

REGIONAL COMMITTEE

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ANNOTATED AGENDA

1 Opening of the Regional Committee Meeting
Address by retiring Chairman

It is customary for the retiring Chairman to deliver a short address at the opening session of a new committee meeting. Usually the retiring Chairman reviews the work carried out by the previous Committee and draws attention to major points of progress resulting from the previous Committee's deliberations.

The Chairman of the 1955 Regional Committee Meeting was Dr. R.H. Bland, Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Health and Director of Medical Services, Singapore.

2 Election of new Officers
(Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Rapporteurs)

The officers of the Regional Committee Meetings are the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Rapporteur for the English language and the Rapporteur for the French language. The officers of previous Regional Committee meetings were:

1st Regional Committee Meeting - 1950

Chairman	:	Dr. Regino G. Padua (Philippines)
Vice-Chairman	:	Dr. Phan Huy Dan (Viet Nam)
Rapporteur	:	Dr. Oudom Souvannavong (Laos)

2nd Regional Committee Meeting - 1951

Chairman	:	Dr. Regino G. Padua (Philippines)
Vice-Chairman	:	Dr. Phan Huy Dan (Viet Nam)
Rapporteur (in English)	:	Dr. K.C. Yeo (United Kingdom)
Rapporteur (in French)	:	Dr. Sonn Mam (Cambodia)

3rd Regional Committee Meeting - 1952

Chairman	:	Dr. Henri Marcel (Viet Nam)
Vice-Chairman	:	Dr. J.B. Mathieson (Australia)
Rapporteur (in English)	:	Dr. T.H. Wang (China)
Rapporteur (in French)	:	Dr. Blin (France)

4th Regional Committee Meeting - 1953

Chairman	:	Dr. Takemune Soda (Japan)
Vice-Chairman	:	Dr. J.M. Cruikshank (United Kingdom)
Rapporteur (in English)	:	Dr. C.H. Yen (China)
Rapporteur (in French)	:	Dr. Henri Marcel (Viet Nam)

5th Regional Committee Meeting - 1954

Chairman	:	Dr. F.S. Maclean (New Zealand)
Vice-Chairman	:	Dr. J. Heng Liu (China)
Rapporteur (in English)	:	Dr. H. DeLien (U.S.A.)
Rapporteur (in French)	:	Colonel R. Augère (France)

6th Regional Committee Meeting - 1955

Chairman	:	Dr. R.H. Bland (United Kingdom)
Vice-Chairman	:	Mr. Young Kee Kim (Korea)
Rapporteur (in English)	:	Dr. J.T. Gunther (Australia)
Rapporteur (in French)	:	Dr. A. Simoes de Carvalho (Portugal)

3 Address by the incoming Chairman

It is customary for the incoming Chairman to give a brief address to the Committee. It is, however, not essential that the address be given as the third item on the agenda. This may, should the incoming Chairman wish, be postponed to a time later in the session.

4 Adoption of the provisional agenda (WP/RC7/1)

Any question suitable for the agenda which may arise or be sent to the Regional Director up to twenty-one days before the opening day of the session will be included in a supplementary agenda which the Committee shall examine together with the provisional agenda. Any items arising or submitted later shall be included in a supplementary agenda to be presented for adoption at the next plenary meeting of the same session, provided that the Committee agrees.

5 Technical Discussions5.1 Designation of Chairman

The function of the Chairman is to guide the general discussions along the lines of the agenda, to assist the members to adhere to the schedule for discussions, to ensure that all members so desirous are heard, and to endeavour to effect a full and balanced disquisition of the theme chosen.

The Chairmen for the previous technical discussions were:

3rd Regional Committee Meeting - 1952

Dr. W.J. Vickers, Chief Representative of the United Kingdom and Director of Medical Services, Singapore. The theme of the 1952 Technical Discussions was "Education and Training of Medical and Public Health Personnel".

4th Regional Committee Meeting - 1953

Dr. O.R. McCoy, Representative in Japan of the Medical and Public Health Division of the Rockefeller Foundation. The subject of the 1953 Technical Discussions was "Health Planning".

5th Regional Committee Meeting - 1954

Dr. G. Graham-Cumming, Deputy Director of Medical and Health Services, Hong Kong. The subject of the 1954 Technical Discussions was "Public Health Administration with particular reference to the Organization of Health Departments".

