



**Statement Delivered by the South Centre to the 79th World Health Assembly
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**Agenda Item 12.9, Draft Updated Global Action Plan on Antimicrobial
Resistance**

The silent pandemic of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) disproportionately affects people in developing countries, their health systems, and economies.

We welcome the updated Global Action Plan (GAP) on AMR and trust it will strengthen efforts in awareness, surveillance, infection prevention and control (IPC), water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), stewardship, innovation, and access, in a true One Health approach. It is encouraging to see the updated GAP place greater emphasis on identifying and addressing access barriers to affordable, quality antimicrobials, ensuring they reach those who need them.

We urge the international community to mobilize financial resources to support developing countries to advance context-specific National Action Plans (NAPs), as agreed in the 2024 United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Political Declaration on AMR. NAPs must not be implemented in isolation, but rather integrated across human health, animal health, agriculture, and environment sectors.

We congratulate Nigeria for hosting the upcoming 5th Global Ministerial Conference on AMR in Abuja in June 2026.

The South Centre remains committed to supporting developing countries and working in partnership with the quadripartite, donors, academia, and civil society for an effective and equitable global AMR response.