Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Multi-Stakeholder Partnership Platform
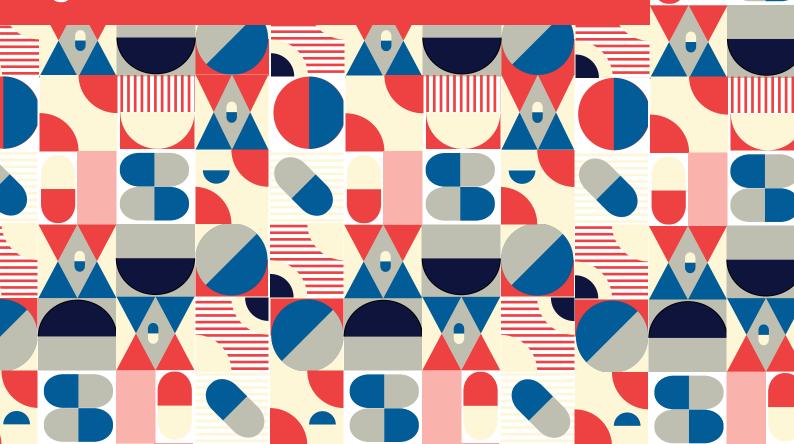
Inaugural Plenary Assembly

15-16 November 2023
FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy

Agenda

BACKGROUND

The Quadripartite (FAO, UNEP, WHO and WOAH) established the Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Multi-Stakeholder Partnership Platform pursuant to the ad hoc Interagency Coordination Group (IACG) on AMR's 2019 report to the United Nations (UN) Secretary-General, entitled *"No time to wait: securing the future from drug resistant infections"*. This report recommended the "*establishment of a constituency-based partnership platform facilitated and managed by the Tripartite agencies with diverse representation (e.g. governments, the private sector and civil society representing human, animal, plant and environment health, as well as agriculture and food and feed production) to develop and implement a shared global vision, narrative and targets*".

Launched during the World Antimicrobial Awareness Week on 18 November 2022, the AMR Multi-Stakeholder Partnership Platform aims to be an inclusive, international, and multi-stakeholder forum which brings together relevant stakeholders across the human, animal, plant, and environment sectors to assist in preserving antimicrobials as lifesaving medicines for humans, animals, plants and ecosystems and ensuring their responsible use under a One Health approach. It promotes a shared global vision, builds more consensus, and takes action to contribute to the implementation of the Global Action Plan on AMR (GAP).

The Platform aims to contribute to the Global Action Plan (GAP) and National Action Plans on AMR (NAPs) through the implementation of the following objectives:

- **Promote a shared vision for action to tackle AMR:** Engaging all relevant stakeholders across the human, animal, plant, and environment sectors to build a global vision, narrative, and targets for actions to tackle AMR.
- **Information-sharing and networking**: Providing a venue for knowledge-sharing and collaboration to reach a common understanding and enable coordination of activities between the different sectors and stakeholders.
- **Support concrete actions that substantially advance progress in containing, combatting, and ultimately reversing AMR:** Drawing on advice and evidence from relevant global governance mechanisms (e.g., the Global Leaders Group on AMR, and the Independent Panel on Evidence for Action (IPEA)) and academic and scientific institutions to identify and gain support for priority areas for action.

GALVANIZING THE MOMENTUM FOR AMR

Antimicrobials play a crucial role in preventing and treating infections and diseases in humans, animals and plants, but their overuse and misuse is the main driver of antimicrobial resistance (AMR). Globally, an estimated 5 million human deaths per year are associated with antimicrobial resistance (AMR), of which 1.3 million deaths are attributable to bacterial AMR infections. Aligned, collective actions and specific commitments are of critical importance to tackle AMR through the One Health approach.

The need for collective efforts and collaboration with multiple stakeholders across sectors has been highlighted on many occasions within various international fora and initiatives, i.e. G20, G7, the 77th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA) side event on AMR by the GLG, etc. Strong multi-stakeholder engagement is a game changer in our fight against AMR as it enables a collective consensus building, creation of a common understanding of the AMR challenges, alignment of positions, and emergence of partnerships that can propose innovative and sustainable solutions to AMR.

The AMR Multi-Stakeholder Partnership Platform is instrumental in building and promoting a shared global vision on AMR and catalysing a global collective engagement and action around shared priorities on AMR. The Platform will equally help defining targets and activities to inform bold and specific commitments at the UNGA High-Level meeting on AMR in 2024, as well as the 2024 High-Level Ministerial Meeting on AMR.

