

## Increasing Availability and Affordability of Insulin and associated devices

Virtual workshops  
21, 23, 24, 25 September 2020  
14h – 16h CET

With the objective of “HEALTH FOR ALL” as the WHO’s guiding principle, WHO will organize a multisectoral stakeholder workshop to initiate a dialogue with all relevant stakeholders to identify elements that are critical to increasing availability and affordability of quality assured insulins and associated devices.

### Main Objectives and Outputs

This workshop will inform WHO’s global objectives to increase availability and affordability of quality-assured insulin, insulin-delivery and glucose monitoring devices. It will increase visibility and awareness of the extent of the barriers to access quality-assured insulins and identify possible solutions through the collaborative efforts and the input of multisectoral stakeholders..

The workshop will assist WHO in achieving the following outputs:

- 1) Assess current global and regional status of diabetes care and need for insulin in terms of types, volume and associated devices
- 2) Identify elements that are critical in increasing availability and affordability of quality assured insulin, insulin-delivery and glucose monitoring devices
- 3) Identify bottlenecks in supply chain as well as management of cold-chain
- 4) Understand procurement issues
- 5) Agreements on approaches to regulatory requirements needed for registration of insulin and glucose monitoring devices
- 6) Facilitate prequalification of 5 to 10 insulins by end of 2021 to increase competition
- 7) Identify how WHO and partners can work in an integrated manner towards these common goals
- 8) Agree on elements for the WHO integrated action plan to increase access to quality-assured insulin and associated devices

### Following topics will be discussed:

- 1) Overview of Diabetes Mellitus  
Global impact of diabetes and WHO guidance on management
- 2) Briefing on market situation  
Highlights from factsheets on prices and availability of insulin, insulin delivery devices, glucometers and test strips
- 3) Challenges in accessing insulin and associated devices: Views from countries and patients
  - need for health care professionals
  - what are the existing training programmes
  - why thermostability of insulin is important
- 4) Challenges in procurement and supply chain
- 5) Programmatic Initiatives
- 6) NRAs roles and perspective on ensuring quality-assured insulin
- 7) Exploring opportunities for partnerships and collaboration