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Abstract for Professor Wagenaar's Speech

1. AMR is a serious global public health threat. A multisectoral and coordinated approach is needed at the international and national level to combat AMR. AMR is a high priority at the international level, which is reflected by the adoption of the Global Action Plan on AMR during the World Health Assembly 2015, the FAO Action Plan on AMR in 2016, and specific OIE resolutions on AMR. AMR also concerns food safety as AMR can spread through the food chain. For the containment of AMR, control measures should be implemented in the food chain. Professor Jaap Wagenaar was asked to give an overview of "AMR from a food safety perspective" and share his views on how CCEURO Member States can all work together to strengthen Codex work on AMR and contribute to controlling AMR in the food chain.
2. Professor Wagenaar's speech will be divided into three parts. In the first part, he will provide a brief overview on how AMR and food safety are related. The second part will discuss its relevance to Codex work and how the CCEURO Member States could collectively contribute to the strengthening of Codex work on AMR. The third part will offer some options on how CCEURO Members could address the challenges of tackling AMR from a food safety perspective at national and regional levels.
3. CCEURO Members have strengths and experiences that can be useful in enhancing and advancing Codex work on AMR regionally and globally. Actions and new and innovative solutions are needed at national, regional and global levels to combat AMR in the food chain. CCEURO Members must be prepared to contribute to this tall challenge.