

REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Provisional Agenda item 8.1

*Sixty-fourth Session
Jaipur, Rajasthan, India
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Time and Place of future sessions of the Regional Committee

Background

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.

The annual session of the Regional Committee for South-East Asia is held in conjunction with the meeting of Ministers of Health of the Countries of the South-East Asia Region in the second week of September each year so as not to overlap with the dates of regional committee sessions of other regions.

In considering proposals for venues and dates, the Regional Committee is requested to keep in view 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.”

The Regional Committee is invited to decide on the venue and date of future sessions based on invitations received from Member States to host such sessions. When no formal invitation is received, the session is held at the Regional Office.

Sixty-fifth Session

At its Sixty-third Session, the Regional Committee noted with appreciation the invitation of the Republic of Indonesia to host its Sixty-fifth Session in September 2012. It should be noted that the Regional Committee session is usually held in conjunction with the meeting of the Health Ministers of the Region.

Sixty-sixth Session

During years in which the Regional Director’s election is scheduled to be on the agenda, sessions have traditionally been held at the Regional Office. The next scheduled election of the Regional Director is in 2013.

Therefore, the Sixty-sixth Session of the Regional Committee, in conjunction with the Thirty-first Meeting of the Health Ministers of the Region, will be held in the Regional Office for South-East Asia in September 2013.

Actions for the Regional Committee

The Regional Committee is invited to consider and to formally accept the invitation from the Government of Indonesia to host its Sixty-fifth Session in Indonesia in 2012.