

Kenyan scientists decry anti-microbial resistance amid spike in infectious diseases

Kenya should take bold actions to contain the escalating crisis of anti-microbial resistance that is reversing gains made in the war against infectious diseases, scientists said on Wednesday. The scientists, who spoke on the sidelines of a symposium on infectious diseases held in Nairobi, said that resistance to drugs has undermined efforts to eliminate disease causing pathogens. Mourine Kangogo, a research scientist at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, said that investments in research, training, public awareness and modern diagnostic equipment is key to eliminating anti-microbial resistance. "Improved waste management, sound regulations and development of vaccines will ultimately boost the fight against micro-organisms that are gaining resistance," said Kangogo. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-05/08/c_138043759.htm