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6 June 2023, 12.30-15.30 CEST

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 Hendriksen, Prof David Graham, Prof Amy Pruden, Prof Yong-Guan Zhu, Dr Philip Taylor, Dr Patrick McDermott, Prof John Berezowski, Dr Biyun Ching, Prof Katharina Stärk, Prof Heike Schmitt, , Dr Xianzhi Li, Dr Rajesh Bhatia, Dr Muna Abu Sin, Prof Laurence Armand-Lefevre, Dr Mashkoor Mohsin, Dr Arshnee Moodley, Dr John Stelling*

QTG member apologies: *Dr Carolee Carson, Prof Dariusz Wasyl, Dr Rosa Perán i Sala, Prof Rungtip Chuanchuen*

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

Quadripartite AMR and AMU Integrated Surveillance Core Group (Core Group; made up of AMU and AMR surveillance focal points from the four organizations): *Dr Alejandro Dorado Garcia (FAO), Dr Francesca Latronico (FAO), Dr Holy Akwar (WAOH), Dr Ana Luisa Mateus (WOAH).*

Observers:

Process of the meeting: The third official meeting of the Quadripartite Technical Group on Integrated Surveillance (QTG-AIS) was held virtually on 6 June 2023 and co-chaired by Professors Sabiha Essack and Jaap Wagenaar. The primary purposes of the meeting were to review the roadmaps that emerged from unpacking activities contained within the four broad [Activity Groups](#) and introduce and then agree on priority outputs that emerged from the unpacking exercise. These will be included in the Quadripartite Guide on Integrated Surveillance with a defined scope in view of the United National General Assembly High-Level Meeting on AMR (UNGA HLM on AMR) in 2024.

- 1. Overview of Activity Group Roadmaps and their outcomes and outputs, including those in development:** Prof Essack led this session in which (co)chairs of the four Activity Groups presented an overview of the unpacking exercise for each group as described in paragraph #2 of [Section 3 of the Second QTG-AIS Meeting Report](#). Two rounds of meetings were held for each of the four Activity Groups. Group (co)chairs and one volunteer had oversight functions for all meetings. Steps/actions needed for each activity were delineated, tasks assigned, and steps to developing outputs mapped. A resultant [Roadmap](#) is available for each group.
- 2. Agreement on outcomes and outputs that are in development:** Prof Essack summarized key outcomes of the Activity Group's Roadmaps and the immediate actions for the groups has been shared with all members.
- 3. Overview of the commitments on the road to UNGA HLM on AMR in 2024:** On the backdrop of the recent high-level dialogues on AMR, Prof Essack briefly outlined key areas discussed in the recently



concluded Uppsala Dialogue Meeting on AMR which convened global experts and international organizations, including WHO. There were two main focuses: firstly, strengthening the narrative leading up to the UNGA HLM on AMR in 2024 so that it encompasses a common vision for all stakeholders; secondly, to make bolder and clear commitments in the political 2024 declaration which encompasses the area of work covered by the QTG-AIS. In this regard, Dr Nyemazi (QJS) further outlined the roadmap to UNGA HLM on AMR. Integrated surveillance as a critical area of focus for the Quadripartite and the GLG is being considered for inclusion in the political declaration. The appointment of the co-facilitators by the president of the UN General Assembly in the last quarter of 2023 will be a critical step for a successful HLM on AMR. 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 availability of outputs from the work of the QTG-AIS within a reasonable time (January 2024) is important in contributing to the content of the political declaration, as well as recommendations and targets for surveillance activities that countries and other stakeholders can commit to.

4. **Introduction and discussion of QTG-AIS Priority Outputs for 2023-2024:** Professor Wagenaar then introduced priority outputs that have been identified from each of the four working groups with timelines for delivering these outputs, given the roadmap to UNGA HLM on AMR. The timelines were discussed and agreed upon, modalities for achieving outlined steps were discussed, clarified, and agreed upon, and outputs delivery was assigned to the relevant groups. Members will work with the QJS consultant on evidence-gathering and synthesis for each of the outputs, formulating their requests carefully so that the required information is provided. The agreed priority outputs and timelines are available on the QTG-AIS SharePoint for reference. Outputs and guides will be developed as long-form technical documents, and working with communication units from the Quadripartite can extract/distill information tailored for different stakeholders, including policy- and decision-makers, and for the purposes of the political declaration.
5. **Agreement on ways of working for Priority Outputs delivery:** The Activity Groups 2-4 established for unpacking activities and developing roadmaps will be retained. An 'Integration Team' consisting of chairs/co-chairs of all the groups and the QTG-AIS co-chairs is formed as an immediate action to oversee the next steps and facilitate priority output development for the respective groups. The Integration Team will meet regularly and as required. A proposal for Activity Group 1 members to be integrated within Activity Groups 2-4, as the QJS work oversees the evidence-gathering and synthesis, was briefly discussed and will be followed up via email.
6. Dr Nyemazi (QJS) provided an update on 'Economics of One Health-based Integrated Surveillance,' which fall within the [mandate of the QTG on the Economics of AMR \(QTG-EA\)](#). The QTG-EA is currently focusing on the development of the AMR Investment Case. Following this, they will begin discussions on the costing of different interventions to address AMR, for which the Economics of One Health-based Integrated Surveillance will be addressed.
7. **Next steps:** The 4th meeting of the QTG-AIS is scheduled for September 2023.
8. **Closing of the meeting:** The Co-chairs and QJS thanked members, acknowledging and appreciating their input and time.