6th Regional Committee Meeting - 1955

Dr. C.H. Yen, Commissioner of Provincial Health Administration, Taiwan Province, China. The subject of the 1955 Technical Discussions was "Domiciliary Midwifery as an Approach to the People in the Development of Rural Health Services".

5.2 Acceptance of the Schedule for Technical Discussions
(WP/RC7/TD2)

The theme of the Technical Discussions for the seventh session of the Western Pacific Regional Committee is:

THE CARE OF THE CHILD FROM 1-6

6 Establishment of a sub-committee on the programme and budget

The Committee at its sixth session recommended that at its next session consideration should be given to the desirability of setting up a sub-committee to review the programme and budget. If the Committee agrees to this proposal, it is suggested that the Chairman appoint a sub-committee which should meet immediately, review the proposed programme and budget and submit a report for consideration of the main committee.

7 Action taken by governments with regard to the implementation of the various resolutions passed during the sixth session of the Regional Committee (WP/RC7/2)

The replies already received from governments in the Region with regard to the implementation of resolutions adopted during the sixth session of the Committee are contained in document WP/RC7/2. Other representatives who have not submitted reports may wish to do so during the meeting.

8 Acknowledgement by the Chairman of brief reports received from governments on the progress of their health activities

Governments have been asked to submit written reports in advance of the session. It is important that these reports be received in good time as they are to be circulated during the Committee meeting. Written reports are requested as it will obviously be time-consuming for representatives to make adequate reports verbally during open session. The Chairman will make an announcement to acknowledge receipt of such reports.

9 Report of the Regional Director (WP/RC7/3)

This report, document WP/RC7/3, has been distributed to governments. The document states in detail the work of the World Health Organization, Regional Office for the Western Pacific, during the period 1 July 1955 to 30 June 1956. It is thus a complete history of regional activities during that period.

It is important that representatives study this document before the meeting as committee members will be asked to give full consideration to the Regional Director's annual report in open session.

10 Review of the proposed programme and budget for 1957 in the light of present budgetary adjustments and consideration of amendments proposed by Member Countries (WP/RC7/4)

The revised allocation for regular field activities is approximately \$151 000 lower than reported to the sixth session of the Regional Committee. In view of the reduction in the amount of the basic effective working budget established by the Ninth World Health Assembly, it has been necessary to reduce the basic 1957 regional field allocation by \$151 330. A document describing modifications of the regular programme, which have taken place since the last meeting, has been submitted to governments.

Further, in so far as 1957 is concerned, a second effective working budget has been indicated in document WP/RC7/5 in the event that the inactive members notify the Director-General that they will resume active participation in the work of the Organization as from 1957.

The amount of Technical Assistance funds for 1957 will depend on decisions to be taken by the Technical Assistance Board in liaison with governments. A supplementary document covering modifications of the Technical Assistance programme will be submitted at the meeting, taking into account all information to hand.

11 Proposed programme and budget estimates for the financial year 1 January - 31 December 1958 (WP/RC7/5)

This document has been established in two parts: Part I, relating to projects to be financed from regular funds, which has already been distributed, and Part II, relating to projects to be financed from Technical Assistance funds. Within Part I, activities have been indicated under two effective working budgets -

- (1) a basic effective working budget of \$669 099, and
- (2) a supplemental effective working budget not to exceed \$157 577 and to be implemented only to the extent to which inactive members notify the Director-General that they will resume active participation in the work of the Organization as from 1958.

It has not been possible to finalize Part II, as the formal requests to be submitted by governments by 15 July 1956 to the Technical Assistance Board have not been all received. Part II of this document cannot, therefore, be distributed within the period of time laid down for despatch of documentation.

12 Accommodation for the Western Pacific Regional Office (WP/RC7/6)

The question of accommodation for the Regional Office was discussed during the sixth session of the Committee and I was asked to keep the governments informed of the progress made with regard to negotiations with the Host Government. Details of the developments which have taken place are given in document WP/RC7/6 which is submitted to the Committee for discussion and comment.

13 Malaria eradication (WP/RC7/7)

This document summarizes the background information on the action taken by the Executive Board and World Health Assembly with regard to malaria eradication and the status of antimalaria campaigns in the Western Pacific Region.

14 Resistance of insects to insecticides (WP/RC7/8)

This document summarizes the importance of the development of resistance of insects to insecticides and stresses the need for research on the problem which has an essential bearing on the control of communicable diseases.

