## **Technical Consultation**

*WHO Safe Management of Pharmaceutical Waste*

*from Healthcare Facilities*

**Revised Agenda**

**Date: 1st of October 2024**

**Location:** WHO HQ Geneva, WHO HQ-(Room M 405) and online (Microsoft Teams)

**Objectives:**

* Provide summary of main recommendations and remaining needed updates/areas for agreement in the Best Practices for Safely Managing Health Care Waste
* Present successes and challenges from country implementation and implications
* Articulate a plan to disseminate the document and collective scale-up best practices

**8:30 AM - 9:00 AM: Registration and Welcome Coffee**

**Opening. document summary, and key issues**

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| 9:00-10:30 |  |
| * Welcome remarks
* Introductions and meeting objectives
 | Maria Neira, WHOMaggie Montgomery, WHO |
| * Summary of best practices document and remaining topics to consolidate/agree
 | Ute Pieper, WHO expert |
| * Background review on current policies and practices for pharmaceutical waste management
 | Stella Nanyonga, expert pharmacist |
| * Question and Answer
 | All |

**10:30 AM - 10:50 AM: Morning Coffee Break**

**Deep dive into document “sticking points” and application at the country level**

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| 10:50-12:30 |  |
| * Summary of issues to dissect and reconcile: dilution, co-processing, emerging technologies
 | Ute Pieper, WHO expertModerator: Bruce Gordon |
| * Implementation case study: collection and treatment of unused medicines in Serbia
 | Victor Hristov, International Solid Waste Association |
| * Implementation case study: Inertization of capsules in Nepal
 | XX, Nepal (remote) |
| * Regional reflections from EMRO on challenges and solutions in emergencies
 | Rola Al-Emam, WHO |
| * Discussion
 | All |

**12:30 PM - 1:30 PM: Lunch, WHO Cafeteria**

**Linking with related efforts**

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| 13:30-14:30 |  |
| * Latest innovation in policies and technologies
 | Lisa Hedmann, WHO, Moderator: Rola El Emam, WHO |
| * New WHO guidance on wastewater and solid waste management for manufacturing antibiotics
 | Kate Medlicott, WHO |
| * Broader efforts to better manage antibiotic waste in communities and the environment
 | Stephanie Laruelle/ Nada Hanna, UNEP |
| * Supporting waste management through strengthened AMR national action plans and stewardship
 | XX, WHO |
| * Discussion
 | All |

**Supporting effective implementation**

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| 14:30-15:30 |  |
| * Panel discussion on key barriers and needs for implementation, including in emergencies

5 min interventions followed by plenary discussion | Marta Duran, WFP, April Baller, WHO, Ruth Stringer, ISWA, Sophie Larouche WHO, Joose Van Den Noortgate, MSFModerator: XX |

**15:30 PM - 15520 PM: Afternoon Coffee Break**

**Consolidation and way forward**

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| 15:50-16:45 |  |
| * Dissemination, capacity building - uptake of the document
 | Maggie Montgomery, WHOModerator: Bruce Gordon |
| * Collective actions and next steps
 | All |
| * Key meeting take-aways and close
 | Bruce Gordon, WHO |