

ILAE and IBE Attendance at WHO Regional Sessions 2021

The World Health Organization (WHO) host regional sessions each year and in 2021, ILAE and IBE were invited to attend all of them and make statements on epilepsy care.

Africa: The Seventy-first session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa was held in virtual format from 24 to 26 August 2021. The final report may be read [here](#) including [ILAE's statement](#) for the agenda item on the *Progress report on the implementation of the Framework for health systems development towards UHC in the region*.

South East Asia: From the 6 to 10 September 2021, the Seventy-fourth session of the WHO Regional Committee for South East Asia met virtually. ILAE delivered a [statement](#) as part of the agenda item on the *Delhi Declaration on improving access to essential medical products in the Region and beyond*. All working documents for this session may be found [here](#).

Europe: The European Regional Committee met from 13 to 15 September 2021 for the Seventy-first session also virtually. ILAE were able to make a [statement](#) on the draft Intersectoral Global Action Plan on Epilepsy and Other Neurological Disorders under the agenda item *Matters arising from resolutions and decisions of the World Health Assembly*. The website for this session can be found [here](#).

PAHO (Pan American Health Organization): From the 20 to 24 September 2021, the Seventy-third session of this region took place virtually. All working documents may be found [here](#) and you can watch ILAE's live statement [here](#) at 5:34:17 on *Strategy for Building Resilient Health Systems and Post COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery to Sustain and Protect Public Health Gains*.

Eastern Mediterranean: The Sixty-eighth session of WHO Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean was staged virtually from 11 to 14 October. With an agenda item on *Resolutions and decisions of regional interest adopted by the Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly and the Executive Board at its 148th and 149th sessions*, ILAE were able to deliver a [statement](#) on the draft Intersectoral Global Action Plan on Epilepsy and Other Neurological Disorders. Proceedings for the session can be read [here](#).

Western Pacific: The Seventy-second session of the WHO Regional Committee for Western Pacific took place in hybrid format from Himeji, Japan from 25 to 29 October. ILAE delivered a video [statement](#) on the draft Intersectoral Global Action Plan on Epilepsy and Other Neurological Disorders under agenda item *Items recommended by the World Health Assembly and the Executive Board*. All documentation for this session may be found [here](#).

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