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Fourth Global High-level Ministerial Conference on AMR and Awards Ceremony

Members of the Quadripartite Working Group on Youth Engagement for AMR had the privilege of attending and speaking at the 4th Global High-level Ministerial Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, on 15-16 November 2024. They also led a global social media campaign that showcased youth perspectives and AMR-related messages from affected individuals.

Youth members, Marina Ungurenci, Nahashon King'ori Gicheru and Randa Ahmad Ali, introduced the members' video "Save Lives: Prevent Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)" which shows the issue faced, the role which young people play in addressing this global threat and the actions that should be taken. They also described past and upcoming events on the agenda of the working group to achieve the shared goal. Member Tanushree Jain also participated in the interactive "World Café" session, in which attendees proposed concrete solutions and identified indicators of success, challenges and stakeholders for implementation.

In conversation with the high-level participants, they highlighted the importance of continuous engagement of youth in advocacy, decision-making and actions to address AMR adequately. The Working Group, the WHO Taskforce of AMR Survivors and the Global AMR Media Alliance received the "AMR One Health Emerging Leaders & Outstanding Talents Award" from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for their exceptional work.

Watch "Save Lives: Prevent Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)" on YouTube [here](#)



World AMR Awareness Week (WAAW) 2024 and Go Blue Campaign

The Working Group began the annual World AMR Awareness Week (WAAW) 2024 by creating a [Youth WAAW events Database](#) for the second year in a row and joining the Go Blue Campaign.



Working group member, Michael Mosha, of the Roll Back AMR Initiative promoted the Go Blue Campaign in United Republic of Tanzania, which attracted the support of not only members of his organization but numerous individuals, schools and communities in his hometown. Not only did he encourage his friends, colleagues and communities in his home town. He encouraged his friends, colleagues and community to “go blue for AMR,” and described the roles they played in spreading information about the crisis of AMR. By wearing a vibrant blue colour and using blue light bulbs, the youth of the country were visible for AMR!

During WAAW, Mr. Mosha visited schools to gain the support of young people. The Roll Back AMR Initiative also hosted talks about AMR and the work being done worldwide. The chair of the Youth Working Group and World Medical Association’s Junior Doctors Network (JDN), Pablo Estrella Porter, led collaborations between international health related organizations in a social media campaign on behavioural change in the use of antimicrobials for health professionals.

Access JDN Social Media Campaign [here](#)



WAAW Virtual Consultation for Youth

Another WAAW initiative was a virtual consultation, **“Your voice, Your impact: A Global Youth Consultation on AMR”** held on November 22nd, 2024, in keeping with the theme of the 2024 WAAW, “Educate. Advocate. Act Now.”

Having completed its first year successfully, the working group set more ambitious goals for the second year of their term. The priority include enhancing engagement with youth during WAAW via online platforms, bringing together young individuals in diverse fields to engage with the working group, contributing to future projects and sharing their ideas for increasing youth involvement in the AMR response. The event attracted 185 participants around the world, who discussed opportunities for education and advocacy. Participants proposed creation of an AMR youth policy paper, increasing training in veterinary and medical programmes and forming grassroots clubs to strengthen community AMR responses.

The working group highlighted the achievements over the past year of youth and stakeholders involved or interested in addressing AMR. They also presented a synopsis of the United Nations General Assembly High-level Meeting on AMR 2024 and the 4th Global High-level Ministerial Conference on AMR.

The consultation also promoted all available materials and resources to the public to broaden their knowledge on AMR. It gave people the opportunity to amplify youth voices to strengthen the collaborative response in AMR, thus creating an even greater, more powerful impact.



Access the recording [here](#) Password: H&Tw1H8%.

Launch of the Quadripartite Youth Engagement Toolkit for AMR

After months of collaboration, the Quadripartite proudly launched the “Antimicrobial Resistance Toolkit for Youth Engagement” on 4 December 2024 in a webinar, “Launch of a Quadripartite toolkit: Engaging young people meaningfully for greater reach and impact in AMR”. The event was moderated by Pablo Estrella Porter, chair of the Working Group, with members of the working group Jessica Mitchell, Randa Bazzi and Nahashon Gicheru.

The launch included an introduction to promote the toolkit by Mimi Melles-Brewer of WHO and a panel discussion on strategies and lessons for engaging young people meaningfully for greater reach and impact on AMR, with highlights of the youth manifesto, the United Nations General Assembly High-level Meeting on AMR and WAAW 2024 by Lucia Escati of the World Organisation for Animal Health



Access the Antimicrobial Resistance Toolkit for Youth Engagement [here](#)

The Quadripartite foresees youth serving as a catalyst for multi-sectoral action to ensure a One Health response to AMR and, by launching the toolkit, to equip youth-led networks and youth-serving organizations with the resources to engage young people in AMR communication, education and campaigning for awareness-raising, advocacy and behaviour change.

The practical, hands-on resource pack contains 11 tools to empower youth with tailored templates, worksheets and relatable case studies to inspire action. It is currently available in three languages: English, French and Spanish.

Access the Antimicrobial Resistance Toolkit for Youth Engagement [here](#)

Global AMR Youth Summit

The annual Global AMR Youth Summit took place virtually on 27–29 November 2024. The event is organized by five youth-led international organizations, the International Pharmaceutical Students Federation, the International Veterinary Students Association, the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations, the International Association of students in Agriculture and related Sciences and the International Association of Dental Students. This event acknowledges the importance of One Health and collaboration among workers in pharmacy, medicine, dentistry, veterinary practice and agriculture.

