The FIP Copenhagen Declaration on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)

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Together, we will combat antimicrobial resistance (AMR) by working to preserve the effectiveness of antimicrobials for future generations. We will work towards a world where every person has equitable access to essential medicines, safe treatments, and the right care at the right time, leaving no one behind.

We, as FIP members and leaders, commit to advancing the contribution of pharmacy to addressing AMR and supporting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly in relation to health and well-being. Through global advocacy, professional leadership and collaboration, we will champion the role of pharmacy in an equitable and sustainable response to AMR.

To achieve these aims, we support the following priorities:

1. Supporting global action, pharmacy leadership, and partnerships to combat AMR
2. Promoting vaccination and infection prevention to combat AMR
3. Promoting effective antimicrobial stewardship, diagnostic informed practice, and public health education and empowerment
4. Advocating for equitable access to quality assured medicines, diagnostics and appropriate digital technologies
5. Promoting evidence generation and use to inform AMR policy and practice
6. Supporting strengthening of multisectoral governance, financing and accountability

SUPPORTING DOCUMENT

1 Supporting global efforts and building partnerships to combat AMR

We commit to the implementation of country-owned national action plans on AMR, aligning with national health priorities and existing health systems structures alongside the World Health Organization's Global Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance, supporting national and international efforts to address AMR, and promoting the rational use of antimicrobials.

We will engage with healthcare providers, including pharmacists, the pharmaceutical industry, governments and other global organisations to strengthen international cooperation in addressing AMR and ensuring equitable access to safe, effective, and affordable treatments for all people, especially in low-income countries where the risk of resistance is greatest.

2 Promoting vaccination and disease prevention to combat AMR

We will work with pharmacists, healthcare providers, and the pharmaceutical industry to expand vaccination coverage and promote preventive care such as hygiene. Hand hygiene remains the single most effective measure for preventing the spread of infections. Vaccination complements this by preventing infectious diseases and reducing the need for antibiotic use. Pharmacists will play a key role in leading and implementing vaccination delivery, prevention, medication optimisation, stewardship and quality improvement.

We will recognise the intersection between non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and AMR, and empower healthcare providers, especially pharmacists, to manage both. Pharmacists will support safe prescribing, enhance medication adherence, and ensure the rational use of antimicrobials in people with chronic diseases.

3 Promoting the rational use of antimicrobials based on diagnostic evidence and enhancing public health education and empowerment

We will empower pharmacists and healthcare providers to engage in antimicrobial stewardship, ensuring that antimicrobials are prescribed only when necessary and based on diagnostic evidence. By building interprofessional healthcare teams that include pharmacists, doctors, nurses, and other healthcare providers and collaborating across healthcare sectors, we will ensure that antimicrobials are used responsibly and rationally to preserve their effectiveness.

Pharmacists and healthcare providers must be accessible, trusted sources of information for communities and patients. We will ensure that patients are educated on the rational use of antimicrobials, the dangers of misuse, and the importance of taking antimicrobials exactly as prescribed and following professional advice regarding the dose and duration. We will work with the pharmaceutical industry to provide evidence-based resources to the public, addressing misconceptions about antibiotics and empowering individuals to make informed health decisions.

4 Strengthening the global medicine supply chain and use of innovative technologies

We will work with pharmacists, healthcare providers, and the pharmaceutical industry to ensure the availability and supply of essential antimicrobials and critical treatments. This includes improving production systems, addressing medicine shortages, enhancing

supply chains, and investing in new technologies to enable timely delivery of medicines, particularly in regions that are most vulnerable to resistance.

We commit to leveraging new technologies and digital health solutions to combat AMR. The pharmaceutical industry will drive innovation in the development of new antibiotics, diagnostic tools, and vaccines. At the same time, we will support healthcare providers, including pharmacists, in using evidence-based digital decision-support that translates national treatment guidelines into practice, supports appropriate prescribing, and generates actionable data for quality improvement, together with equitable access to digital tools.

5 Generating, sharing and using evidence for action and improvement on AMR interventions and impact

We will support research on the impact of antimicrobial stewardship and the role of pharmacists in improving patient outcomes. The pharmaceutical industry will also be instrumental in routine antimicrobial-use data, audit and feedback, quality improvement, implementation research, and the use of evidence locally to change practice on the effectiveness of new antibiotics, diagnostics and vaccines. Collaborative efforts between researchers, healthcare providers, and the pharmaceutical industry will help improve global strategies for tackling AMR.

6 Supporting strengthening of multisectoral governance, financing and accountability

We will support the establishment of multisectoral national AMR governance structures, particularly ministry of public health AMR committees and groups, partnerships with country-level AMR groups such as pharmacy organisation AMR committees, AMR leadership groups, and academic representatives, with the aim of coordinating and monitoring AMR action. Securing sustainable financing, transparent accountability, and coordinated implementation of the National AMR Action Plan across all sectors is key to AMR mitigation; pharmacist empowerment in promoting rational antibiotic prescribing and use, ensuring appropriate dispensing, and monitoring antibiotic use strengthens their role as key accountability partners.

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Summary of core priorities and suggested MO actions

Priority area	Suggested MO actions
1. Supporting global efforts and building partnerships to combat AMR	Align national efforts with WHO and FIP AMR strategies. Establish partnerships with governments, academic institutions, and civil society to share best practices and collectively advocate for responsible antimicrobial policies.
2. Promoting the rational use of antimicrobials and enhancing public health education	Train pharmacists and healthcare professionals in antimicrobial stewardship (AMS). Implement patient education campaigns on rational antibiotic use, resistance risks, and treatment adherence.
3. Promoting vaccination and disease prevention	Integrate pharmacists into national immunisation programmes. Raise awareness about the role of vaccines in preventing infections and reducing antimicrobial use.
4. Strengthening the global medicine supply chain and use of technology	Assess national medicine supply vulnerabilities. Collaborate to improve access to essential antimicrobials and adopt digital health tools for prescribing, diagnostics, and stewardship support.
5. Generating evidence on AMR interventions and impact	Contribute data on AMS implementation and AMR trends. Submit national/local case studies to the FIP AMR Atlas. Engage in research and monitoring of intervention outcomes.
6. Supporting strengthening of multisectoral governance, financing and accountability	Establishment of multisectoral national AMR governance structures. Secure sustainable financing, transparent accountability, and coordinated implementation of the National AMR Action Plan.

MO engagement and progress mapping framework

MOs are encouraged to self-assess their level of engagement with AMR activities to help FIP tailor support.

Engagement level	Description
1 – Aware	MO acknowledges AMR as a critical issue, with no current structured activity.
2 – Aligned	MO has endorsed the Call to Action and has appointed an AMR focal point.
3 – Planning	MO has begun consultations or is planning national/local AMR strategies.
4 – Implementing	MO has launched programmes or activities aligned with one or more AMR priorities.
5 – Scaling & evaluating	MO is expanding its work, measuring outcomes, and is contributing to shared resources such as the FIP Atlas.

Action: MOs are requested to share their current engagement level post-congress to enable FIP to offer tailored support.