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### ***Achieving Global Collective Action for Improving Access to Antimicrobials and Sustaining their Effectiveness***

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**Solarium (room FA2) – Falconer Hall**

**84 Queen's Park**

Access to antimicrobials and the sustainability of their effectiveness is undermined by deep-seated failures in both global governance and global markets. These failures can be conceptualized as political economy challenges unique to each antimicrobial policy goal, including global commons dilemmas, negative externalities, unrealized positive externalities, coordination issues and free-rider problems. Many actors, instruments and initiatives that form part of the global antimicrobial regime are addressing these challenges, yet they are insufficiently coordinated, compliant, led or financed. Taking an evidence-based approach to global strategy reveals at least ten options for promoting collective action on antimicrobial access and effectiveness, including those that involve building institutions, crafting incentives and mobilizing interests. Progress should be possible if only we find the right mix of options matched with the right forum and making this grand bargain politically possible by ensuring it simultaneously addresses three components of the conundrum – namely access, conservation and innovation.

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A light lunch will be provided.

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