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## QUADRIPARTITE WORKING GROUP ON YOUTH ENGAGEMENT FOR AMR



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# Youth priorities leading up to and during the UN General Assembly High-Level Meeting on AMR

The Quadripartite Working Group on Youth Engagement for Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) launched a [Youth Manifesto](#) for the [United Nations General Assembly \(UNGA\) High Level-Meeting on AMR](#), which took place on 26 September 2024. The UNGA convened a [High-Level Meeting on AMR](#) for the second time during its 79th session (UNGA 79) in New York in September 2024. The meeting in September was an important opportunity for world leaders to collectively address the looming threat AMR poses to global health, food security, and achieving the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

Leading up to the UNGA High Level Meeting on AMR, the members of the Working Group socialized the [Youth Manifesto](#) on the sidelines. Two members were invited to participate in the event titled “UNGA 2024 High-level Meeting on AMR and Beyond: Bringing the voices and perspectives of the Low-and middle-income countries”, organized by the Quadripartite Joint Secretariat on AMR and the International Centre for Antimicrobial Resistance Solutions (ICARS), held on 25 September 2024 in New York.

## Youth Manifesto for the United Nations General Assembly High-level Meeting on Antimicrobial Resistance, 2024



This event aimed to amplify the voices and perspectives of low- and middle-income countries and vulnerable communities most impacted by AMR. Two members of the Working Group Audrey Wong and Augusto Baron emphasized the importance of youth in the implementation of the multisectoral National Action Plans on AMR as a follow-up to the final political declaration.

In the final declaration, youth were identified as a critical stakeholder in the design, implementation, and review of national action plans on AMR, so that policies, programs and plans better respond to their needs. Youth were also mentioned regarding equitable and timely access to quality essential health-care services and safe, effective, quality, affordable essential medicines, including antimicrobials, and vaccines, diagnostics, therapeutics, and other health products, while respecting and promoting human rights, gender equality, sociocultural factors, and the dignity of the person and principles of equality. Integrating AMR modules in primary, secondary and tertiary education and training curricula was also identified as critical through systematic public, private, stakeholder and community engagement. The final declaration can be found [here](#).

# Second annual meeting of the working group held in Nairobi, Kenya

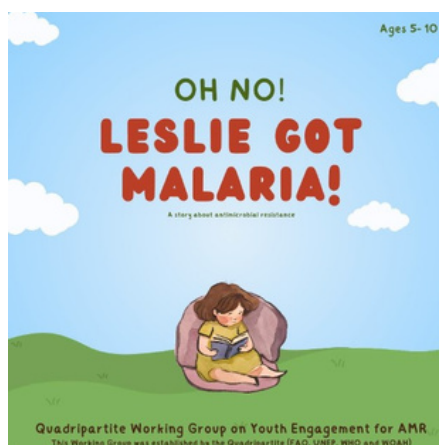
During a 2-year term, 14 members of the working group will guide the Quadripartite's work in sensitizing and co-opting **young people into global action against AMR**. The second annual meeting of the working group was held at **UNEP headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya**, on 19–20 September 2024. Of the 14 members, 13 were able to attend the meeting, representing wide sectoral, gender and geographical representation due to the competitive selection conducted in 2023. In the past year, it was celebrated that they have achieved the following:



**Objective 1:** to increase the visibility of the engagement of young people in global action against AMR and to inspire higher-level stakeholders to acknowledge and support the role of young people in such action:

supported the event, Strengthening Youth Engagement in tackling AMR held on 29 May 2024, Youth Manifesto for UN General Assembly High-level Meeting on AMR 2024 held on 14 May 2024 and several others organized by the Working Group, with support from the Quadripartite;

**Objective 2:** to strategize and invest in activities to raise awareness about AMR and build capacity in wider constituencies and other organizations of young people:



- developed the “Oh no! Leslie got malaria” book for children aged 5–10 years. The book, which illustrates drug resistance through a story, is now available in Arabic, Bangla, English, Nepali, Romanian and Spanish; a French translation is under way. A supplementary teacher support pack is being developed;
- represented youth perspectives in three key WAAW 2023 events, including “Why do youth voices matter when fighting AMR”, a Global Youth Dialogue with the Prime Minister Mia Amor Mottley of Barbados and the Global AMR Youth Summit.