These youth-led organizations promoted overlapping of different careers and knowledge to lead actions on AMR meaningfully. With the participation of over 600 students and recent graduates, the event strengthened youth-led advocacy for AMR and encouraged youth worldwide to take a stand and use their voices to make changes.



The objectives achieved during the event were:

- Increased youth engagement and participation in raising awareness about;
- Education of future professionals on the current status on AMR; and
- Strengthened cross-sectoral partnership to promote the One Health approach to combat AMR



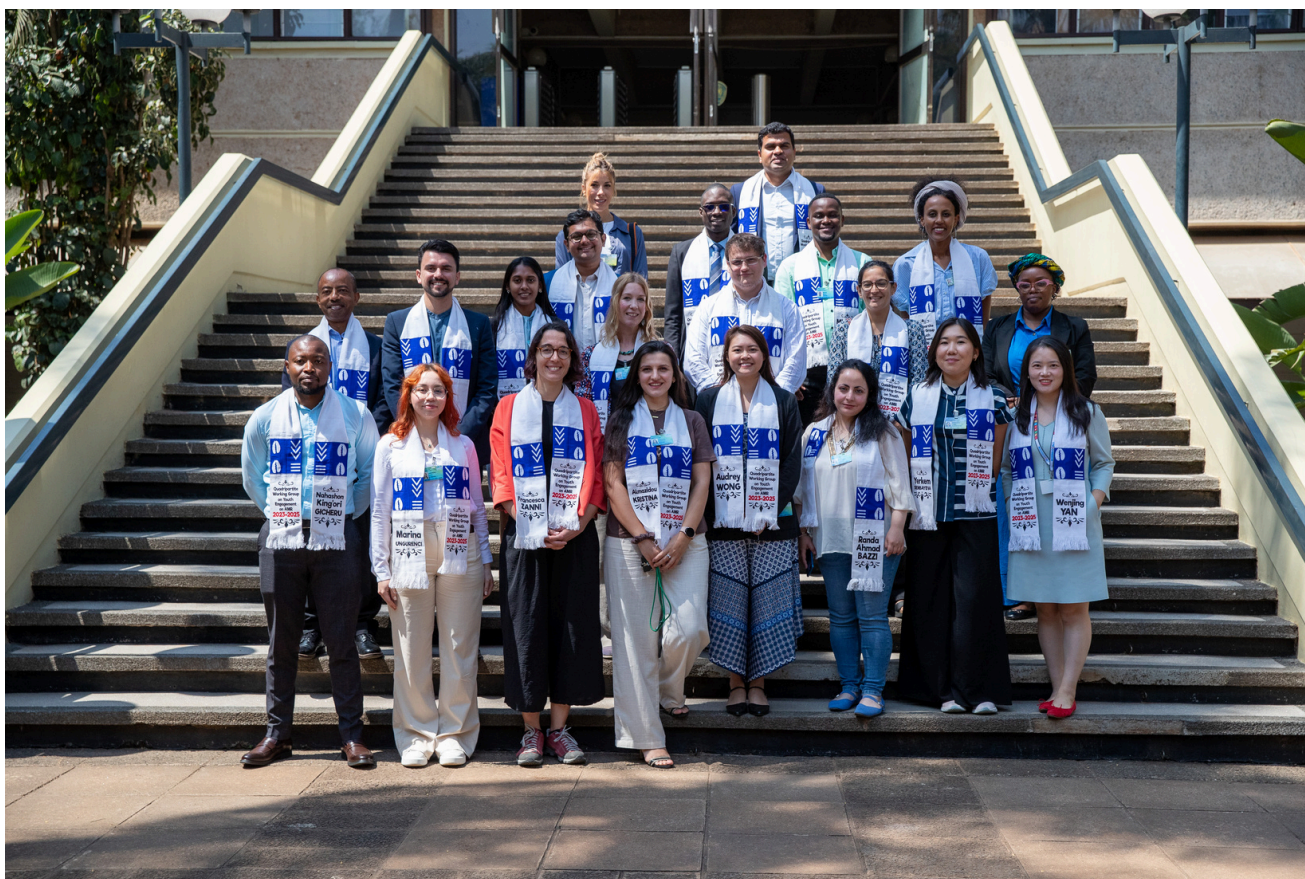
United Nations Environment Programme features Youth Engagement in AMR

On 25 November 2024, the United Nations Environmental Programme published an article, “How youth engagement can curb deadly impacts of antimicrobial resistance”, describing the work of young people and the essential role of youth engagement in combatting AMR from the environmental perspective. A member of the Working Group, Karina Khatic, described her experience in the veterinary profession and the issues faced in the Caribbean that contribute to the global AMR crisis.

The article describes the basis of the working group and the work done since 2023. Ms Khatic also promoted the importance of youth engagement and described how their work enhances actions against AMR.

A key message from the interview with the youth working group member was, ***“Young people have so many creative ideas. With more eyes, ears and minds to drive change, we just need to listen to see how best we can act. We have the power and resources to help combat AMR. Why should we live in fear?”***

Read the article [here](#)



Upcoming Activities

The Quadripartite Working Group on Youth Engagement for AMR completed several activities and tasks over the past year. The 14 members have ambitious plans for their second year, which include:

- A paper on a call to action based on the [Youth Manifesto](#);
- Research on AMR to describe the priorities of youth advocacy;
- A youth-led social media campaign to be launched in the first quarter of 2025;
- Continuation and addition of storybooks to the published “Leslie got Malaria!”; and
- A youth leadership and mentorship programme.

Stay tuned to see all that the working group accomplishes in 2025!





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