



IPSF Statement on Agenda 11: Immunization

Honourable Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

It is an honour to speak on behalf of the International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation, and its Asia Pacific Regional Office (APRO), representing 22 member organisations from 12 countries in the WHO Western Pacific Region, covering more than 80,000 pharmacy students and recent graduates, and collectively more than 180,000 across the wider Asia Pacific region.

IPSF recognises and appreciates the continued efforts of Member States and non-State actors to advance immunisation across the Region. As representatives of pharmacy students and recent graduates, we recognise that further collective efforts are needed to accelerate progress towards the Immunisation Agenda 2030 and the Regional Strategic Framework for Vaccine-Preventable Diseases and Immunisation in the Western Pacific 2021–2030. The recent IA2030 Mid-Term Review underscores that, despite important progress, significant gaps in coverage and equity remain and that stronger integration of immunisation within primary health care is essential.

IPSF highlights that challenges to immunisation are not solely scientific or technical. Social determinants of health, access to services, public trust, misinformation, and other behavioural and social factors also significantly influence vaccine uptake.

Pharmacists are among the most accessible healthcare professionals and remain closely connected to the communities they serve. Pharmacy students and young pharmacists are therefore well positioned to support immunisation through health education, community engagement, and evidence-based communication.

IPSF has continuously engaged in World Immunisation Week, with Member Organisations and Regional Offices sharing educational materials on vaccines, vaccination procedures, and common misconceptions. Through these initiatives, pharmacy students contribute as public educators and youth advocates by strengthening vaccine confidence, addressing misinformation, and supporting informed decisions.

IPSF therefore calls on WHO and Member States to:

1. Strengthen opportunities for young pharmacists and pharmacy students to contribute to immunisation initiatives, including community outreach, public health campaigns, and locally adapted engagement activities.
2. Establish meaningful mechanisms for youth participation in the development, implementation, and evaluation of immunisation policies and strategies, particularly those addressing social and behavioural barriers to vaccine uptake.

IPSF remains committed to working alongside WHO, Member States, and partners to advance equitable immunisation. By meaningfully engaging young health professionals, we can contribute to more resilient, inclusive, and community-centred immunisation systems towards 2030 and beyond.

Thank you.

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