

# USP answers “Call to Action on drug-resistant infections” with continued commitment to quality-assured medicines

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**Rockville, MD – October 17, 2017** - In demonstration of our continued commitment to address antimicrobial resistance, USP submitted the following action statement to the organizers of the 2017 global [“Call to Action on drug-resistant infections”](#) conference, co-hosted by the UK, Ghanaian and Thai governments, and the UN Foundation and Wellcome in Berlin on October 12 – 13, 2017.

## USP Action Statement on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)

USP strives to reinforce the foundation for a healthier world by helping to assure medicines quality, and collaborating across sectors to improve public health. Quality-assured medicines underpin all AMR strategies. USP sets medicines quality standards, raises the awareness of stakeholders, and strengthens quality assurance systems, including having:

- Developed 692 monographs and reference standards that support quality testing for antimicrobial drugs and APIs. Modern testing techniques are critical to ensuring quality medicines
- Established an [APEC Center of Excellence](#) on quality in the supply chain, and shared best practices among 26 regulators from 14 APEC economies
- Launched the [Quality Institute](#) to research links between quality and AMR
- Convened events on the sidelines of WHA, UNGA, and APEC on poor quality medicines and AMR

The USAID-funded and USP-implemented, [Promoting the Quality of Medicines \(PQM\)](#) program strengthens regulatory and manufacturing capacity in developing countries to improve the supply of quality-assured medicines. PQM has supported 32 national regulatory agencies, including on medicines quality surveillance, increased quality-testing capacity in 80 laboratories, and supported 105 local manufacturers towards WHO PQ and stringent approval, with 13 antimicrobial APIs and products achieving this in 2016 - 2017. In addition to this work, USP implements numerous other donor-funded initiatives, partnering with governments, NGOs, and industry to strengthen quality-assurance systems to enhance access to affordable quality-assured medicines in LMICs.

USP pledges to continue to collaborate with partners in governments, NGOs, donor organizations, and others seeking to ensure medicines quality worldwide.

## About USP

USP is a global health organization improving lives through public standards and related programs that help ensure the quality, safety and benefit of medicines, dietary supplements and foods. USP's standards are used worldwide.

