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3 March 2023, 12.30-15.30 CET

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 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*

QTG member apologies: *Prof Sam Kariuki, Dr John Stelling, Prof Teresa Estrada Garcia (who did not receive meeting/joining links in time)*

Relevant staff from the Quadripartite Joint Secretariat on AMR (QJS): *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 Francesca Latronico (FAO), Ms Norma Sofisa Hurif (FAO), Dr Jorge Matheu Alvarez (WHO), Dr Sergey Eremin (WHO), Dr Arno Muller (WHO), Dr Holy Akwar (WAOH), Dr Ana Luisa Mateus (WOAH), Dr Dante Mateo (WOAH)*

Observers: *Dr Chantal Morel (QJS/WHO)*

Process of the meeting: The second official meeting of the Quadripartite Technical Group on Integrated Surveillance (QTG-AIS) was held virtually on 3 March 2023 and co-chaired by Professors Sabiha Essack and Jaap Wagenaar. The primary purposes of the meeting were to finalize and agree on the outputs and KPIs leading to a final two-year Action Plan and to introduce the operational arrangements and Ways of Working of the Technical Group.

- 1. Introduction of a QTG-AIS member, Dr Biyun Ching:** On QTG-AIS recommendation, Dr Ching, with expertise in AMR and microbial diagnostics in aquaculture from Singapore, was selected to join the QTG-AIS. She joins the Technical Group following the selection process stipulated in the [Terms of Reference](#).
- 2. Action Planning for the Technical Group: Finalization and agreement of the Outputs and KPIs:** Prof Wagenaar led an itemized overview of the outputs and key performance indicators (KPIs), previously reviewed by all members. Amendments were recommended and made to text and syntax. The activities listed under the Activity Group/Section labeled 'Economics of One Health-based Integrated



Surveillance' fall within the [mandate of the QTG on the Economics of AMR \(QTG-EA\)](#). To avoid duplication of efforts, this Activity Group/Section will be moved to the QTG-EA. Approval was sought and obtained for all the prioritized activities, outputs, and KPIs. The approved version of this Action Plan will be shared with members.

3. Introduction to the operational arrangements and Ways of Working; Agreement on Ways of Working: Prof Sabiha Essack led this session. A three-pronged approach was proposed.

- a. Firstly, the Technical Group will guide the implementation of each activity of the approved Action Plan. This will be done as the whole group or in subgroups, with subsequent approval by the whole group in the case of the latter.
- b. Secondly, the Technical Group will identify, provide, synthesize and analyze evidence where necessary.
- c. Thirdly, the Technical Group can also advise or recommend to the QJS to commission a study or commission people to undertake some of the work, where necessary.
- d. Finally, the technical Group will provide technical input and critique the outputs of the Action Plan while they are in progress but also in the final versions.

Noting members' time constraints, it was decided that members will indicate which four Activity Groups/Sections they would like to work on within the agreed Timelines, thus organizing into sub-working groups to deliver on each of the four Activity Groups/Sections. Based on their selections, each Activity Group/Section will be assigned a group of members and a chair who will unpack activities into tasks and subtasks. This will also involve assigning tasks and subtasks to the QTG-AIS, the QJS, or both. The unpacked activities and task assignments will be circulated to all members for review and input via email in the first instance.

The 3rd meeting of the QTG-AIS will be organized to finalize and approve task assignments and to begin the delivery of assigned tasks. Members also agreed that easy-to-achieve tasks could be done parallel to the task assignments process. The co-chairs will oversee the task assignments process. The QJS will provide secretariat support.

4. Closing of the meeting

The Co-chairs and QJS thanked members, acknowledging and appreciating their input and time to carry out this highly important and valuable work.