



Republic of Zambia

ZAMBIA STATEMENT ON AGENDA ITEM 14: DRAFT UPDATED GLOBAL PLAN ON ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE

1. Thank you Chair.
2. Zambia aligns with the Africa Group statement.
3. Zambia commends progress made in the region on the World Health Assembly's (WHA) call for action on Antimicrobial Resistance with almost all regional members enrolling in the Global Antimicrobial Resistance/Use Surveillance System (GLASS). Zambia has successfully implemented a Multisectoral National Action Plan on AMR, and this implementation is monitored and reported through the annual Tracking Antimicrobial Resistance Country Self-Assessment Survey (TrACSS).
4. Despite the notable progress made in many countries, insufficient financing and sub-optimal reporting to the annual GLASS mechanism remain critical barriers to the sustainable implementation of national action plans for many countries. Other challenges include inadequate community awareness, gaps in diagnostic capacity in both animal and human health facilities to reliably identify pathogens and assess their drug resistance patterns.
5. We request WHO to support Member States in GLASS reporting of AMR and to support sustainable financing to accelerate the implementation of the National Action plans.

I THANK YOU