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**Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Government of India**

Agenda 23.2: WHO traditional medicine strategy: 2014–2023

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Thank you Chair!

Over the last decade, “WHO traditional medicine strategy: 2014-2023” has supported the development and implementation of traditional medicine by Member States.

In the wake of WHO’s dedication towards mainstreaming Traditional Medicine for Universal Health Coverage (UHC), Primary Health Coverage (PHC) and Health for All, with key initiatives such as establishment of Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (GCTM) at Jamnagar, India and many such forward looking initiatives, it is very important to continue working on the roadmap laid in the current strategy document and develop a revised, updated strategy for next decade 2024-2033.

The current WHO TM strategy covers wide array of domains including the use of traditional, complementary and integrative medicine (TCIM) to health, wellness, people-centered health care, promoting safe and effective use of T&CM, Integration of T&CM in national health systems, development of T&CM Knowledge Platforms, Development of ICD-11 for Mortality and Morbidity, developing Web-based International terminologies and Benchmarks for Practice, Building Institutional capacity and many such other path breaking initiatives.

India is committed to support for fruition of the goals mentioned in TM strategy 2014-23, and proposes the following as a way forward:

- To draft and implement the “WHO Global Traditional Medicine Strategy 2024-33.”
- To take steps regarding instituting the agenda item and resolution at WHA 76 on the “Initiation of the process for drafting Traditional Medicine Strategy 2024-33 and successful conclusion of the WHO TM Strategy 2014-23. “
- To include Traditional Medicine in implementation of the 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDG-3).
- Develop guidelines for the regulation of traditional medicines/products. Presently, every country has different norms for Traditional Medicine product registration. This causes difficulties for manufacturers in product registration and affects supply/availability.
- Focus on R & D in Traditional Medicines
- Promoting health equity through TM
- Harnessing TM in the post COVID world for preventive care, immunity, Geriatric care, palliative care and NCDs.

Thank you!