

Inaugural meeting of the Steering Committee of the AMR Multi-Stakeholder Partnership Platform

Meeting report

Thursday, 16 November 2023, 14h-15h30 CET, in person

Summary of discussions

	Action	Responsible
1.	Draft email to the Members of the Platform to inform them about the SC election of the Chair and Vice Chair and the discussions on the Action Groups proposals	Coordinating Team
2.	Discuss the modus operandi for new Action Group proposals covering the thematic/sectoral gaps.	SC members and the Coordinating Team
3.	Discuss strategy to be more inclusive and involve stakeholders from underrepresented sectors such as human and environmental sectors.	SC members and the Coordinating Team
4.	Ensure high visibility of the Platform and its leadership, the Steering Committee by communicating its progress and establish links with the GLG.	Coordinating Team
5.	Establish communication channels between the Chair and the SC members group for efficient coordination and information flow.	Coordinating Team and Chair/Vice-Chair
6.	Schedule a follow-up meeting on the Action Groups proposals in two weeks (around 30 Nov).	Coordinating Team

Attending:

1. Maria Helena Semedo, FAO Deputy Director-General (pro tem Chair)
2. Jean-Philippe Dop, WOAHD Deputy Director General
3. Thomas Joseph, WHO representative in the Platform's Coordinating Team, acting as alternate of Hanan H. Balkhy, WHO Assistant Director-General for AMR
4. Prof. Christine Middlemiss CB, Chief Veterinary Officer, UK
5. Michiel Peters, AMR Industry Alliance Secretariat Representative
6. Masika Sophie, Liaison Officer to UNEP, World Federation for Animals
7. Arshnee Moodley, CGIAR Antimicrobial Resistance Hub Lead, AMR Team Leader, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)
8. Angela Schug, One Health Advisor, GIZ acting as alternate of Tonny Brian Muthee, Health Specialist and Global Task Team Lead on AMR, World Bank

Observers:

9. Barbara Mentré, Antimicrobial Resistance, Human Nutrition Unit, Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE), EU Commission
10. Keith Sumption, FAO CVO and Chief of the CJWZ
11. Carlos Vaquero Escamilla (supporting FAO DDG Maria Helena Semedo)

Coordinating Team:

12. Nelea Motriuc, Platform Coordinator
13. Junxia Song, FAO Responsible Officer
14. Thomas Joseph, WHO Responsible Officer
15. Olafur Valsson, WOAHA Responsible Officer

Guests:

16. Klara Saville, UK DEFRA (accompanying Prof. Middlemiss)
17. Jennifer Dow, UK DEFRA (accompanying Prof. Middlemiss)

Agenda of the meeting:

1. Welcome and opening
2. Procedure for the election of the Chair/Vice-Chair
3. Deliberations on the Action Groups proposals
4. Guidance on the way forward

1. Welcome and opening

- The pro tem Chair welcomed the Steering Committee (SC) and expressed gratitude for their support during the Plenary Assembly. The session commenced with introductions.

2. Procedure for the election of the Chair/Vice-Chair

- Election procedure outlined as per Terms of Reference (ToRs) and Operational Rules (ORs).
- Arshnee Moodley elected as Chair, Michiel Peters as Vice-Chair by consensus of the SC members.

3. Deliberations on the Action Groups proposals

Overview of the Action Groups (as in the ToRs and ORs)

- Action Groups, proposed and led by member coalitions, should be self-organized, autonomous, and self-driven; they are granted flexibility in defining the frequency and format of their meetings, work plans, resource identification, KPIs, and leads, reporting to the Steering Committee through the Coordinating Team. The latest amendments to the ToRs and Operational Rules enable the Platform to expand the potential number of approved Action Groups.
- The Coordinating Team will provide support to the kick-off of the Action groups and monitor their activities. No financial resources are foreseen for the Action Groups.

Cluster engagement and synergies with the Action Groups

- The SC members highlighted the importance of ensuring cross-pollination and synergies with clusters, as well as member's engagement within clusters. Members of the SC suggested to have some regular dialogues within clusters.

Addressing sectoral/thematic gaps

- The SC members highlighted the absence of some key topics and sectors in the current AG proposals, such as human health and the environment; they suggested discussing the procedure for calling for additional Action Groups to address these gaps.

Action Groups (AGs) review criteria

- The SC members emphasized the importance for AGs to have well-defined work plans and a clear vision regarding the available funding to support their activities.
- AGs are expected to yield tangible and concrete results while contributing to long-term perspectives.
- The SC members proposed the identification of AGs capable of delivering immediate impact and results.
- The possibility of differentiating AGs was discussed, exploring the potential for some to be targeted and short-term, focusing on specific initiatives.
- The SC members recommended careful consideration of the composition of AGs and the management capacity of their core teams. This is to ensure that Action Groups attain critical mass, remain manageable for their core teams, and actively contribute to the global landscape, dialogue, and action on AMR. To facilitate this, members within the Action Groups could be categorized as active contributors and supporters, with this distinction clarified during the call for expressions of interest to join the Action Groups.
- The SC proposed a thematic categorization of AGs aligned with Global Action Plan (GAP) priorities.
- The SC members expressed their willingness to provide feedback to AG core teams, enabling them to enhance their work plans during their implementation.

UNGA HLM on AMR 2024

- The SC members underscored the importance of active engagement in preparation for the United Nations General Assembly High-Level Meeting (UNGA HLM) on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) in 2024. They highlighted the need to establish connections with the Global Leadership Group (GLG), which is set to play a pivotal role in the preparations for the UNGA 2024.
- The SC members unanimously approved the formation of the UNGA HLM on AMR Action Group. This decision was based on its strategic significance, time-bound nature, and the urgent requirement to initiate preparations for the UNGA 2024 process.

4. Guidance on the way forward

- The SC members agreed an extension of the review period for the AG proposals, given the need for more time. They agreed to reconvene in two weeks to make decisions regarding the other Action Groups.
- Emphasizing the significance of maintaining a strong presence for the Platform, SC members recommended giving it a visibility comparable to the Global Leadership Group (GLG). It was agreed that the Chair and Vice-Chair would be introduced to the GLG to begin formal linkages with the GLG.