

REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Provisional Agenda item 14

*Fifty-seventh Session
Kurumba Resort, Maldives
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TIME AND PLACE OF FORTHCOMING SESSIONS OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

FIFTY-EIGHTH SESSION

At the fifty-sixth session of the Regional Committee, four countries, namely, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal and Sri Lanka offered to host the fifty-eighth session.

The Committee proposed that the four Member countries consult among themselves and agree on the venue of the sessions in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2009 and inform the Regional Office accordingly. The session in 2008, being an election year for the Regional Director, would, as per convention, be held in the Regional Office.

The Government of Sri Lanka has since confirmed in writing its invitation to host the fifty-eighth session. The Government of Sri Lanka may wish to reconfirm its invitation, allowing the Regional Committee to decide on the dates and venue of the fifty-eighth session.

The Regional Committee for South-East Asia is normally held in the second week of September each year so as not to overlap with the dates of other Regional Committees.

FIFTY-NINTH SESSION AND ONWARDS

The Regional Office had proposed the following schedule for future Regional Committee sessions:

RC59 (2006) – Bhutan

RC60 (2007) – Bangladesh

RC61 (2008) – SEARO

RC62 (2009) – Nepal

These Regional Committee sessions may be held in conjunction with the meetings of Health Ministers of the Region.

Early decisions regarding the venue of the future meetings will enable the Regional Director to make appropriate adjustments in the programme budget for the biennium concerned.