

Concept Note

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| <p>Title : SAARC Special Session on AMR</p> <p>Focal Point: Carolyn Benigno (FAO RAP); MJH Javed (SAARC Secretariat)</p> |
| <p>Background and justification:</p> <p>Use of antimicrobials in the livestock production industry for therapeutic, preventative, and growth promotion purposes across Asia is widespread. Weak or non-existent regulatory frameworks governing antimicrobial use, sub-optimal enforcement and compliance with existing guidelines, low levels of AMR awareness, and inadequate commitment to responsible antimicrobial stewardship are driving development of AMR. Regionally, AMR mitigation measures in the livestock production industry—from guidelines for prudent use of antimicrobials to monitoring antimicrobial usage (AMU) and enhancing AMR surveillance—lag behind the human health sector.</p> <p>Key challenges in addressing AMU in the livestock production industry of relevance in Asia include following aspects: 1) Sector-specific considerations; 2) Policy, regulatory environment, and harmonization of standards; and 3) Advocacy, awareness raising and compliance.</p> <p>In consideration of the complex and nuanced operating environment driving AMU and AMR in the livestock production industry in Asia, a multi-track approach is essential to promoting responsible AMU stewardship. During the SAARC CVO Meeting held in Kathmandu, Nepal FAO presented its regional initiatives on AMR control and the FAO regional project on AMR which aims to promote a more prudent use of antimicrobial in the livestock production industry in Asia leading to minimizing the likelihood of AMR development and spread.</p> <p>The SAARC CVO Meeting agreed to support the initiatives and agreed to convene a special session on AMR . As a follow up from the decision at the 3rd ASEAN National Focal Points in Veterinary Products (ANFPVP) 4-5 April 2016, in Ha Noi, Viet Nam, a special session on AMR and a meeting to finalize the ANFPVP Plan of Action will be convened in Singapore during the period 11 – 13 July 2016.</p> |
| <p>Objectives/Outcomes :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To brief the Meeting on the progress of the FAO Initiatives on AMR and other initiatives from other partners 2. To develop a SAARC Call For Action on SAARC Cooperation Activities for Antimicrobial Resistance 3. To discuss and develop a set of regional interventions to move/develop the National Action Plans on AMR |
| <p>Expected Outputs:</p> <p>SAARC statement on a call to action for SAARC cooperation on AMR Draft SAARC Plan on AMR</p> |
| <p>Key inputs/ Main Activities:</p> <p>Presentations on progress of AMR initiatives from Country, FAO and partners Workshop to develop regional interventions to move/develop the National Action Plans on AMR Finalize the Call for Action on SAARC Cooperation Activities for AMR Discussion on Challenges and way forward</p> |
| <p>Timing/duration and Location: 10-11 October 2016, Thailand</p> |



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Expected number of participants/participant type:

FAO/USAID Project funded:

2 representatives SAARC member states : Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, SriLanka

[one participant should be an APHCA delegate/CVO and second participant should be working on AMU/AMR]

SAARC Secretariat/office (1-2)

FAO RAP (6)

Self funded:

OIE SRR/AP (1 each)

*** SAARC Member Country participants will proceed to attend the APHCA Session and Workshop on AMU/AMR Policy from 12-14 October 2016**

SAARC Special Session on AMR
10 – 11 October 2016
Thailand
TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

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| <p>SUNDAY, 9 October 2016</p> <p>ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS OF THE WORKSHOP</p> |
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| <p>MONDAY, 10 October 2016</p> <p>DAY 1</p> | |
| 0900 - 0930 | Registration (30') |
| OPENING SESSION | |
| 0930 - 1000 | Remarks by the SAARC Secretariat (10') Remarks by SAARC CVO Chair (10') Opening and welcoming Remarks by the FAO (10') |
| 1000 - 1030 | Photo Session and Coffee break |
| 1030 - 1045 | Agenda 1: Adoption of the Agenda (15') |
| 1045 - 1100 | Agenda 2: Background and Objectives (15') |
| 1100 - 1115 | Agenda 3: Initiatives to address the AMR issue in the region (FAO Presentation) (15') |
| 1115 - 1130 | Agenda 4: AMR Activities and other relevant initiatives by : - OIE - Others |
| 1130 - 1230 | <i>Agenda 5: Country activities and initiatives on AMR</i> |
| 12.30 – 1330 | Lunch Break (90') |
| 1330 - 1500 | Agenda 6: Workshop to identify regional interventions to move/develop NAPs on AMR |



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| 1500 - 1530 | Coffee Break (15') |
| 1530 - 1630 | Agenda 6: Workshop to identify regional interventions to move/develop NAPs on AMR (continuation) |
| End of Day 1 | |

| TUESDAY, 11 October 2016 DAY 2 | |
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| 09.00-09.15 | Update and progress of day 1 |
| 09.15 – 10.15 | Agenda 6: Presentation of the Regional Action Plan for AMU/AMR (60') |
| 10.15 – 10.45 | Coffee Break (30') |
| 10.45 – 12.00 | Agenda 7: Development, discussion and agreement on the draft Call for SAARC cooperation activities on AMR control (75') |
| 12.00 – 1230 | Way Forward and closing |
| 1230 - 1330 | Lunch |
| 1330 - 1400 | Meeting with SAARC Secretariat [parallel APHCA Executive Meeting] |