INAUGURAL PLENARY ASSEMBLY

The Inaugural Plenary Assembly of the AMR Partnership Platform will take place in person, on 15-16 November 2023, at FAO Headquarters, in Rome, Italy and will allow members of the AMR Partnership Platform to come together for the first time, engage, interact and work with one another to propose, discuss, and build joint actions against AMR. The Plenary Assembly will be open to all Platform's members.

1. Focusing on collective governance on AMR
Members of the Platform will be able meet in Clusters, discuss their leadership and ways of working and finalize the nomination of the two potential representatives to the Steering Committee. The first Steering Committee will be formed comprising members from the Clusters and the Quadripartite. It will have its preliminary meeting on the second day of the Plenary Assembly.

2. Discussing priorities for collective action on AMR
The Platform's Action Groups are proposed and driven by the Platform's members on shared priorities of interest. They should be strategic and respond to the objectives of the GAP and NAPs, whenever it is possible. The first Plenary Assembly will be an opportunity to present and discuss the Action Groups proposals.

3. The road to United Nations General Assembly High-Level Meeting on AMR 2024
The United Nations General Assembly High-Level Meeting on AMR will be held in September 2024. This will be an important landmark event for the entire global community of actors involved in the fight against AMR. The AMR Partnership Platform and its members will play a key role in catalyzing the multi-stakeholder voices and contributions to the 2024 UNGA High-Level Meeting on AMR and the future political declaration.

4. Featuring the Platform's network
Members of the Platform will be invited to showcase their activities through digital posters. In addition, an exhibition with totems and an art installation will be organized at the FAO Headquarters (Atrium) with the aim to raise awareness about the importance of collective engagement and action to address AMR through a One Health approach.

FORMAT AND PARTICIPATION
The Inaugural Plenary Assembly will be organized *in situ* for two days to enable a wide stakeholder engagement and participation. The Plenary Assembly will have the interpretation in 6 UN languages. The Plenary Sessions will be webstreamed.

DETAILED PROGRAMME

Chair: Maria Helena Semedo, FAO Deputy Director-General

DAY 1: Wednesday, 15 November 2023	
8:00-9:30	Arrival and registration of members, welcome coffee
9:30-9:50	One Health and AMR video **Welcome and high-level opening** • QU Dongyu, FAO Director-General (video message) • Inger Andersen, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (video message) • Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General (video message) • Monique Eloit, WOAH Director General (video message) *This high-level session aims to welcome the Platform's members, provide an overarching context and set the scene for the discussions of the following days.* *Moderator: Maria Helena Semedo, FAO Deputy Director-General.* Webcast available here.
9:50-10:30	**Platform governance discussions and exchange with members** • Junxia Song, member of the Platform Coordinating Team representing FAO • Thomas Joseph, member of the Platform Coordinating Team representing WHO • Olafur Valsson, member of the Platform Coordinating Team representing WOAH *The objective of this session is to guide members through the governing mechanisms of the Platform, clarify the roles of the members within it, address potential challenges, and outline the rules and principles governing collaborative work within the Platform.* *Moderator: Maria Helena Semedo, FAO Deputy Director-General.* Webcast available here.
10:30-11:00	**Break**
11:00-12:30	**Breakout Cluster discussions** *During these discussions, members will have the chance to interact with their peers, align their priorities, articulate their needs and expectations from the Platform's work. These sessions will be facilitated by the Platform's Coordinating Team.*
12:30-14:00	**Lunch**
14:00-14:30	**Feedback from the Breakout Cluster discussions in Plenary** *Moderator: Jean-Philippe Dop, WOAH Deputy Director General.* Webcast available here.
14:30-16:50	**Presentation of the Action Groups proposals and exchange with the members** 1. **2024 UNGA High-Level Meeting on AMR,** Luka Šrot, Manager, Health Security, International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA) 2. **Addressing the antibacterial pipeline and access crisis,** Damiano de Felice, Director of Development and External Engagement, CARB-X

