



**10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SAFE INJECTION GLOBAL NETWORK (SIGN)  
30 November -2 December 2009, WHO/HQ, Geneva**

**AND**



**PERFORMANCE, QUALITY AND SAFETY CONSULTATIVE MEETING WITH THE  
INDUSTRY  
3 - 4 December 2009, WHO/HQ, Geneva**

The Injection Safety programme and the Secretariat of the Safe Injection Global Network (SIGN) in the Department of Essential Health Technologies is organizing the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Safe Injection Global Network which will be held from 30 November to 2 December 2009 at WHO/HQ, Geneva. This meeting will run back to back with the Performance, Quality and Safety consultation with industry organized by the Quality Safety and Standard Unit in the Department of Immunization Vaccines and Biologicals on 3 and 4 December 2009 at WHO/HQ, Geneva

**Background information:**

**SIGN Meeting:**

The members of this Network meet annually to exchange information and review progress on ensuring the safe and appropriate use of injections worldwide and to decide on action points for the members of the alliance. SIGN is constituted by UN organizations (WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA), ministries of health, industry, CDC, USAID, NGOs, research institutes, etc.

***The objectives of this special 2009 SIGN Meeting are to:***

- Review progress of the various injection safety projects at global and country level in the last 10 years
- Review global progress in infection prevention and control activities since SIGN started
- Update and adapt WHO injection safety strategies based on the 4 plus 1 Primary Health Care Reforms to make them more country and patient centered
- Identify countries' needs in terms of injection safety and related infection control

## **Performance, Quality and Safety consultative meeting with the Industry**

The "Performance Quality and Safety" secretariat hosted at the Quality Safety and Standard Unit has been engaged these past years in improving its equipment and devices prequalification scheme for UN purchase. Performance specifications and verification protocols have been developed by category of equipment. A new interactive web based database will be launched soon and as the new scheme will be ready to be fully functional, there is a felt need to discuss and obtain feedback and consensus from partners including manufacturers.

### Objectives of the meeting

1. Provide updates on the prequalification process of equipment and devices
2. Review the recent changes in performance specifications and verification protocols
3. Present the new PQS interactive web based database
4. Discuss the future prequalification challenges to best respond to the need of introducing innovative technologies
5. Discuss the way prequalification of devices contributes to ensuring the safety of injections in immunization as well as in curative settings
6. Discuss and agree on a way forward to better prevent reuse and make injection safer