
Thank you Chair

1. Kenya aligns her statement with that made by the Guinea Bissau on behalf of the African Member States.

2. We note that patient safety is a serious global public health issue that leads to adverse patient outcomes within the healthcare system, including deaths, most of which are preventable.

3. We welcome the Seventy-second World Health Assembly resolution WHA72.6 on global action on patient safety adopted by the Seventy-second World Health Assembly in 2019, and look forward to the presentation of the global patient safety action plan 2021–2030 to the Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly in May 2021.

4. We also look forward to the implementation of policy actions and principles of the draft action plan that will lead to concrete actions over the decade 2021 to 2030.

5. Chairperson, Kenya, is in the process of developing a National Patient Safety Policy and Action Plan that is based on the framework of the global patient safety action plan 2021–2030, which will be finalized and launched during the course of 2021. Quality improvement programs to improve patient safety are also being implemented in select counties, awaiting national scale-up.
6. We also successfully commemorated the World Patient Safety Day on the 17th of September, and this had led to increased awareness on patient safety at all the health care levels and among the public.

7. Kenya is also at the forefront of establishing a patient safety incident reporting and learning system, and is developing a non-punitive & anonymous National Medical Incident/Adverse Event Reporting System for use by health workers in clinical settings.

8. Finally, Kenya calls for WHO to continue to provide technical support to member states for the development and implementation of National Patient Safety Policies and Action Plans, so as to accelerate the achievement of global patient safety targets.

9. I thank you