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AMR Multi-Stakeholder Partnership Platform

Guidance for membership application

1. Who can apply?

The Platform aims to be broad and inclusive. Its membership is open to entities (not individuals). The membership is open to all those who have a demonstrated interest and/or expertise in Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR). The membership is free and voluntary.

Entities from the following categories of stakeholders can become members:

- Governments
- Civil society organizations and their networks
- Private sector organizations (federations and networks, not individual companies)
- International and regional intergovernmental organizations
- International and regional financial institutions and philanthropic donors
- Research and academic organizations
- UN entities and specialized bodies

Each member should be represented by an official representative nominated at the adequately high-level and an alternate. Technical experts specialized in human, animal, plant, and environmental health can be engaged at a later stage when the Action Groups will be launched.

To ensure a One Health spectrum and diversity of perspectives, expertise, and experiences, entities should come from the following sectors:

- Human health
- Animal health
- Environment
- Food and agriculture
- Fisheries and aquaculture
- Plant Health
- Economy, social science, finance

2. How to apply?

To apply for the Platform membership, the applicant must be able to meet the following criteria:

- The entity's mission and objectives should be in line with the Partnership Platform's mission and guiding principles embedded in the [Platform's Terms of Reference](#);
- Entity should have a legal status/or a group of legal entities in case of networks/federations;
- Entity should have a solid governance structure;
- Entity should be able to demonstrate an existing commitment to tackle antimicrobial resistance;
- Entities like civil society should provide information about their funding source;
- Entities should not present any reputational risk to the Partnership Platform through past or present activities.

Applicants must coordinate the nomination of their official representative and alternate, following which they should fill in the **online application form** available on the [Platform's webpage](#).

3. What is the application procedure for each category of stakeholder?

Category of stakeholder	Guiding principles
<i>Governments</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The principle of 'One country - one member' applies, meaning that members of the Platform are Governments¹. • Governments should nominate an official representative at an adequately high-level and an alternate and provide them with the legal mandate to officially act on their behalf in the Platform. • In this regard, an official confirmation should be sent to the Platform's Coordinating Team at amr-platform@fao.org as evidence of the government's agreement with the country representative. • Aside the official representative and the alternate, governments can bring technical staff specialized in human, animal, plant and environmental health from various divisions and departments² to participate and represent the entity in technical discussions (at the later stage when Action Groups will be formed). • There is no limitation to the number of technical staff that can participate in the Action groups, but they should all act in a coordinated manner and always on behalf of their country.
<i>UN and its specialized agencies, global and regional intergovernmental organization</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entities should nominate their official representative at an adequately high-level and an alternate; they should have a legal mandate to officially act on behalf of their entity. • Aside the official representative and the alternate, entities can bring technical staff from various internal divisions and departments to participate and represent the entity in technical discussions (at the later stage when Action Groups will be formed).
<i>International and regional financial institutions and philanthropic donors</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entities should nominate their official representative at an adequately high-level and an alternate; they should have a legal mandate to officially act on behalf of their entity. • Aside the official representative and the alternate, entities can bring technical staff from various internal divisions and departments to participate and represent the entity in technical discussions (at the later stage when Action Groups will be formed).
<i>Civil society organizations and networks</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entities should nominate their official representative at an adequately high-level and an alternate; they should have a legal mandate to officially act on behalf of their entity. • Aside the official representative and the alternate, entities can bring technical staff from various internal divisions and departments to participate and represent the entity in technical discussions (at the later stage when Action Groups will be formed). • Civil society organizations and/or their networks should provide details about the legal form of their entity (certificate of legal personality) and indicate the source of their funding (public or private) to avoid any potential conflict of interest.

¹ For instance, the member of the Platform is the Government of Italy and not the Italian Ministry of Health or Agriculture.

² Once the Platform's Action Groups are established, country members can bring technical staff from different divisions, depending on the topics of the Action Groups.

<i>Academic and research organizations</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entities should nominate their official representative at an adequately high-level and an alternate; they should have a legal mandate to officially act on behalf of their entity. • Aside the official representative and the alternate, entities can bring technical staff from various internal divisions and departments to participate and represent the entity in technical discussions (at the later stage when Action Groups will be formed).
<i>Private sector</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private sector networks/federations are eligible. • Entities should nominate their official representative at an adequately high-level and an alternate; they should have a legal mandate to officially act on behalf of their entity. • Aside the official representative and the alternate, entities can bring technical staff from various internal divisions and departments to participate and represent the entity in technical discussions (at the later stage when Action Groups will be formed).

4. What happens next?

Once the membership application is submitted, the applicant will receive an automatic acknowledgment by email.

The application will be reviewed by the Platform's Coordinating Team to ensure all the necessary information for decision-making (in line with the above-mentioned criteria) is present. If anything is missing, the Coordinating Team may ask for additional details by email.

The decision on the applicant's membership will be taken by the Quadripartite's consensus and the applicant will be informed about the outcome of the application by email.

Once a member, the applicant will receive the welcome kit, will be assigned into a respective stakeholder cluster and the Coordinating Team of the Platform will get in touch via email for further engagement.

5. Membership termination

A member who has not participated for two years or more, either by attending the Platform's meetings or by providing written contributions, is deemed not to have sufficient interest to warrant continued membership.

6. Observers

External individuals can attend the Platform's activities and meetings as observers. They can be invited in their personal capacity or as representatives from various entities. They are enabled to participate in the discussions but not in the formulation of the operational outcomes of the meetings.

We are here to help. If you have any queries regarding the application process or your own application, please do not hesitate to contact us by email at amr-platform@fao.org