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Promoting quality assurance in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: the Lancet Commission on Accelerating Progress on Essential Medicines

The Lancet Commission was established in 2025 and will present its report in October 2027, at the 50th anniversary of the first WHO Model List of Essential Medicines. It will make a critical analysis of the many geopolitical and global health changes in the past decade, and will advise governments and academic experts on responsible and evidence-based national policies in various important technical areas, such as human rights, public health legislation, quality assurance, affordability, intellectual property, and quality use.

In this session the findings of the Commission are not yet known, but critical input is still possible and welcome. The discussion will focus on two important questions:

- 1) What are new problems in quality assurance in LMIC, that have become acute or more serious in the last decade? and:
- 2) What are illustrative recent examples of countries or institutions that are making good progress in quality assurance and medicine regulation, which could be used as examples of proof of concept or of good practice?