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**Sixty-second session of the WHO Regional Committee for the Western Pacific**Available online: [www.wpro.who.int/rcm/en/home.htm](http://www.wpro.who.int/rcm/en/home.htm)**10–14 October 2011  
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<b>Venue</b>	Conference Hall, Regional Office
<b>Distribution of documents</b>	Representatives are kindly requested to collect daily their documents, messages and invitations at the designated pigeon holes.
<b>Rapporteurs Meeting</b>	The meeting will be held daily immediately after the afternoon session at 17:15 in Room 321.
<b>Internet access</b>	The Regional Office has an Internet lounge (Room 210) adjacent to the Conference Hall on the second level.
<b>WHO publications</b>	WHO publications and other information products are on sale in Room 210.
<b>Security</b>	<p>The opening of a new entrance to the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) has created heavy traffic on the pedestrian walkways outside the WHO compound. Please take necessary precautions to safeguard your belongings when leaving the premises by foot.</p> <p>Kindly contact the WHO Security Officer, Mr David Wheeler, should you have any concerns at +63 2 528-9608 (landline) or +63 915 743-5538 (mobile).</p>

## I. PROGRAMME OF WORK

<b>Agenda items</b>	<b>09:00–12:00</b>	
4	Address by the incoming Chairperson	
8	Programme budget 2010–2011: budget performance (interim report)	<i>WPR/RC62/3</i>
9	Proposed programme budget 2012–2013	<i>WPR/RC62/4</i> <i>WPR/RC62/4 Corr. 1</i>
13	Noncommunicable diseases	<i>WPR/RC62/8</i>

  

<b>Agenda items</b>	<b>14:00–17:00</b>	
13	Noncommunicable diseases (continued)	<i>WPR/RC62/8</i>
	<u>Time permitting</u>	
17	Emergencies and disasters	<i>WPR/RC62/13</i>
16	Coordination of the work of the World Health Assembly, the Executive Board and the Regional Committee	<i>WPR/RC62/11</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• WHA64.10 Strengthening national health emergency and disaster management capacities and resilience of health systems</li></ul>	

## II. REPORT OF MEETINGS (MONDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2011)

### First meeting

**Chairperson: Mr Liow Tiong Lai (Malaysia)**

**Later: Dr Adanan Yusof (Brunei Darussalam)**

#### **Item 1. Opening of the session**

The Chairperson declared the sixty-second session of the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific open.

#### **Item 2. Address by the retiring Chairperson**

The retiring Chairperson spoke of some of the developments in health in the Region during his time in office and looked forward to the sixty-second session of the Regional Committee. He expressed his appreciation to the Committee for giving him the opportunity to serve as Chairperson of its sixty-first session, and thanked the WHO Secretariat for its support.

**Item 3. Election of new officers: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Rapporteurs**

The Regional Committee elected the following officers:

Chairperson: Dr Adanan Yusof (Brunei Darussalam)  
Vice-Chairperson: Dr Ren Minghui (China)

Rapporteurs:

In English: Ms Palanitina Tupuimatagi Toelupe (Samoa)  
In French: Dr Sok Touch (Cambodia)

**Item 5. Adoption of the agenda**

The Committee was asked to consider an addition to the provisional agenda of a supplementary item on emergencies and disasters.

The provisional agenda was adopted by the Regional Committee as amended. (WPR/RC62/1/Rev.1)

**Item 6. Address by the Director-General**

The Director-General spoke of global progress in pursuit of the health-related Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). She outlined current health challenges, both globally and in the Western Pacific Region, highlighting health concerns to be discussed in the sixty-second session of the Regional Committee.

Interventions were made by representatives of the following Member States: Australia; China; Hong Kong (China); Japan; Malaysia; New Zealand; the Philippines; the Republic of Korea; Singapore; and Viet Nam.

**Item 7. Address by and Report of the Regional Director**

The Regional Director welcomed the Regional Committee to the newly renovated Conference Hall of the Regional Office and presented his report on the work of WHO in the Western Pacific Region for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011. He updated the Committee on key achievements and remaining challenges in such areas as: progress towards the health-related MDGs; noncommunicable diseases; emergency and disaster preparedness and response; neglected diseases, including yaws, leprosy and lymphatic filariasis; polio; increased partner engagement; health systems strengthening; and progress in WHO reform in the Region.

**Second meeting**

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**Chairperson: Dr Adanan Yusof (Brunei Darussalam)**

**Item 7. Address by and Report of the Regional Director (continued)**

Interventions were made by representatives of the following Member States: Brunei Darussalam; Cambodia; China; the Federated States of Micronesia; France; Hong Kong (China); Japan; the Lao People's Democratic Republic; Malaysia; the Marshall Islands; Mongolia; New Zealand; Niue; Palau; Papua New Guinea; the Philippines; the Republic of Korea; Samoa; the United States of America; Vanuatu; and Viet Nam.

**Item 16. Coordination of the work of the World Health Assembly, the Executive Board and the Regional Committee:**

• **WHA64.2 WHO reform and EB129(8) WHO reform for a healthy future**

The Director, Programme Management, gave a brief outline of the goals of the WHO programme of reform and the areas covered by the main proposals for financial and managerial changes. As requested in Decision EB129(8), he called on the Regional Committee to engage in strategic discussions regarding the WHO reform process in order to provide input to the special session of the Executive Board scheduled for November 2011.

Interventions were made by representatives of the following Member States: Australia; China; France; Japan; and the Republic of Korea.

The Director-General addressed the comments made by Member States and gave an overview of the discussions on the agenda item in the five other WHO regions.

### **III. OTHER MEETINGS**

#### **Wednesday, 12 October 2011**

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**17:15–onwards** Informal consultation with Member States (Conference Hall)

Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria informal consultation to be hosted by the Government of China (following the informal consultation with Member States) (Conference Hall)

#### **Thursday, 13 October 2011**

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**17:15–onwards** Consultative Expert Working Group on Research and Development to be hosted by WHO (Room 212)