

**Statement by Medicus Mundi International to the 140th session of the WHO
Executive Board on agenda item 7.2.(Antimicrobial Resistance)**

Medicus Mundi International would like to take this opportunity to address agenda item 7.2. Our statement is supported by People's Health Movement and members of the Antibiotic Resistance Coalition.

We commend WHO's work in securing global attention to the growing threat of AMR and its efforts in seeding multi-sectoral commitments for action through the Political Declaration adopted at the High Level Meeting at the 2016 UN General Assembly.

While finalising the Global Development and Stewardship, the WHO and Member States must ensure that a "development" framework means supporting a sustainable ecosystem for antimicrobial innovation through open, collaborative models of R&D that ensure fair returns on public investment, like that of GARDP. Civil society's involvement, as in the past, needs to continue at the planned regional meetings on National Action Plans and future consultations on both the framework and monitoring and evaluation efforts.

We echo the call to ensure CEWG principles of affordability, equity and de-linkage are incorporated in all mechanisms that address the problem of AMR. This also presents an ideal opportunity to exercise policy coherence, reiterated in the final report of the UNHLP on Access to Medicines.

We call to attention the critical gaps in national action plans. Without commitment of adequate financial and technical resources from the WHO and partners, particularly for developing and least developed countries, development and implementation of these National Action Plans will not occur.

We urge WHO to be fully transparent of the process around the UN General Assembly's call for an ad-hoc interagency coordination group. Such a process must be inclusive of all concerned, including Civil Society, remain free of conflict of interest, and be representative both of the global North and South.

We also urge WHO to exercise leadership, working intersectorally with Member States and Inter-Governmental Organisations to advance the Global Development and Stewardship Framework for public health interests.

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