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## 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Steering Committee of the AMR Multi-Stakeholder Partnership Platform

Meeting report  
3 May 2024,  
14h-15h CET, virtual

### Summary of discussions

	Action	Responsible
1.	Draft CN for the side event to UNGA HLM on AMR	Coordinating Team
2.	Draft SOP for the governance processes with the Platform and its Action groups	Coordinating Team, Chair and Vice-Chair
3.	Continue discussions with Saudi Arabia on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Plenary Assembly back-to-back with the 4 <sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference	Coordinating Team
4.	Define the date for the next SC meeting	Coordinating Team

### Attending:

1. **Arshnee Moodley**, CGIAR Antimicrobial Resistance Hub Lead, AMR Team Leader, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)
2. **Michiel Peters**, AMR Industry Alliance Secretariat Representative
3. **Angela Schug**, One Health Advisor, GIZ acting as alternate of Tonny Brian Muthee, Health Specialist and Global Task Team Lead on AMR, World Bank
4. **Prof. Christine Middlemiss CB**, Chief Veterinary Officer, UK
5. **Klara Saville**, UK DEFRA
6. **Masika Sophie**, Global Health Policy Manager, World Federation for Animals
7. **Maria Helena Semedo**, FAO Deputy Director- General
8. **Thanawat Tiensin**, FAO Director, Animal Production and Health Division, Chief Veterinarian
9. **Jean-Philippe Dop**, WOAHP Deputy Director General
10. **Thomas Joseph**, WHO Responsible Officer, acting as alternate of Yukiko Nakatani, a.i. Assistant Director-General for AMR, WHO

### Observers:

11. **Barbara Mentré**, Antimicrobial Resistance, Human Nutrition Unit, Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE), EU Commission

### Coordinating Team:

12. Junxia Song, FAO Responsible Officer
13. Olafur Valsson, WOAHP Responsible Officer
14. Thomas Joseph, WHO Responsible Officer
15. Nelea Motriuc, Platform Coordinator

## **Agenda of the meeting:**

1. Update on the UNGA AG and release of the recommendations.
2. Platform's collaborative work: guiding principles on governance and decision-making. Consensus vs majority; participation vs endorsement.
3. 2nd Plenary Assembly – comparative analysis of locations and budgets
4. Date for the next SC meeting
5. AOB

## **Welcome and opening**

The Chair welcomed the Steering Committee (SC) members and expressed gratitude for their time and availability. The SC agreed upon the proposed agenda.

### **1. Update on the UNGA AG and release of the recommendations.**

- The members of the Steering Committee unanimously supported the work of the Action Group on UNGA and commended the successful release event, marking the inaugural activities of the Platform.
- Emphasizing the significance of maintaining momentum, members underscored the need to continue activities and focus on some of the key areas within the recommendations such as WASH and preventive measures.
- Recognition was given to the importance of promoting the Platform and its initiatives on various international platforms.
- Members highlighted the necessity of clearly defining the Platform's role and exploring avenues to harness the collective strength of the multi-sectoral network in global antimicrobial resistance (AMR) efforts.
- There is unanimous support among SC members for a proposed side event during the UNGA HLM in September, with interest expressed from the AMR Industry Alliance and UN Foundation, both being Platform members.
- WHO has confirmed a half-day slot during the WHO General Assembly to showcase the Platform and its Action Groups.

### **2. Guidance on collaborative work within the Platform**

- The diversity of members and stakeholders enriches the Platform but also poses challenges in achieving consensus due to varying perspectives.
- Ensuring transparency in governance processes and incorporating dissenting views is crucial.
- Action Groups are integral to the AMR Partnership Platform and do not operate independently; outcomes should be approved by the Steering Committee. When necessary, the SC may request clusters to review the outcomes of AGs prior to approval.
- In scenarios where a majority pathway is pursued, defining thresholds is necessary while ensuring wide support across clusters.
- Establishing clear rules and standard operating procedures (SOPs) for governance issues within the Platform is imperative.
- In addition, members of the SC suggested including a disclaimer or footnote in publications or joint pieces to indicate that not all organizations were able to sign the document. This is due to the challenges of coordinating a consensus across all members, countries, and clusters. The footnote could also express support in principle for the recommendations and the process of multi-stakeholder engagement.

### **3. Comparative analysis of locations and budgets for the 2nd Plenary**

- All Steering Committee members expressed support for hosting the 2nd Plenary Assembly alongside the 4th Ministerial Conference in Saudi Arabia, pending further details on planning and dates.
- It is essential to showcase the Platform's progress during the Plenary Assembly.
- Efforts should be made to facilitate the participation of members from low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).
- Commitment was expressed to have the next plenary assembly in a LMIC country to ensure rotation and equitable representation.

#### 4. AOB

- The coordinator updated the SC members on the critical financial situation of the MSPP, emphasizing the end of support from the European Commission and the potential financial gap after June 2024. The coordinator highlighted the need for sustainability and further support to ensure the smooth functioning of the Action Groups and the Platform.
- The coordinator mentioned that the Platform will submit a proposal for a support from the AMR MPTF as a contingency plan until additional funding is secured. However, this decision lies with the Quadripartite Joint Secretariat and the Steering Committee of the MPTF.
- The next meeting of the Steering Committee is to be planned in the first half of August.