1. Objectives

On the one hand, we want to “celebrate” the ten years from the signature of the Be-cause Health Charter on Quality of Medicines, which represented the formal commencement of a commitment of different Belgian stakeholders to assure the quality of medicines supplied through humanitarian and cooperation programs. On the other hand, and more important, we hope to contribute to building a road map for the next 10 years, to face the remaining obstacles that prevent to achieve universal access to quality-assured medicines.

2. Agenda

SETTING THE SCENE

9:30 Welcome - Coffee/tea provided
10:00 Official opening with Minister De Croo
10:30-11:15 Key note presentation by prof Hans Hogerzeil

LOOKING BACK (2008-2018)

11:15-12:45 Ten-years of engagement for access to quality-assured medicines: achievements and open challenges

- Kashi Carasso (HERA):
  Feedback on the 10-years evaluation performed ad hoc
- Xavier De Bethune (MDM-B) and Tine Demeulenaere (Damian Foundation):
  Experience of Belgian NGOs
- Tahina Andrianjafy, Salama (Madagascar):
  Experience of African procurement centres
- Barira Dan Nouhou, Medicines Regulatory Authority, Niger:
  Experience of an African regulator
- Temmy Sunyoto (ITM):
  Access to quality-assured medicines, neglected tropical diseases
- Discussion

12:45-13:45 Lunch
LOOKING FORWARD (2019-2028)

13:45-15:45 Looking forward. The role of national and international donors in assuring quality of medicines in humanitarian and development programs: (how) can we harmonize the audits’ practices and the purchase policies?

A round table, moderated by Raffaella Ravinetto (ITM) and Kashi Carasso (HERA). Each panelist will briefly present how his/her organization is tackling audits and purchase policies. Plenary discussion will follow.

Confirmed resource-persons:
Manuel Couffignal, DEVCO
Alain Prat, Global Fund
Catherine Dujardin, DGD
Jan Artur Sienczewski, ECHO
Jean-Michel Caudron, UNDP
Daniel Forrister, USAID/OFDA

15:45-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:30 Looking forward. The role of Belgian stakeholders for strengthening pharmaceutical quality assurance capacities in low-income countries

A round table, moderated by Wilbert Bannenberg (HERA) and Tim Roosen (Be-causeHealth). Each panelist will present a few points/statements/questions. Plenary discussion will follow.

Confirmed resource-persons:
Catherine Dujardin, DGD
Karel GYSELINCK, ENABEL
Raffaella Ravinetto, ITM
Pascal Mertens, Coris BioConcept
Bjorn Van den Sande, Sandoz BeLux
Ariadna Nebot Giralt – QUAMED

17:30 Closing