15 Campaigns against smallpox (WP/RC7/9)

The Committee at its sixth session adopted a resolution urging the health administrations of the countries and territories visited by the WHO consultant on smallpox to report at the seventh session on the steps they had taken to implement the recommendations of the consultant. The replies received are contained in document WP/RC7/9.

16 Resolutions of regional interest adopted by the seventeenth and eighteenth sessions of the Executive Board and the Ninth World Health Assembly16.1 Leprosy control (EB17.R29; WHA9.45; WP/RC7/10)

It was felt that it would be of interest to the Committee to hear of the resolution adopted by the Ninth World Health Assembly on leprosy control and that, if funds can be made available for an inter-regional conference, countries with a leprosy problem might be interested in participating.

16.2 Sessions of regional committees outside the Regional Headquarters (EB17.R42; WHA9.20; WP/RC7/11)

The resolutions of the Executive Board and the World Health Assembly concerning sessions of regional committees outside of regional headquarters are submitted for information of the Committee only, as it has been the practice in this region for meetings to be held in alternate years at the regional headquarters and the increased costs of meetings held away from Manila have been met by the host government. The Regional Committee for the Western Pacific has, therefore, already put into effect the recommendation of the Ninth World Health Assembly.

16.3 Future organizational studies; regionalization
(EB17.R49; WHA9.30; WP/RC7/12)

The Ninth World Health Assembly has requested regional committees to consider the question of a further study on regionalization and to submit such views as they wish to express for consideration by the Executive Board. Document WP/RC7/12 contains details of the historical development of the Region and background information covering the purpose of the study and a review of the previous study carried out.

16.4 Mental health programmes (EB17.R71; WP/RC7/13)

Document WP/RC7/13 contains details of the resolution adopted at the seventeenth session of the Executive Board on the importance of mental health programmes.

16.5 Rights and obligations of Associate Members and other territories in the World Health Assembly and the Executive Board, and in the Regional Organization (WHA9.52; WP/RC7/14)

Document WP/RC7/14 contains a brief statement on the question of the rights and obligations of Associate Members and other territories with particular reference to the Regional Organization. The main point under consideration is whether Associate Members and other territories should have full voting rights in the regional committee or not.

16.6 World health situation (EB17.R67; WHA9.27; WP/RC7/15)

The preparation of reports on the world health situation is in accordance with Article 61 of the Constitution and it is hoped that Member Countries and territories in the Region will be able to submit the information requested for the period 1954 to 1956. The list of headings which the Ninth World Health Assembly has recommended as a basis for the preparation of the reports is contained in the Annex to document WP/RC7/15. The importance of such reports cannot be over emphasized as they will provide the basis for discussions by the Health Assembly.

16.7 Relations with UNICEF (WHA9.35; WP/RC7/17)

Document WP/RC7/17 contains the resolutions adopted at the seventeenth session of the Executive Board and the Ninth World Health Assembly on relations with UNICEF. The attention of the Committee is drawn to section 5.2.1, Part I of the Annual Report of the Regional Director, in which reference is made to the assistance given by UNICEF to projects in this region. The Committee may wish to adopt a formal resolution expressing appreciation of such assistance.

17 Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific (WP/RC7/16)

The Committee at its sixth session revised the Rules of Procedure and copies were subsequently distributed to all Member Countries. The Government of Viet Nam has submitted two further amendments which are contained in document WP/RC7/16 and which should now be considered by the Committee.

18 Review of Technical Discussions at meetings of the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific (WP/RC7/18)

Document WP/RC7/18 reviews the history of technical discussions as far as the Western Pacific Region is concerned. It is suggested that this document be considered by the Committee with a view to determining (a) the amount of time to be allocated to the technical discussions during future sessions of the committee and (b) the possibility of selecting subjects for the technical discussions at least two years in advance.

19 Time, place and duration of next two sessions

The Regional Committee at its sixth session accepted the invitation of the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of the Colony of Hong Kong to hold the eighth session in Hong Kong. In accordance with previous resolutions adopted, the ninth session should be held in Manila. As far as the tenth session of the Committee is concerned, if any government wishes to extend an invitation for 1959 this should be submitted to the Committee at its next session in Hong Kong.

20 Consideration of the report and recommendations presented by the Technical Discussion Group

Following the practice of World Health Assemblies, the report and recommendations of the Technical Discussion group will be presented in plenary session for approval and adoption.

21 Adoption of the draft report of the Committee

The various decisions made and resolutions passed by the Regional Committee will be prepared by the Secretariat as a separate document for final approval in the last plenary session.

22 Other business

23 Adjournment