Particular attention has been focused on strengthening the participation of countries in Codex Alimentarius international food standards and the International Network of Food Safety Authorities (INFOSAN), as well as to the strengthening country capacity to prevent, report and respond to foodborne disease outbreaks. This effort includes support for strengthening the capacity for foodborne disease surveillance and for food recall and tracing, as well as support for policy and regulatory interventions, and information, education and communications.

WHO has also provided technical assistance for efforts to improve communication and collaboration between INFOSAN Emergency Contact Points and National Focal Points for the International Health Regulations (IHR).

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This included implementation of the first-ever simulation exercise involving National IHR Focal Points, INFOSAN Emergency Contact Points, the WHO Western Pacific Regional IHR Contact Point and the INFOSAN Secretariat.

WHO has strengthened collaboration with partners to build food safety capacity in the Region. This includes continued engagement in the Food Safety Cooperation Working Group, as well as improved collaboration with WHO collaborating centres on food safety and national food safety authorities in some of the Region's high-income countries. Areas of collaboration include gathering of food safety data, and food safety training and education.

World Health Day 2015 provided an opportunity to highlight the importance of food safety for public health and economic prosperity. In celebration of World Health Day 2015, activities took place throughout the Region, from high-level and intersectoral advocacy activities to community-based events.

WHO conducted a progress report on the Western Pacific Regional Food Safety Strategy 2011-2015 in 2014. The review showed the ongoing relevance of the strategy and the need to raise the profile of food safety in the larger health security agenda.

3. ACTIONS PROPOSED

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The Regional Committee is requested to note progress in enhancing food safety in the Western Pacific Region, and in consideration of the continued relevance of the Western Pacific Regional Food Safety Strategy 2011–2015, to acknowledge that the strategy should continue to guide action on strengthening national food safety systems.

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14.6 REGULATORY SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING

1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

The resolution of the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly on regulatory system strengthening for medical products (WHA67.20) mandates WHO to continue supporting Member States to strengthen regulatory systems for medical products. The resolution also requests that WHO increase efforts to support countries and prioritize establishing and strengthening regional and subregional retworks of regulatory authorities. Two strategies guide regulatory systems strengthening work in the western Pacific Region. First, the Regional Framework for Action on Access to Essential Medicines in the Western Pacific (2011–2016) prioritizes regulation strengthening and quality assurance in the Regional Framework for Implementation of the Global Vaccine Action Plan in the Western Pacific, endorsed by the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific in 2014, prioritizes strengthening the functions of national regulatory authorities to accelerate entry of low-cost, safe and

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effective vaccines. The regional framework also prioritizes strengthening regulatory capacity in (436) countries through the Regional Alliance for National Regulatory Authorities in the Western Pacific,

conducting self-assessment and supporting institutional development planning.

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WHO has conducted a national medicines regulatory system assessment in the Philippines that resulted in important regulatory reforms. Systems for medicines registration, inspections and pharmacovigilance were strengthened in Cambodia, China, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia, the Philippines and Viet Nam. Support entailed improvements to databases used for registration as well as updated inspection protocol for drug manufacturing facilities, as well as good manufacturing practice inspections for plasma tractionation in Malaysia.

The regulatory framework, registration and quality assurance for traditional medicine products were strengthened in Cambodia, Fiji, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia, the Philippines, Papua New Guinea and Viet Nam. At the global and regional levels, initiatives such as the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework and the Access to Quality Medicines and other Technologies Taskforce of the Asia Pacific Leaders Malaria Alliance increased intercountry 13/13/25/201000

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China Food and Drug Administration met WHO criteria for a functional vaccine regulatory system in 2011 and 2014. In line with this, locally produced Japanese encephalitis and seasonal influenza vaccines from China were WHO-prequalified in 2013 and 2015. The Drug Administration of Viet Nam achieved the same certification in 2015. The achievements of national regulatory authorities of China and Viet Nam will contribute to improving the global supply of affordable, quality-assured vaccines.

Under the guidance of the Regional Alliance, WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific has provided technical support, including self-assessments of regulatory capacity gaps and in-country and intercountry trainings for low- and lower-middle-income countries, including Cambodia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia, the Philippines and Viet Nam. WHO has also supported Member States in the development and implementation of institutional development plans to strengthen vaccine regulatory capacity.

3. ACTIONS PROPOSED

The Regional Committee is requested to note the progress in regulatory system strengthening.