	3. **Advocacy for Impact – Strengthening Sustainable Resource Mobilisation in LMICs** by Angela Schug, Advisor One Health, Deutsche Gesellschaft fürInternationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) & Ghada Zoubiane, Head of partnerships and stakeholder engagement, ICARS 4. **Financing the AMR multi-sectoral response,** Chantal Morel, Consultant Health Economist, WHO 5. **Animal Welfare - Antimicrobial Resistance Nexus,** Sophie Masika, UNEP Liaison Officer, World Federation for Animals (WFA) 6. **Drivers of Antimicrobial Resistance in India, Nigeria, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Tanzania: A quadrinational One Health initiative for a sustainable solution,** Oluwakemi Osunderu, Principal Research Fellow, Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria & Bernard Mbwele, Research Fellow, Northwestern University, University of Dar es Salaam, Mbeya College of Health and Allied Sciences, Vijiji Tanzania 7. **Ending Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis,** Elizabeth Lovinger, U.S. and Global Health Policy Director, Treatment Action Group & Nathan Mugenyi**,** GLPC AMRIA project, Great Lakes Peace Centre 8. **Integrated AMR Surveillance Across One Health Sectors in West Africa, Asia and Caribbean,** Ajit Kumar Karna, Senior Scientist, NTD and One Health, Center for Health and Disease Studies Nepal 9. **Mapping of civil society organizations and networks for a better coordination of field efforts in the communities against AMR in the African region,** Mario Medegan, Secretary General MUSUHUM, CSO & Networks Cluster Lead 10. **Sharing of Cross-Regional AMR Experiences to Empower Local Farmers, Producers and Practitioners to Reduce the need for antimicrobials while Improving productivity,** Zhongchao SUN, Executive Vice Secretary-General, China Animal Health and Food Safety Alliance (CAFA) 11. **Standardized AMR Education, Communication and Training Initiative based on One Health Approach,** Syed Mohammad Mursalin, CEO Pak One Health Alliance 12. **Stewardship Across the Antimicrobial Lifecycle: a One Health Approach,** Sabiha Essack, South African Research Chair in Antimicrobial Resistance &One Health, University of KwaZulu-Natal 13. **Veterinary Education Action Group**, Arshnee Moodley, AMR team lead at the International Livestock Research Institute (Kenya) and jointly appointed as an Associate Professor at the University of Copenhagen (Denmark) *This session will provide an opportunity for members who have submitted proposals for Action Groups to formally present and pitch them in the Plenary. It will also allow all members to engage by providing comments, insights, and identify potential synergies and overlaps among the proposals.* *Moderator: Jean-Philippe Dop, WOAH Deputy Director General.* Webcast available here.
16:50-17:00	**Conclusions of the day** *Moderator: Maria Helena Semedo, FAO Deputy Director-General.* Webcast available here.
17:00-19:00	**Cocktail reception and networking**

DAY 2: Thursday, 16 November 2023	
8:00-9:30	Arrival of members and welcome coffee
9:30-11:00	**The road to United Nations General Assembly High-Level Meeting on AMR 2024** - Suzanne Young, Technical Officer, AMR Global Coordination Department, Quadripartite (FAO/UNEP/WHO/WOAH) Joint Secretariat on AMR - Julian Nyamupachitu, Program Manager, ReAct Africa - Michiel Peters, AMR Industry Alliance Secretariat Representative - Samantha Ellis, Senior Veterinary Officer, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Australia - Damiano de Felice, Director of Development and External Engagement, CARB-X - Angela Schug, Advisor One Health, Sector Initiative One Health & Global Programme Pandemic Prevention and Response, One Health, GIZ *This session has the objective of delving into how the Platform can play a pivotal role in spearheading stakeholder engagement during the preparations for the 2024 UN General Assembly High-Level Meeting on AMR. It will explore the potential contributions and actions that members can undertake, focusing on key inputs and initiatives for advancing priorities in the development of the political declaration for the meeting. It will include individual interventions by members followed by an open dialogue with the Plenary.* *Moderator: Kefas Samson, Quadripartite Joint Secretariat on AMR representative.* Webcast available here.
11:00-11:30	**Break**
11:30-12:30	**Building the joint way forward** *The purpose of this concluding session is to consolidate the key discussion points from the 1.5 days of interactions and discuss priorities for the future activities of the Platform.* *Moderators: Maria Helena Semedo, FAO Deputy Director-General & Jean-Philippe Dop, WOAH Deputy Director General.* Webcast available here
12:30-14:00	**Lunch**
Afternoon	Networking *(art installation and exhibition), departure of participants*
14:00-15:30	**Inaugural Meeting of the Steering Committee.**

Meeting rooms:

1. Plenary panels will take place in the Red Room (A 121 int, 1st floor))
2. Breakout Clusters sessions will take place in the following rooms:
    - Research and academia cluster – Queen Juliana Room (B 324, 3rd floor)
    - Civil society organizations and networks Cluster – Red room (A 121 int, 1st floor)
    - Governments, intergovernmental organizations, UN entities and their specialized agencies Cluster – Malaysia Room (B 227, 2nd floor)
    - Private sector Cluster – Cuba room (B 224, 2nd floor)
    - Financial institutions and philanthropic donors Cluster – Divisional room (B 144, 1st floor)
3. Steering Committee meeting will take place in the Queen Juliana room (B 324, 3rd floor).