



Statements of the South Centre to the 77th WHA

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We highlight the threat of emergence of drug resistance against medicines for Neglected Tropical Diseases. There is also a need for increased support to public development partnerships and regional research and manufacturing capacity for new and affordable diagnostics, vaccines, and treatments.

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We call for continued leadership of WHO on addressing the silent pandemic of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and maintaining AMR as a priority in the WHO program of work, as a cross-cutting issue. We hope Member States will approve the resolution on AMR and redouble efforts to implement national action plans with targets across sectors, on infection prevention, access to existing and new antimicrobials, stewardship and surveillance. A new UNGA High Level Meeting on AMR will be held in September. We recall that the commitments made in 2016 to mobilize funding, technology and technical support, are pending. It is time for the WHO in collaboration with the Quadripartite agencies and others to update the Global Action Plan on AMR of 2015, and more support for civil society and community engagement to drive the behavioural change needed to address AMR.