

The Global Strategy on Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property

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BACKGROUND

- WHO Commission on Intellectual Property Rights, Innovation and Public Health established 2004.
- WHO Commission's report was published in April 2006.
- The World Health Assembly in May 2006 adopted resolution WHA59.24 requesting the DG to establish an Intergovernmental Working Group (IGWG).
- IGWG to draw up a global strategy and plan of action that aims at, inter alia, securing an enhanced and sustainable basis for needs-driven, essential health research and development relevant to diseases that disproportionately affect developing countries.



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IGWG PROCESS

- First session of the IGWG held in December 2006.
- Second Session of the IGWG held in November 2007 and resumed in April 2008.
- Follow-up drafting group to finalize strategy at the WHA 61 in May 2008.

Other related Activities:

- Member States' had additional opportunities to provide further inputs to the negotiating text during the process.
- Web-based public-hearings held in November 2006 and August-September 2007.
- Regional Consultations held in all regions from August to October 2007.



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Global Strategy and Plan of Action on Public Health, Innovation and IP

The global strategy is designed to promote innovation, build capacity, improve access and mobilize resources.

Eight elements of the plan of action:

- *prioritizing research and development needs;*
- *promoting research and development;*
- *building and improving innovative capacity;*
- *transfer of technology;*
- *application and management of intellectual property;*
- *improving delivery and access;*
- *ensuring sustainable financing mechanisms;*
- *establishing monitoring and reporting systems.*



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At the 61st World Health Assembly:

Member States adopted the global strategy and the agreed parts of the plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property (Resolution WHA 61.21)

The strategy proposes that WHO play a strategic and central role in the relationship between public health and innovation and IP within its mandates, capacities and constitutional objectives.

Member States are urged to adopt and support actively the wider implementation of the global strategy in particular through providing adequate resources to enhance the implement the specific actions recommended in the global strategy on public health, innovation and intellectual property.

Calls upon relevant international organizations and other relevant stakeholders to give priority within their respective mandates and programmes to implementing the global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property;



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- *The global strategy when implemented will address the immediate need for equitable access to good quality, affordable medicines, and the long-term need to stimulate and sustain innovation.*
- *The issues are complex and the number of partners involved is large; taking this strategy forward will require a collective effort. Many stakeholders in this process are attending the ANDI meeting, including national and international research institutions, academia, relevant health related industries, product development partnerships, charitable foundations, NGOs etc.*
- *But the prize for success is immense: it is to ensure that people do not die because they lack the right health products, both new and old. The commitment and engagement of Governments and other stakeholders to this task is very encouraging but needs to continue.*



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- *The African Network for Drugs and Diagnostics Innovation is expected to promote and sustain African led R&D innovation through discovery, development and delivery of affordable new tools.*
- *ANDI also aims to support capacity and infrastructure development.*
- *Another critical aspect is that it aims to be a coordinated and results-driven effort, that will leverage and build on existing activities in Africa.*
- *To achieve these aims, ANDI needs be led by African scientists and institutions with clear political support, ownership and involvement of African countries and regional networks.*
- *ANDI's activities to strengthen health innovation in Africa will be a critical regional contribution towards the implementation of the Global strategy and Plan of Action on public health, innovation and IP in Africa.*

