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Youth Manifesto for UN General Assembly High-Level Meeting on Antimicrobial Resistance launched in New York, on 14 May 2024

The Quadripartite Working Group on Youth Engagement for Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) launched a [Youth Manifesto](#) for the upcoming United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) High Level-Meeting on AMR, taking place on 26 September 2024. The launch took place at a hybrid event held at the WHO's UN Office in New York. It was launched just one day before the multi-stakeholder hearing on AMR organized by the President of the General Assembly.

The Youth Manifesto calls for meaningful youth engagement in policy, advocacy and programme implementation, capacity-building initiatives and mentorship programmes. It aims to enable youth-led action against AMR, including through involving youth in co-creating strategic plans on AMR



and supporting youth networks to use the AMR-related information provided by the Quadripartite organizations for producing educational materials and building the capacity of young people.

There was participation from the permanent representations of both co-facilitators of HLM- Barbados and Malta. H.E. François Jackman, Permanent Representative of Barbados to the UN and Adam Kuymizakis, Deputy Permanent Representative of Malta to the UN, stayed for the whole duration of the launch meeting, to hear the young people speak on issues that affect them. H.E. Jackman remarked that *“the Youth Manifesto is a useful and practical tool for the co-facilitators and everyone else to see what the concerns of youth are. Young people should use this and advocate with the policymakers back home, your friends and networks, so that the negotiators are given right instructions by their countries, based on thorough understanding of the issue.”*

Audrey Wong, Chair of the Quadripartite Working Group on Youth Engagement for Antimicrobial Resistance, introduced the youth manifesto and explained the process of putting it together. She acknowledged the contributions of over 90 youth champions who gave feedback through virtual consultations and the online tool for feedback. The working group strived to ensure that the manifesto reflected a diversity of youth voices, and the process was designed to be as democratic as possible. It was followed by a panel discussion with the following participants:

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- Rhema Hooper Student representative, College of Health, Lehigh University
- Nahashon Gicheru Member, Quadripartite working group on youth engagement for AMR (online)
- Salman Khan Member, Quadripartite working group on youth engagement for AMR (online)
- Mayowa Sodiq Akinpelu Chair, African Youth AMR Alliance Task Force (online)

The meeting was opened by Javier Yugueros Marcos (Head of the Antimicrobial Resistance and Veterinary Products Department, World Organisation for Animal Health, WOAH) and closed by Mara Angelica Murillo

Correa (UNEP), who both appreciated the energy and understanding of the young people about the global AMR agenda. 27 participants joined in-person and 72 online. The event was also reported widely in the media through the support of the Global AMR Media Alliance.

Side event at World Health Assembly, on 29 May 2024, to popularize Youth Manifesto for UN General Assembly High-Level Meeting on AMR

The Quadripartite Working Group on Youth Engagement for AMR organized a side event to popularize the Youth Manifesto for UNGA HLM on AMR 2024, launched on 14 May 2024, on the sidelines of the Multistakeholder hearing on AMR. JP Nyemazi (Director a.i, Global Coordination & Partnership Department of WHO) opened the meeting by outlining the importance of young people being a part of the high-level meetings on AMR. He also highlighted the expectations from the high-level meetings, and how youth voices can drive the agenda in national capitals and international platforms.



Audrey Wong, Chair of the Quadripartite Working Group on Youth Engagement for AMR, introduced the Youth Manifesto. She presented the consultative process by which the manifesto was framed, mentioning that over 90 youth leaders were allowed to give inputs to the document. Audrey also mentioned the 4 priority areas of the manifesto- advocacy & engagement, education & capacity building, patient care and addressing AMR with a One Health approach.

There was a panel discussion on strategies to mobilize youth for AMR awareness and advocacy with the following members:

- Pablo Estrella Porter, Member of the Quadripartite working group on youth engagement for AMR (online)
- Randa Bazzi, Member of the Quadripartite working group on youth engagement for AMR (online)
- Katja Cic, Member of WHO Youth Council
- Cheryl Stroud, Executive Director of One Health Commission (online)

The Q&A session was lively, with several participants asking questions to the panelists on expanding youth mobilization on AMR issues and opportunities for partnering with the working group. The meeting was closed by Salman Khan Member, Quadripartite working group on youth engagement for AMR. There were 23 participants in-person and 41 online. The meeting was followed by a reception organized by WHO.

Working group develops an illustrated storybook on AMR for World Malaria Day 2024



The Quadripartite Working Group on Youth Engagement for AMR produced an illustrated storybook on AMR for World Malaria Day 2024 (April 25).

The storybook is meant for children aged between 5 and 10, and follows the story of a young girl (Leslie) who contracts a drug-resistant malaria infection. The story progresses through the conversation between Leslie and her father, Bruno. AMR and appropriate use of medicines are explained in simple language in the story.

