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Selection of a subject for the Technical Discussions to be held prior to the Sixty-sixth Session of the Regional Committee

The attached document lists the subjects of the Technical Discussions held since 1998 in conjunction with the respective sessions of the Regional Committee. It also provides a list of proposed subjects for Technical Discussions to be held prior to the Sixty-sixth session of the Regional Committee in 2013.

The High-Level Preparatory (HLP) Meeting held at the Regional Office in New Delhi from 2 to 5 July 2012 reviewed the proposed subjects for the Technical Discussions, i.e. (i) Community-based rehabilitation: reaching the unreached; (ii) Promoting healthy ageing in the SEA Region; (iii) Vector-borne diseases; and (iv) Universal health coverage.

After deliberations, the HLP meeting recommended that the Regional Committee should consider the topic of “Universal Health Coverage” as the subject for Technical Discussions to be held prior to the Sixty-sixth session of the Regional Committee in 2013.

The working paper and the HLP recommendation are submitted to the Sixty-fifth Session of the Regional Committee for its consideration.

Selection of a subject for the Technical Discussions to be held prior to the Sixty-sixth Session of the Regional Committee to be held in 2013

1. The following subjects have been dealt with in the Technical Discussions held in conjunction with the sessions of the Regional Committee since 1998:

- 1998: Partnerships for health development with focus on women's health and development
- 1999: Tobacco or health: Actions for the 21st century
Intensification of STD/AIDS surveillance
- 2000: Equity in access to public health
Healthy settings
- 2001: Mental health and substance abuse, including alcohol
- 2002: Management of decentralization of health care
- 2003: Social health insurance
- 2004: Emergency health preparedness
- 2005: Skilled care at every birth
- 2006: Promoting patient safety at health care institutions
- 2007: Nutrition and food safety
- 2008: Revitalizing primary health care
- 2009: Protecting human health from climate change
- 2010: Injury prevention and safety promotion
- 2011: Strengthening of community-based health workforce in the context of revitalization of primary health
- 2012: Noncommunicable diseases, including mental health and neurological disorders

2. In selecting a subject for the Technical Discussions to be held prior to the Sixty-sixth session in 2013, the Committee may wish to consider the following subjects:

- (1) Community-based rehabilitation: reaching the unreached;
- (2) Promoting healthy ageing in the SEA Region;
- (3) Vector-borne diseases;
- (4) Universal health coverage.