**Objective 3:** to actively contact more young people in order to amplify messages about AMR and advance the advocacy priorities of the working group:

- held a consultation with young people to confirm their priorities for advocacy before the UN General Assembly high-level meeting in 2024;
- wrote the **Youth Manifesto** (see above) based on the consultations and launched it on the sidelines of the multi-stakeholder hearing in May 2024;
- supported participation of working group members at the World Health Assembly and the UN General Assembly High-level Meeting on AMR, including speaking at side events.

Now moving forward, the following plans are underway:

**Objective 1:** Visibility. To increase the visibility of the engagement of young people in global action against AMR and to inspire higher-level stakeholders to acknowledge and support the role of young people in such action.

**Objective 2:** Awareness-raising. To strategize and invest in activities to raise awareness about AMR and build capacity in wider constituencies and other organizations of young people.

**Objective 3:** Knowledge generation. To generate knowledge, particularly on youth priorities in the AMR response, and the impact of existing youth-led initiatives.

**Objective 4:** Strategic communication. To communicate strategically to ensure young people are informed and motivated to engage in activities in the AMR response.



The following activities have been agreed by the YWG, for example:

#### **World AMR Awareness Week 2024**

- Release and promote a joint video before the WAAW to raise awareness about AMR.
- Showcase their achievements of the past year by creating an infographic to be released during WAAW.

- Organize a webinar to present what has been done and to consult more widely with youth-led and youth-serving networks on possible collaboration.
- Release a survey for youth to identify existing youth-led initiatives on AMR, which could be used in a peer-reviewed paper written by the Youth Working Group.

### **Additional activities**

#### **Outreach and capacity-building**

- Map and categorize stakeholders, including civil society, professional organizations and government departments for youth.
- Map events and activities for youth engagement in AMR, and promote them widely, including for WAAW.
- Develop webinars to encourage Quadripartite regional offices to discuss their engagement in national action plans and to facilitate connections between youth and national authorities.
- Organize a regional capacity-building workshop for youth engagement in national action plans, to be adapted to different settings.
- Create opportunities for youth leadership and mentorship, and catalyse innovation among youth, including prizes and seed grants.



### Social media-related activities

- Develop a youth-led social media campaign (named “AMRite”) to raise awareness about AMR among youth by promoting youth-friendly assets.
- Develop social media assets, particularly for the global high-level ministerial meeting on AMR to be held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, in November 2024.

### Communication activities

1. Map events and activities for youth to engage in AMR, and promote them widely, including for WAAW.
2. Develop a quarterly newsletter to share opportunities for youth to engage in the work of the Youth Working Group and provide a platform for communication.
3. Choose key points from the declaration of the UN General Assembly High-level Meeting on AMR to use in future materials, including a youth-led campaign.
4. Facilitate storytelling by youth by collecting testimonials about AMR and promoting them in webinars, for example.

### Research and materials

1. Draft a commentary about the recent High-level Meeting through the lens of the youth manifesto.
2. Develop a package of materials for youth-led advocacy, which could include:
  - various aspects of AMR advocacy (e.g. economic implications);
  - a publication on strategies for youth engagement in national action plans, in collaboration with the Quadripartite, which could include stories on getting involved and replicating good practices (such as youth councils or committees); and
  - a call to action for policy-makers to engage youth in national action plans.

Throughout the meeting, the Youth Working Group organized team-building activities. In addition, the Working Group led on the filming of a video ‘Save Lives: Prevent Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)’.

Read the full meeting report [here](#).



## For more information on the working group:



<https://www.qjsamr.org/technical-work/working-group-on-youth-engagement>



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