



Access to Essential Medicines

We, participants in the 9th Wonca World Rural Health Conference, pledge our support for the *Medecins Sans Frontieres* Access to Essential Medicines Campaign, and call on:

- National governments and multinational pharmaceutical organisations to improve access to existing treatments through supporting production of generics in developing countries and ensuring that critical medicines are exempted from international trade barriers
- National governments and global organisations such as the United Nations and WHO to:
 - stimulate the development of newer and better medical diagnostic and therapeutic tools that take into account the needs of people in poor countries, particularly infectious diseases like TB and malaria
 - reshape the way medical research and development is funded so that medical innovation serves those most in need and is not predominantly market-driven as at present.