The work on the storybook was led by Augusto Baron Cruz, member of the Quadripartite Working Group on Youth Engagement for AMR. The storybook was pilot-tested with a group of school children in Honduras; and efforts are underway to translate the storybook into several other languages, including Spanish and Arabic. Augusto also organized [a webinar](#) with One Health Alliance Jordan and discussed the storybook. [Click here](#) to download an English version of the storybook.

Participation of youth as observers at the STAG-AMR meeting

For the first time, a representative of young people was an observer at the [Strategic and Technical Advisory Group for Antimicrobial resistance \(STAG-AMR\)](#) meeting of WHO, organized between 11-13 June. 2024. STAG-AMR is the principal advisory group to the

World Health Organization (WHO) on antimicrobial resistance. The STAG-AMR has the mandate to provide advice to the WHO Director-General and the AMR Division on overall global policies and strategies to address AMR within the context of human health, while considering relevant World Health Assembly (WHA) resolutions and decisions. Nahashon Gicheru, member of the Quadripartite Working Group on Youth Engagement for AMR, was selected for the role.

Youth representation at the Multistakeholder Hearing on AMR

Augusto Baron Cruz, member of the Quadripartite Working Group on Youth Engagement for AMR, represented young people of the world and spoke at the closing session of the [Multistakeholder hearing on AMR, organized by the Office of the President of UN General Assembly](#) on 15 May 2024, at the UN Headquarters in New York. He outlined the mandate and activities



of the Quadripartite Working Group on Youth Engagement for AMR, and said that “*Youth, as drivers of innovation, action and influence, will need the support of the global policy community to ensure that they have access to resources and decision-making where the shared future of our world is discussed. These opportunities for intergenerational exchange of perspectives and capacities will allow for mutual empowerment and help us move forward*”. He also highlighted some key asks from the Youth Manifesto published by the Working Group. Audrey Wong, Chair of the working group, also participated at the event. Audrey and Augusto also met several organizations who are interested in supporting youth engagement on AMR issues.

Youth representation at the WHO Director General’s strategic roundtable on AMR during World Health Assembly



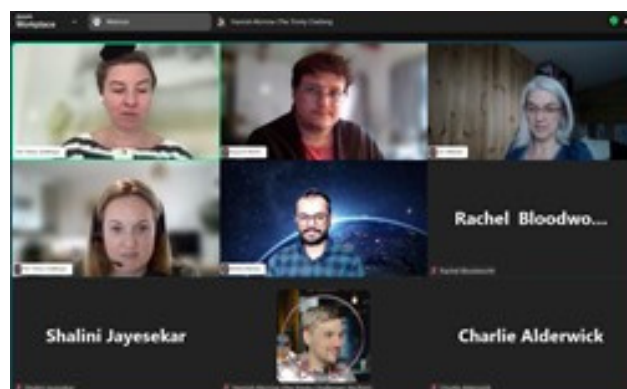
Audrey Wong, Chair, Quadripartite Working Group on Youth Engagement for AMR, was a speaker at the [strategic roundtable on AMR organized by the Director General of WHO](#) during the 77th World Health Assembly. The roundtable focused on how Member States can build on human health discussions and accelerate the global response to AMR.

Several Member State delegations, including Ministers of Health, attended the event, which provided a forum for dialogue on specific priorities outlined in the WHO's strategic and operational priorities to address drug-resistant bacterial infections. Audrey highlighted the recommendations of the Youth Manifesto for the UN General Assembly High Level Meeting on AMR, and remarked that "The youth have been proactive in addressing AMR, driving community engagement to raise awareness, change behaviors, and inspire innovations. The future we seek to protect is rapidly approaching, and tomorrow's leaders are already here - today. This is time to invest in bringing us all together to act against this looming threat"

The other speakers at the high-level event included H.E. Mia Amor Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados, Chair of Global Leaders Group on AMR, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General, Professor Dame Sally Davies, Special Envoy on AMR for the United Kingdom, Global Leaders Group on AMR member and H.E. Dr Jean Kaseya, Director-General, Africa CDC.

Participation as facilitators at the Youth Summit on AMR, hosted by The Trinity Challenge

Several members of the Quadripartite Working Group on Youth Engagement for AMR participated as facilitators during the [Trinity Challenge's](#) Youth Summit on AMR, which was held online on 27 June and 02 July. It had more than 140 youth leaders from across the world come together to learn about campaigning and design



Facilitators were involved in coordinating groups of participants with a diversity of backgrounds and led the conversation and brainstorming. The facilitators also helped shape the campaign ideas, with their understanding and experience of the AMR landscape. The Quadripartite Working Group on Youth Engagement for AMR members that participated include Augusto Barón Cruz, Ezechiel Prosper Noali, Nahashon Gicheru, Randa Bazzi, and Karina Khatic. The Trinity Challenge is also organizing a [Youth Voice contest](#) and it offers multiple teams up to £7,500 in seed funding to adapt, plan and deliver an innovative AMR awareness campaign in their region.



For more information on the working group:



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