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Venue	Conference Hall, Regional Office for the Western Pacific
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Rapporteurs meeting	The meeting will be held on Wednesday and Thursday following the afternoon session at 17:15 in Room 409-E.
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I. PROGRAMME OF WORK (WEDNESDAY, 18 October 2023)

Agenda items 9:00–12:00

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| 16 | Coordination of the work of the World Health Assembly, the Executive Board and the Regional Committee

16.1 Fourteenth General Programme of Work, Results Framework and Investment Round | WPR/RC74/10 |
| 11 | Health security | WPR/RC74/5 |
| 16 | Coordination of the work of the World Health Assembly, the Executive Board and the Regional Committee (<i>continued</i>)

16.6 Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific

16.4 Transformation of the Regional Office including organization and workplace culture change | WPR/RC74/10 |

Agenda items 14:00–17:00

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| Item 10 | Panel discussion on Charting the course: Rethinking health financing for social well-being and sustainable development | WPR/RC74/4 Rev. 1 |
| Item 13 | Communication for Health | WPR/RC74/7 |

II. REPORT OF MEETINGS (TUESDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2023)

Third meeting

Chairperson: Honourable Dato Dr Mohammad Isham Jaafar, Minister of Health, Brunei Darussalam

Item 4 Address by the incoming Chairperson

The incoming Chairperson thanked the representatives for their trust in choosing him to preside over the seventy-fourth session of the WHO Regional Committee for the Western Pacific and expressed appreciation to last year's office-bearers for their service. He noted the full agenda, which would include the nomination of the next Regional Director and a panel discussion on health financing strategies, as well as technical items on health security, health innovation, Communication for Health and the health workforce, as well as progress reports on technical programmes, and an update on the coordination of WHO's global and regional work. He vowed to do his best to manage the deliberations effectively.

Item 7 Nomination of the Regional Director (*continued*)

The nomination process for the next Regional Director continued in private session.

Fourth meeting

Chairperson: **Honourable Dato Dr Mohammad Isham Jaafar, Minister of Health, Brunei Darussalam**

Item 7 **Nomination of the Regional Director (*continued*)**

The nomination process for the next Regional Director continued in private session.

In the plenary session that followed the private session, the Chairperson read aloud resolution WPR/RC74.R1: Nomination of the Regional Director, which had been adopted in the private session, and announced the nomination of Dr Saia Ma'u Piukala of Tonga.

The Chairperson also read aloud resolution WPR/RC74.R2: Resolution of appreciation to the Acting Regional Director for her exemplary contribution and commitment to the Organization, and strengthening the workplace culture to make WHO in the Western Pacific Region better able to support Member States.

The representatives of the following Member States congratulated the newly nominated Regional Director and thanked the Acting Regional Director (in order): Singapore, China, Cook Islands, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Brunei Darussalam, Samoa, Philippines, Palau, Malaysia, Australia, Kiribati, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Japan, New Zealand, Cambodia, the Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, the United States of America, the Republic of Korea, Marshall Islands, Viet Nam, Papua New Guinea, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and France.

The Regional Director-elect paid tribute to people he had worked with at WHO, both within the Region and beyond, as well as others who had inspired him. He thanked his fellow candidates for their professionalism and kindness during the nomination process and expressed his gratitude to Member States for their support and trust in electing him. Though he is a son of the Pacific, he said he would represent the entire Region as Regional Director and looked forward to working with Members to strengthen the Organization's work to improve health and well-being in the Region. He pledged his continued support to the Director-General, thanked the Acting Regional Director for her service to the Region and said that he looked forward to working with WHO staff in serving the countries and areas of the Region.

The Acting Regional Director expressed her heartfelt congratulations to the Regional Director-elect for the Western Pacific. She assured him that she and all the staff in the Region will work to make the transition as smooth and productive as possible. She thanked Member States for their leadership and commitment, especially the countries that nominated candidates, adding that she looked forward to working with all the candidates in various capacities in the future.

The Acting Regional Director expressed confidence that the Regional Director-elect will help transform the Region for the better and continue progress made on initiatives over the past year, especially those involving workplace culture. She praised the workforce in the Region for its dedication and diligence, adding that she will be turning over a well-functioning Regional Office that is ready to partner with countries and areas to address the challenges of the coming years

The Director-General congratulated the Regional Director-elect and Tonga for earning the confidence and trust of the Member States of the Region. He also commended the other candidates in an election that made the Western Pacific the most contested WHO region. He thanked the staff of the Western Pacific for their resilience during a difficult transition and for their efforts in ensuring a smooth and transparent election process. He concluded by assuring the Regional Director-elect that he has the full support and trust of WHO in the Region and globally as he takes the helm of one of the Organization's most diverse regions.

III. OTHER MEETINGS

Wednesday, 18 October 2023

12:45–13:45 Side event: Transformation of the Regional Office including organization and workplace culture change (Conference Hall)

Thursday, 19 October 2023

12:45–13:45 Side event: Climate resilient and low carbon health systems (Conference Hall)