



ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE (AMR) IMPACTS ON FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Thursday 18 October
18:00 – 19:30
Iran Room (B116)

A debate on provocative statements related to the Global Threat of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), Food Security and Nutrition with active participation of the audience.

THE ISSUE

The availability and use of antimicrobial drugs in terrestrial and aquatic animals and in plant production is essential for both health and productivity and contributes to food security, food safety and the protection of livelihoods and sustainability of animal and plant production. However, there are growing global concerns about resistance to antimicrobial drugs and impact on livestock production and human health. While antimicrobial resistance (AMR) can occur naturally over time, it is exacerbated by inappropriate and excessive use of antimicrobials in humans, animals and plants. There is a range of factors which have contributed to this such as:

- lack of regulation and oversight of use;
- no professional subscription and advice;
- non-therapeutic use;
- over-the-counter or internet sales, and;
- availability of counterfeit or poor quality antimicrobials, and,
- poor husbandry, hygiene and agricultural waste management.

The consequences of AMR include the failure to successfully treat infections, leading to more severe or prolonged illness, death in humans and production losses and negative economic consequences in the animal and plant sectors together with impact on livelihoods and food security. Health and scientific experts already have evidence of AMR identified in animals, seafood, fertilizers, agricultural outputs, soil, water and food - all important in trade and commerce.

THE SIDE EVENT

This side event, co-convened by the Tripartite partners (WHO, OIE and FAO) will challenge you to choose in favor or against 3 provocative statements on possible solutions to reduce AMR without compromising food security.

A multi-stakeholder panel with strong debaters will be challenged through 3 statements. Each statement is given arguments in favor by one participant and arguments against by another panel participant. The moderator will explain the debating rules and chair the debate. This is a “table top exercise”. Arguments used are not at all representing the official policy of the represented organizations.

By lottery the roles are assigned to the panelists and this is clearly communicated to the public.

The audience will be asked to vote by hand raising after a debate on each of the three statements. You can influence with your vote future approaches to reduce the burden of AMR.

THE STATEMENTS

1. The use of antimicrobials in agriculture, aquaculture and livestock production is essential to reach global food security.
2. Banning of the use of antimicrobials as growth promoters increases the risk of food insecurity.
3. Taxation of the use of antimicrobials is the solution to reduce AMR and improve good nutrition.



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AGENDA

18:00	Welcome Introduction statements and design of the debate by moderator	
18:10	Introduction by panelists (4 minutes each)	
18:30	Statement 1 Round 1: opponent 3 minutes, defender 3 minutes; Round 2: reaction from other panelists, 6 minutes. Moderator asks the audience to vote by raising hands, 3 minutes	Total: 15 minutes
18:45	Statement 2 (same)	Total: 15 minutes
19:00	Statement 3 (same)	Total: 15 minutes
19:15	'One-sentence' reaction by panelists on the outcome of the voting.	
19:30	End of Side Event	

PANEL

1.	World Health Organization (WHO)	Awa Aidara-Kane
2.	World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)	Susan Corning
3.	Civil Society Mechanism (CSM)	Kannaiyan Subramaniam
4.	Private Sector Mechanism (PSM)	Carel du Marchie Sarvaas
5.	Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	Juan Lubroth
6.	Moderators	Henk Jan Ormel, Yu Lina

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