Fraudulent Medicine : A Civil Society Perspective

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Point of Departure : Right to Health

- General comment no 14 of right to health elaborates the content of Article 12 of ICESCR: availability,, accessibility, acceptability and quality
- Medicine is a critical component in fulfilling the right to health and part of the core obligation under Article 12
- Actions including the technical assistance should not hamper the enjoyment right to health

Current State of Play

Multiple Forums (National and International)
Multiple terminology
Multiple approaches (Criminal law, IP, Health, technological fixes)
Need a shared understanding on approaches and solutions

Fundamental Issues

Address causes not symptoms Lack of adequate evidence and nuanced approach Different terminologies in circulation Absence of disaggregated data Technology fixes Conflict of interest Deficit of participation

Towards an Evidence Based and Nuanced Approach

- Shared understanding on terminologies
- Independent and verifiable data
- Accurate ICE materials
- Complementary role of criminal law enforcement
- Expedite procedures
- Access to testing technologies
- Guiding principle: Transparency, Participation and Free of Conflict of Interest
- Access to affordable medicines should not be hampered and proactive measures on A2M.