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



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25 and 26 January 2023, 12.30-14.30 CET on each day

### MEETING REPORT

**Co-Chair:**

**Prof Sabiha Essack**

**Co-Chair:**

**Prof Jaap Wagenaar**

**QTG-AIS member participants:** *Prof Sabiha Essack, Prof Jaap Wagenaar, Dr Marquita Gittens-St. Hilaire, Dr Damien Bouchard, Dr Oluwawemimo Adebawale, Prof Rene Hendrisken, Prof David Graham, Prof Amy Pruden, Prof Yong-Guan Zhu, Dr Carolee Carson, Dr Philip Taylor, Dr Patrick McDermott, Prof John Berezowski, Dr Biyun Ching, Prof Dariuz Wasyl, Prof Teresa Estrada Garcia, Prof Katharina Stärk, Prof Heike Schmitt, Dr Ros Perán i Sala, Dr Xianzhi Li, Dr Rajesh Bhatia, Dr Muna Abu Sin, Prof Laurence Armand-Lefevre, Dr Mashkoor Mohsin, Dr Arshnee Moodley, Prof Rungtip Chuanchuen, Prof Sam Kariuki, Dr John Stelling.*

**QTG member apologies:** *None*

**Relevant staff from the Quadripartite Joint Secretariat on AMR (QJS):** *Dr Haile Getahun, Dr Jean Pierre Nyemazi, Dr Chinyere Okoro*

**Quadripartite AMR and AMU Integrated Surveillance Core Group (Core Group; made up of AMU and AMR surveillance focal points from the four organizations):** *Dr Junxia Song (FAO), Dr Alejandro Dorado Garcia (FAO), Dr Francesca Latronico (FAO), Dr Jorge Matheu Alvarez (WHO), Dr Sergey Eremin (WHO), Dr Holy Akwar (WAOH), Dr Ana Luisa Mateus (WAOH), Dr Dante Mateo (WAOH)*

**Observers:** *Dr Suzanne Young (QJS/WHO)*

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**Process of the meeting:** The first official meeting of the Quadripartite Technical Group on Integrated Surveillance (QTG-AIS) was held virtually on 25 and 26 January 2023. The main purpose of the meeting was to initiate the development of the Action Plan for the Group. To begin developing the action plan, the QJS sought and received from the Technical Group members very rich input on priority activities, outputs, and key performance indicators, using the [TOR](#) of the Technical Group as a framework. The Action Plan will guide the work of the Group for the next two years.

- 1. Opening remarks and introduction of the Co-Chairs of the Quadripartite Technical Group on Integrated Surveillance.** Dr Getahun introduced the two co-chairs. He provided an overview of the QJS, highlighting its purpose of consolidating cooperation between FAO, UNEP, WHO, and WAOH, drawing on their core mandate and comparative advantages to address the needs of the global response against AMR. He also introduced the Quadripartite Strategic Framework for Collaboration on AMR, which reflects the joint work of the four organizations to advance a One Health response to AMR. Integrated surveillance of AMR and antimicrobial use (AMU) across all sectors is one of the key priority areas for the Quadripartite. The introductory remarks outlined the need and reason for this prioritization. Dr Getahun highlighted the high-level political interest in integrated surveillance in the [Global Leaders Group on AMR \(GLG\)](#), G7, G20, the recently-held [3<sup>rd</sup> High-level Ministerial Conference](#)



on AMR in Oman, and the upcoming United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) High-Level Meeting on AMR in 2024. Given these considerations, he reiterated the critical nature of the QTG-AIS mandate. He showed the alignment of the Quadripartite technical (QTG-AIS) and political actions (GLG taskforce) for integrated surveillance of AMR and AMU. The latter will emphasize high-level political advocacy for Quadripartite, G7, and G20 for integrated surveillance at country, regional and global levels. The QJS and the Quadripartite AMR/U Integrated Surveillance Core Group will help and facilitate the work of the QTG-AIS.

2. **Introduction of the members of the Quadripartite Technical Group on Integrated Surveillance:** Prof Jaap Wagenaar led this session. All members introduced themselves by name, affiliation, and made succinct submissions on what they would consider successes of the work of the Technical Group over the 2-3 years. That is, from a personal perspective, what they would like to have achieved as members of the QTG-AIS.
3. **Action Planning for the Technical Group:** Prof Sabiha Essack led this session. This session included an introduction to the mode of action planning, an outline of expected outcomes from the exercise, and a discussion on prioritized activities. The QJS had previously collated input from the members on priority activities, outputs, and key performance indicators, using the TOR as a framework. Members' inputs were consolidated and synthesized into five broad themes/subgroups aligned with the TOR. The focus of this session was to agree on a prioritized list of activities for the Action Plan. This prioritization was achieved by color-coding the activities as green or yellow. The green denotes a high level of consensus/convergence with the QJS, where most experts made similar recommendations regarding the activities. The yellow-coloured activities were the focus of discussion to reach a consensus on whether they should be included or excluded from the list of prioritized activities. In the next action planning stage, the activities will be consolidated into an Action Plan for the Technical Group with associated outputs and key performance indicators. The Technical Group discussed the proposed list, item by item, before reaching a consensus on the inclusion/exclusion of each listed activity. Action planning continued as described above on the second day of the meeting.
4. **Closing of the meeting:** The Co-Chairs and QJS thanked members, acknowledging and appreciating their time and input. The QJS will incorporate all inputs and discussion points into updated drafts. The QJS will coordinate members' contributions and input via email and on the group's SharePoint to reach a consensus on the prioritized activities.