Fifth Meeting Report of the Quadripartite Technical Group on Antimicrobial Resistance and Use Integrated Surveillance (QTG-AIS)

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30 November 2023, 14.30-17.00 CEST

MEETING REPORT

Co-Chair:	Co-Chair:
Prof Sabiha Essack	**Prof Jaap Wagenaar**

QTG-AIS member participants: *Prof Sabiha Essack, Prof Jaap Wagenaar, Dr Marquita Gittens-St. Hilaire, Dr Damien Bouchard, Dr Oluwawemimo Adebowale, Prof David Graham, Prof Amy Pruden, Prof Yong-Guan Zhu, Dr Philip Taylor, Dr Patrick McDermott, Prof John Berezowski, Dr Biyun Ching, Prof Heike Schmitt, Prof Teresa Estrada Garcia, Dr Rajesh Bhatia, Prof Laurence Armand-Lefevre, Dr Mashkoor Mohsin, Dr Rosa Perán i Sala, Dr Arshnee Moodley, Dr John Stelling, Dr Carolee Carson, Prof Dariusz Wasyl, Prof Rungtip Chuanchuen*

QTG member apologies: *Dr Xianzhi Li, Prof Katharina Stärk, Prof Rene Hendriksen, Dr Muna Abu Sin*

Relevant staff from the Quadripartite Joint Secretariat on AMR (QJS): *Dr Chinyere Okoro, Dr Chiara Achangwa, Ms Afeke Kambui, Ms Myfanwy Hernandez.*

Quadripartite AMR and AMU Integrated Surveillance Core Group (Core Group; made up of AMU and AMR surveillance focal points from the four organizations): *Dr Francesca Latronico (FAO), Ms Norma Hurif (FAO), Dr Jorge Matheu (WHO), Dr Sergey Eremin (WHO), Dr Arno Muller (WHO), Dr Holy Akwar (WAOH), Dr Ana Luisa Mateus (WOAH).*

Observers:

Process of the meeting: The fifth official meeting of the Quadripartite Technical Group on Integrated Surveillance (QTG-AIS) was held virtually on 30 November 2023 and co-chaired by Professors Jaap Wagenaar and Sabiha Essack. The primary purposes of the meeting were to present updates on the drafting process of the Guide on Integrated Surveillance ('the Guide') and discuss feedback and inputs collected from QTG-AIS and the Quadripartite surveillance focal points supporting the QTG-AIS in the Guide development process. The expected outcome of the meeting was to progress the development of the Guide and other priority outputs.

1. **Opening remarks and outline of the order of the day and update on the Guide development.** Prof Essack opened the meeting and outlined the order of the day. With support from the Secretariat, she presented updates and the steps undertaken in the development Guide. Prof Jaap Wagenaar proposed extending timeframes for returning inputs to documents as the Guide development progresses. To meet up with the United Nations High-Level Meeting on AMR (HLM) in 2024, Prof Wagenaar proposed focusing on selected priority outputs, such as a short policy brief highlighting integrated surveillance as a critical area of focus. Integrated surveillance is on the list of proposed commitments by the Global Leaders Group on AMR for the UNGA HLM 2024. The co-facilitators (Barbados and Malta) for the UNGA HLM have been appointed. This step will be followed by drafting the scope and modalities by January 2024, multi-stakeholder hearings, and intergovernmental negotiations by May 2024, all ahead of the UNGA HLM on AMR in September 2024. The inclusion of

key QTG-AIS outputs, such as the definition and indicators for integrated surveillance, will contribute to the content of the political declaration. The availability of such outputs/content from the work of the QTG-AIS within a reasonable time (January 2024) contributes to the content of the political declaration. The development of the Guide will continue, but Prof Wagenaar proposed a re-consideration of the previous deadlines within the considerations above.

2. **Discussion on the high-level feedback on revised sections:** Prof Essack led this session. At the fourth QTG-AIS meeting in August, members agreed and endorsed the Guide outline, and the development of sections was then assigned to the QTG-AIS working groups (WGs). The Integration Team, comprised of the QTG-AIS co-chairs, chairs of the working groups, and volunteer representatives from the working groups, provided oversight for this process. Evidence gathering, review, and synthesis; preparation of templates and matrices that informed input into the content for sections; and preparations of drafts were conducted within the WGs in collaboration with the secretariat. So far, two rounds of reviews have been completed for the drafts. Each review has been followed by a revision incorporating the feedback and input received into updated versions of the documents. High-level summaries from the second review prepared by the Secretariat were discussed. These discussions facilitated the progress of the draft.

3. **Resolving the resource matrix & parameters for stages of integrated surveillance (Breakout Group discussion):** This session was led by Prof Amy Pruden with secretariat support and was aimed at resolving the resource matrix & parameters for stages of integrated surveillance. Members worked in groups using a prepared set of questions to collect the required inputs via breakout rooms. The feedback and input from each group were fed back to the wider meeting and collated for use in the ongoing revision of the relevant sections of the Guide.

4. **Next steps**: The QTG-AIS, with approval as detailed in the Terms of Reference, can prepare relevant technical products for publication. A follow-up integration team meeting was scheduled for 7 and 8 December to develop content for the policy document based on priority outputs, fill in critical gaps in sections of the Guide, and agree on harmonized terminologies to further progress the guide.

5. **Closing of the meeting:** Prof Wagenaar and QJS thanked members, acknowledging and appreciating their input and time.