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PROGRESS REPORT OF THE REQUEST FOR SCIENTIFIC ADVICE ON FOODBORNE AMR FROM FAO AND WHO, IN COLLABORATION WITH OIE

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Introduction

1. This paper aims to provide an update on tripartite activities on the prevention and management of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) since the 40th Session of the CAC¹. Detailed updated on activities of each of the three organizations, including efforts on data collection and other areas on interest to the Task Force are available in the papers prepared by each organization under item 3b.

Request for Scientific Advice.

2. Responding to the request for scientific advice on AMR, a call for data as well as a call for experts have been issued to support the work of FAO and WHO, in collaboration with OIE. The calls are available online² and all countries are encouraged to respond, particularly with regard to data that may not be readily available in the public domain. National Experts on antimicrobial resistance and in particular foodborne AMR are also encouraged to respond to the Call for experts. The deadline to receive data and expert nominations is 31st December 2017.

3. While data collection efforts are already underway, the organizations welcome the opportunity of the meeting of the Task Force to discuss the priority areas for scientific advice. The outcome of such discussions will be used to define the terms of reference for the first expert meeting to address the needs of the task force tentatively scheduled for mid-2018.

Ongoing tripartite initiatives on AMR

4. The fourth meeting of the *ad hoc* Inter-Agency Coordination Group (IACG)³, was held on 16-17 October 2017, in Paris hosted by the OIE. The meeting agreed to establish a number of sub-groups to help progress their work⁴. These subgroups will meet over the next three months and FAO, WHO and OIE are participating in each of these groups. The next meeting of the IACG will be in Thailand in January 2018.

¹ The paper on AMR activities presented to the 40th session of the CAC is available at: http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/sh-proxy/en/?lnk=1&url=https%253A%252F%252Fworkspace.fao.org%252Fsites%252Fcodex%252FMeetings%252FCX-701-40%252FWD%252Fcac40_14e.pdf

² Call for data is available at: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/agns/pdf/Call_for_data_experts/DATA_Foodborne_AMR.pdf and http://www.who.int/foodsafety/Call_for_data_oct2017.pdf?ua=1
Call for experts is available at: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/agns/pdf/Call_for_data_experts/EXPERTS_Foodborne_AMR.pdf and http://www.who.int/foodsafety/Call_for_experts_oct2017.pdf?ua=1

³ Details of the IACG are available at: <http://www.who.int/antimicrobial-resistance/interagency-coordination-group/en/>

⁴ The report of the fourth meeting of the IACG is available at <http://www.who.int/antimicrobial-resistance/interagency-coordination-group/IACG-AMR-FourthMtgReport.pdf?ua=1>

5. WHO, in collaboration with FAO and OIE, developed a monitoring and evaluation framework for implementation of the Global Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance.⁵ An expert consultation on appropriate indicators was convened in Geneva on 8 – 9 June 2017 and an online public consultation on the monitoring framework and proposed indicators was held from August through September 2017. All the comments received in response to the public consultation are now being reviewed and will be used in the revision of the framework document and specifically in the revision of the indicators to be used for monitoring and evaluation purposes.

6. WHO, in collaboration with FAO and OIE, is currently developing a global framework for stewardship to combat AMR, including Research and Development. A revised version of the framework was published in October 2017⁶ and an informal member state consultation convened in WHO, Geneva on 9-10 November 2017. The Tripartite (FAO, OIE, WHO) will continue to update the framework based on the feedback from the consultation. An implementation plan will also be developed.

Promoting a One Health approach.

7. FAO, WHO and OIE continue to work together to support countries to develop and implement One Health National Action Plans on AMR. The organizations have just completed a revision of the self-assessment questionnaire for countries to assess their progress in terms of the development and implementation of NAPs. This revised questionnaire will be issued to all countries before the end of the year. The replies will build on the first round of assessments, the results of which are available in an online database⁷.

8. Under the auspices of a tripartite project to apply a One Health approach to address antimicrobial resistance, which is funded by the United Kingdom Fleming Fund, the three organizations are promoting and supporting strong collaboration at regional and country level. A number of focus countries have been identified to champion the One Health approach. As a starting point, some of the challenges being faced and lessons learned to date are being identified through case studies at regional and country level. This will serve as the basis for tripartite advice on applying a One Health approach. Multisector engagement on all aspects of National action plan development at country level are being promoted and supported where feasible.

⁵ More information available at: <http://www.who.int/antimicrobial-resistance/global-action-plan/tripartite-MandE-approach-online-consultation-august-2017/en/>

⁶ http://www.who.int/phi/implementation/research/UpdatedRoadmap-Global-Framework-for-Development-Stewardship-to-combatAMR_2017_11_03.pdf

⁷ Database available at https://extranet.who.int/sree/Reports?op=vs&path=%2FWHO_HQ_Reports/G45/PROD/EXT/amrcsat_Menu