

**Intervention on provisional agenda item 15 Antimicrobial resistance
78th WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY**

Honourable Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP), the global organisation representing over four million pharmacists worldwide.

Pharmacists play a pivotal role in addressing antimicrobial resistance (AMR) through antimicrobial stewardship (AMS). Pharmacists ensure that antimicrobials are used according to evidence-based guidelines and raise public awareness about their appropriate use. In collaboration with interdisciplinary healthcare teams, pharmacists support surveillance and monitoring of appropriate antimicrobial use and emergence of resistance.

We urge healthcare systems and regulators to include pharmacists in leadership roles in order to mitigate AMR via effective AMS based on their training, knowledge, skills and expertise. Facilitating the leadership of pharmacy in AMS is essential to preserving the effectiveness of antimicrobials and safeguarding these medications for the benefit of public health and future generations.

FIP has developed AMR regional roadmaps¹ on existing and planned activities for AMR and AMS, taking into account diverse regional contexts. FIP remains committed to alleviating AMR and advancing AMS globally, regionally and locally by increasing multisectoral collaboration, research, leadership and advocacy.

Thank you for your attention.

¹ <https://www.fip.org/file/6112>