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Dear Sir or Madam,

**Thirty-first Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe,
fourth regular session, 18–19 June 2024, Copenhagen, Denmark (hybrid)**

I am pleased to invite you to attend online the fourth regular session of the Thirty-first Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe (SCRC), to be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 18–19 June 2024.

In accordance with Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe, all Member States in the WHO European Region that are not currently members of the SCRC are invited to attend the open segment of the session in an observer capacity. The session is scheduled to start at 13:30 (CEST) on 18 June. The open segment will conclude at noon on 19 June, after which a private segment for members of the SCRC will take place to consider nominations for governing bodies and committees.

Member State participants attending the open segment will be connected through an interactive digital platform; SCRC members are expected to attend the session in person.

The working languages will be English, French, German and Russian during the open segment of the session. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided. Please find the provisional programme for the session attached. The supporting documents for the session will be shared in due course.

I would be grateful if you could confirm your attendance by 10 June 2024 through [this online form](#) or by informing the Secretariat (email: eugovernance@who.int).

I look forward to seeing you.

Yours very truly,

Dr Hans Henri P. Kluge
Regional Director

Encl.: Provisional programme

¹ Including regional economic integration organizations.

Provisional programme

Tuesday, 18 June 2024

09:00–10:30 **Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe (SCRC) subgroup on WHO/Europe's work at the country level**

10:30–11:00 Healthy break

11:00–12:30 **Meeting of the SCRC subgroup on WHO/Europe's governance**

12:30–13:30 Welcome lunch

Open segment: this segment of the session is open to representatives from all Member States in the WHO European Region, who are welcome to attend the meeting virtually.

13:30–13:40 **Opening of the session and welcome by the Chairperson and the WHO Regional Director for Europe**

13:40–13:45 **Adoption of the provisional agenda and provisional programme**

13:45–14:30 **Updates from the subgroups of the Thirty-first SCRC**

14:30–15:00 Healthy break

15:00–17:15 **Review of the technical items on the agenda for the 74th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe, including expected draft decisions**

- Framework for action on resilient and sustainable health systems in the WHO European Region 2025–2030
- Health emergency preparedness, response and resilience in the WHO European Region 2024–2029: preparing for a new regional strategy and action plan (Preparedness 2.0)
- Emergency Medical Teams regional action plan 2024–2030
- Harnessing innovation for public health in the WHO European Region 2025–2030

17:15–17:30 **Address by a representative of the Staff Association of the European Region of the World Health Organization**

17:30 **Closure of Day 1**

19:00–21:00 Reception dinner

Wednesday, 19 June 2024

09:00–10:45 **Nomination of the Regional Director: virtual forum**

The forum will commence with a presentation by the candidate, followed by a question-and-answer session.

10:45–11:15 Healthy break

11:15–12:00 **Update on global governing bodies developments of regional relevance, including matters arising from the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly and the 155th session of the Executive Board**

12:00–13:00 Lunch break

Private segment: this segment of the session is to be attended only by SCRC members and restricted members of the WHO Secretariat.

13:00–14:30 **Elections and nominations to WHO governing bodies and committees**

- Nominations of two members of the Executive Board
- Election of four members of the SCRC
- Election of one member in Category 2 of the Policy and Coordination Committee (PCC) of the Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction (HRP)

A detailed agenda and relevant documents and guidance notes for the private segment will be shared in due course.

14:30–15:00 Healthy break

15:00–15:45 **Elections and nominations to WHO governing bodies and committees (cont.)**

15:45–16:00 **Other matters and closure of the session**

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