

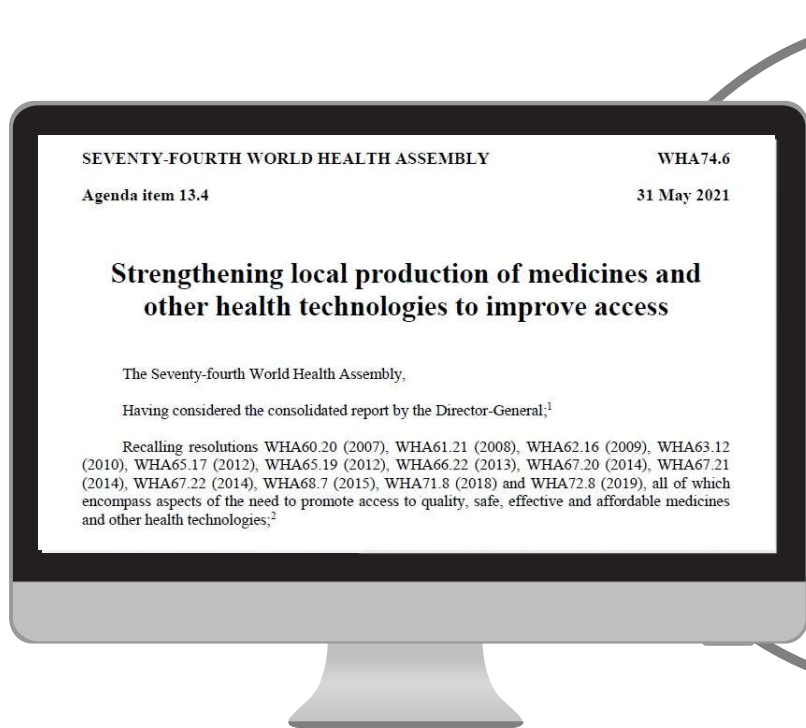


WORLD LOCAL PRODUCTION FORUM

Enhancing Access to Medicines and Other Health Technologies

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WHA Resolution on Strengthening local production of medicines and other health technologies to improve access



Adopted at the 74th
World Health Assembly



Over 100 Member States co-
sponsored the resolution

World Local Production Forum (WLPF)

- ❑ A new WHO initiative
- ❑ A regular forum for the global community of foremost government leaders, industry, technology experts, UN agencies, international organizations and other stakeholders
- ❑ To stimulate high-level dialogue and action to mitigate the global challenges, leverage on opportunities, promote collaborations and shape the direction in promoting local production of quality health products
- ❑ WLPF Secretariat: Local Production & Assistance Unit (LPA/RPQ/MHP/WHO)

First World Local Production Forum (21-25 June 2021)

21 June	13:00-15:15 (CEST) Opening Remarks ** Plenary Session ** Accelerating local production through partnerships and cooperation	
22 June	13:00-14:15 (CEST) Session 1 Building the business eco-system for local production	14:15-15:30 (CEST) Session 2 Getting regulatory systems pandemic ready
23 June	13:00-14:15 (CEST) Session 3 Unlocking global manufacturing potential through licensing and technology transfer	14:15-15:30 (CEST) Session 4 Expanding access to affordable capital
24 June	13:00-15:00 (CEST) Session 5 Building capacity to enhance access to vaccines and biologics for COVID-19 and beyond	
25 June	13:00-14:15 (CEST) Session 6 Leveraging innovation, AI and the digital revolution in the health products industry	14:15-15:15 (CEST) Session 7 ** WLPF outcomes Closing Address **

High-level participation, e.g.:

- **Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**, Director General, WHO
- **Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala**, Director General, WTO
- **Li Yong**, Director General, UNIDO
- **Lia Tadesse**, Minister of Health, Ethiopia
- **Jutta Urpilainen**, Commissioner for International Partnerships, European Commission
- **Henrietta Fore**, Executive Director, UNICEF
- **Sandile Buthelezi**, Director General, National Dept. of Health. South Africa
- **Budi Gunadi Sadikin**, Minister of Health, Indonesia
- **Isabelle Durant**, Acting Secretary General, UNCTAD
- **Marco Pontes**, Minister of Science & Technology, Brazil
- **Hala Zayed**, Minister for Health and Population, Egypt
- **Ambassadors, Ministers, heads of Regulatory Agencies, etc.**

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Partners

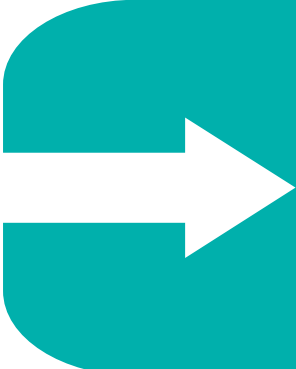


Among Member States and other partners

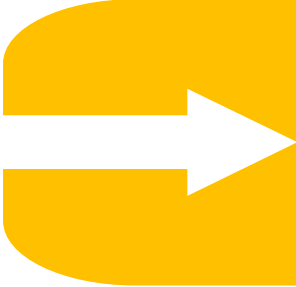
WLPF: building capacity to enhance access to vaccines and biologics for COVID-19 and beyond

- Discourse on the vaccine ecosystem, innovation & technology transfer, and biologics
- Collaboration and partnerships were highlighted repeatedly as essential
- There are several key messages
 - Diversification in technology, product and location is important for pandemic preparedness
 - Workforce development is also critical
 - Innovative technologies could play a role in sustainability
- In the end, sustainability of production capacity beyond COVID-19 needs to be considered

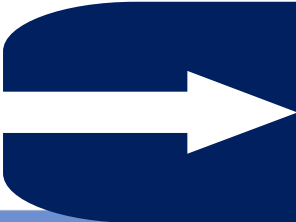
WLPF Recommendations



WHA resolution WHA74.6 brought a renewed vigour in promoting local production to improve access. **All actors** (Member States, industry, partners, etc.) **should capitalize on this new momentum and continue strategic, collective efforts and commitment in strengthening local production** through building the business ecosystem, multi-stakeholder collaborations, capacity building and training, regional/global approaches, etc.



Manufacturers are a significant actor in promoting local production. A **mechanism should be explored to stimulate industry engagement in the WLPF and provide a platform to strengthen collaborations** with, and within, the industry and **harness opportunities for the diffusion of priority technologies to LMICs.**



A **strategic advisory group** under the auspices of WHO and in collaboration with Member States and partners could be formed **to address current and future global challenges and trends in local production and technology transfer.**

Online resources

Local Production and Assistance Unit webpage:

<https://www.who.int/teams/regulation-prequalification/lpa>

World Local Production Forum webpage, including the report:

<https://www.who.int/initiatives/world-local-production-forum>

Press release on WLPF:

<https://www.who.int/news/item/25-06-2021-at-local-production-forum-who-and-partners-highlight-key-steps-to-improve-access-to-health-technologies>



Thank you

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