REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Provisional Agenda item 13

Seventy-fifth Session
Paro, Bhutan
5–9 September 2022

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Time and place of future Sessions of the Regional Committee
Background

1. 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.

2. The annual Session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia takes place in early September. It is scheduled so as not to overlap with the dates of Regional Committee Sessions of the other WHO regions.

3. While considering the proposals for venues, the Regional Committee is requested to take note of the relevant excerpts of the following resolutions of the World Health Assembly:

   (1) WHA7.26: “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: “the attention of the Regional Committees (is invited to) the desirability of host governments participating in the increased cost resulting from holding Regional Committee (Sessions) outside the regional headquarters.”

4. In this context the Regional Committee for South-East Asia is invited to decide on the venue and date of its future session. Since the scheduled next election of the WHO Regional Director for South-East Asia is due in the autumn of 2023, the Seventy-sixth Session of the Regional Committee will be held in New Delhi, India, in the first week of September 2023.

5. The Regional Committee is invited to confirm the dates of its Seventy-sixth Session of 2023.