



Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Multi-Stakeholder Partnership Platform

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Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) is one of the most pressing global health and development challenges of our time with its impact felt across sectors, including food security, economic development, animal and plant health and the environment. In 2021, bacterial AMR alone directly caused an estimated 1.14 million human deaths and was associated with 4.7 million deaths globally¹. Antibiotic use in the agrifood sector could increase by 29.5% from the 2019 levels, potentially reaching 142 481 tons by 2040². Without urgent action, AMR could reduce global life expectancy by 1.8 years within a decade and cause up to 39 million deaths by 2050³, disproportionately affecting low- and middle-income countries. Without robust action, global treatment costs and productivity losses could reach US\$ 412 billion and US\$ 443 billion, respectively, by 2035⁴. Cumulative global gross domestic product (GDP) losses in livestock production could reach US\$ 575 billion by 2050, with nearly US\$ 1 trillion in global welfare losses⁵.

Effectively addressing AMR requires sustained political leadership, strong governance systems, and regulatory frameworks, sustainable and predictable financing, and coordinated action across human, animal, agrifood, plant and environmental sectors under the One Health approach.

The upcoming 5th Global High-Level Ministerial Conference on AMR, taking place under the theme **“One Health: Advancing global AMR commitments through local action” on 28–30 June 2026** in Abuja, Nigeria, presents a critical opportunity to foster the translation of global and national commitments from the 2024 UNGA High-Level Meeting on AMR and the 4th Global High Level Ministerial Conference on AMR held in Jeddah into concrete, measurable actions to reduce the need for antimicrobials and ensure their prudent and responsible use by applying a One Health approach.

Leveraging on the high-level commitments

To deliver on this ambition, engagement with national parliaments is essential as they are responsible for enacting and strengthening AMR-related legislation, approving resources, and ensuring accountability.

The value of parliamentary engagement in supporting government effort to address AMR

- 1 Taking legislative leadership and supporting normative development:** Parliamentarians play a central role in shaping legal frameworks to address antimicrobial resistance (AMR) across sectors such as human health, agrifood, animal and plant health, and the environment. Through their legislative powers, they translate policy commitments into enforceable actions, ensuring accountability, coordination, and effective implementation.
- 2 Strengthening political leadership:** Members of Parliament are well positioned to support and reinforce political leadership on AMR. They can champion AMR as a national development priority and advocate for action both within legislative chambers and in the broader public discourse.

1 Global burden of bacterial antimicrobial resistance 1990–2021: a systematic analysis with forecasts to 2050 - The Lancet

2 The future of antibiotic use in livestock | Nature Communications

3 The Lancet: More than 39 million deaths from antibiotic-resistant infections estimated between now and 2050, suggests first global analysis | Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation

4 Estimating the return on investment from tackling antimicrobial resistance

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- 3 Mobilizing sustainable and predictable financing:** Parliamentarians play a key role in helping to ensure sustained AMR budget approval and resource allocation. Involving them in the national and global policy dialogue will enable them to better understand the complexities of the issue and advocate for a greater allocation of domestic resources for the NAPs implementation.
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- 4 Ensuring accountability for global and national commitments:** Parliaments have a critical role in supporting and establishing national accountability mechanisms to help monitor the implementation of the National Action Plans on AMR (NAPs-AMR) aligned with the updated Global Action Plan on AMR (GAP-AMR).
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- 5 Enabling whole-of-government and whole-of-society action:** Parliamentarians serve as a vital link between national policy and local realities. The 5th high-level Ministerial Conference emphasizes the need for translating global commitments into local action, particularly in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). Parliamentarians are well-placed to support cross-sectoral coordination under the One Health approach and help bring forward and amplify the voices of the communities they represent.

Our call to Ministers

In this regard, the undersigned organizations advocate Ministers of Health, Agriculture, Livestock, Environment) from all participating countries to:

- i. Include at least one actively engaged on AMR Member of Parliament in their national delegation to the 5th Global High-Level Ministerial Conference on AMR.
- ii. Facilitate parliamentarians' active participation in high-level discussions, dialogues, and side events to share national perspectives, success stories, but also discuss how to better support the NAPs implementation from the regulatory and legislative perspective
- iii. Commit to sustained parliamentary engagement in the national AMR governance to support policy, legislative and regulatory development and political leadership to continuously advocate for a funded AMR action at national level across sectors.
- iv. Ensure participating parliamentarians report back to relevant parliamentary committees and contribute to oversight of NAP implementation.
- v. Work with parliaments to secure predictable and sustainable domestic financing, while leveraging international partnerships.

The inclusion of parliamentarians in national delegations attending the 5th high-level Ministerial Conference will enhance political ownership, strengthen regulatory frameworks and accountability mechanisms, and accelerate coordinated multi-sectoral action and progress in the fight against AMR.

We urge all the Member States to seize this opportunity to foster stronger collaboration between ministries and national parliaments to champion the fight against AMR through a truly whole –of –government and the whole-of – society approach across sectors to reduce the global impact of AMR.

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