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GUIDELINES ON INTEGRATED MONITORING AND SURVEILLANCE OF FOODBORNE ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE

(Prepared by the Chair and co-chairs of the EWG)

PRINCIPLES

The proposed text for principles 6 and 9 for consideration by TFAMR8 is as follows;

Principle 6:

[Priority for implementation of monitoring and surveillance program(s) should be given to the most relevant foodborne AMR and/or AMR food safety issues (which are the defined combinations of the food commodity, the AMR microorganism and determinants and the antimicrobial agent(s) to which resistance is expressed as described in GL/X 77-2011), from a public health perspective.]

Principle 9*:

Monitoring and surveillance program(s) should strive to harmonize laboratory methodology, data collection, analysis and reporting across sectors according to national priorities and resources as part of an integrated approach. Use of internationally recognized, standardized and validated methods and harmonized interpretative criteria, where available, contributes to the comparability of data, [facilitates the multi-sectorial exchange and facilitates the multi-sectorial exchange and analysis of data] and enhances an integrated approach to data management, analysis and interpretation.

*Note: During Day 4 of TFAMR08 on 07/10/2021, the proposed text for Principle 9 that was displayed on-screen and read for interpretation purposes, was missing a part of the co-chairs proposal due to a technical issue. The Chair of the EWG explained to the session that the phrase proposed to replace "sharing of data" was taken from the *Purpose* of the project document entitled "Proposal for new work on the Guidance on Integrated Surveillance of Antimicrobial Resistance" that was presented to and agreed by CAC40 (see Appendix 2 of CX/CAC 17/40/12 Add.2 which is available [here](#)). The *Purpose* in the project document referred to ".....promoting a harmonised approach among countries to AMR surveillance that will facilitate the multisectoral exchange and analysis of data from different areas, countries and regions". The Chair of the EWG proposed that the text "facilitate the multisectoral exchange and analysis of data" be used to replace "sharing of data" in Principle 9. The words "and analysis of data" were not displayed in the co-chair proposal on-screen. This missing text has been reinserted in the above proposal for Principle 9.

FOOTNOTES

Proposed text for footnote to be added to Paragraphs 85 and 95:

Unit of measurement (i.e., numerator): a metric that expresses the quantities of antimicrobial agents.

Indicator of AMU: a metric which combines a numerator with a denominator to contextualize the quantities of antimicrobials agents measured.