Report of the Third Meeting (via Teleconference) of the Interagency Coordination Group on Antimicrobial Resistance

BACKGROUND

In UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/71/3, Member States requested “the Secretary-General to establish, in consultation with WHO, FAO and OIE, an ad hoc interagency coordination group, co-chaired by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General and WHO, drawing, where necessary, on expertise from relevant stakeholders, to provide practical guidance for approaches needed to ensure sustained effective global action to address AMR”.

In response to this request, the Secretary-General convened a group of 28 organizations (note that UNITAID was added by the Secretary-General after the first meeting) and experts to carry out this work on his behalf. This Ad Hoc Interagency Coordination Group on Antimicrobial Resistance (the IACG) is co-chaired by the Deputy Secretary-General and the WHO Director-General. At the request of the Secretary-General, the tripartite Secretariat of FAO, OIE and WHO is hosted in Geneva. The IACG’s work is directed by three conveners, Dr Junshi Chen, Dame Sally Davies, and Ms Martha Lutterodt.

More information about the IACG, including records of all previous meetings, is available at www.who.int/antimicrobial-resistance/interagency-coordination-group/en/.

ORGANIZATION AND PROCESS OF THE MEETING

1. IACG members who attended are in Annex 1. Dame Sally Davies chaired the meeting.

2. Items on the agenda included: the web consultation on the group’s draft work plan; the agenda for the Paris meeting in October 2017; the proposal to set up thematic subgroups and a drafting group to support the IACG’s work; plans for the Bangkok meeting in January 2018; and updates on ongoing activities such as the Global Antimicrobial R&D Collaboration Hub, the Global Antibiotic Resistance R&D Partnership (GARD-P), the UNGA side event on AMR and a Call to Action event.

3. The Chair reminded the group of the Secretariat’s constraints and emphasized the need for a larger Secretariat to better support the IACG’s work.

4. Web consultation. The consultation has resulted in 78–79 responses. The Secretariat is analysing these to capture key points and draft a set of proposed amendments to the IACG work plan. The Secretariat will send the group its proposals at least one week before the Paris meeting in October, during which the IACG will confirm any final changes to the work plan.

5. Activity mapping. The template for mapping AMR activities has been sent to 12 partner agencies and organizations; only five have responded due to difficulties in using the template. The Secretariat is working to tweak the template to make it more user-friendly, and to collect the remaining data before the Paris meeting.
6. **Subgroups.** Following a brief presentation of the subgroups by the Chair, the group discussed the idea of subgroups. Members supported the idea in general but wanted more details on how the subgroups would work and what they would be expected to deliver, as well as how their work would relate to that of the existing Secretariat and IACG. Several members emphasized the need for subgroups to include experts from across AMR that are not members of the IACG. Not everyone agreed with the proposed subgroup themes, nor with the proposed staggered approach to creating them. The group discussed how subgroups could be combined in different ways. Members were invited to send any further comments on the subgroups to the Secretariat by 15 September. Final TORs for each subgroup will be drafted and signed off at the Paris meeting.

7. **Paris meeting agenda.** The proposed agenda for the Paris meeting was presented and agreed. It includes breakout sessions on the subgroups to: discuss priorities, draft TORs and agree a plan for work until January. The Paris agenda also includes a stakeholder session that will focus on stakeholders from the field of animal health. Later IACG meetings will focus on other groups of stakeholders.

8. **Drafting group.** The group agreed that a “drafting group” should be formed to consolidate the subgroups’ work and to help draft the IACG’s interim report (due in September 2018) and, later, the IACG’s final report to the UN Secretary-General (due in September 2019). The drafting group should include representatives from UN agencies as well as subgroup chairs and key members of the Secretariat. The Secretariat will work with the Wellcome Trust to take forward the idea of a drafting group and update the IACG at the Paris meeting in October.

9. **Bangkok meeting.** The Secretariat presented a tentative agenda for the IACG Bangkok meeting in January 2018, which will take place at the margins of PMAC. The Chair asked for a fuller proposed agenda be developed and sent to IACG members before the Paris meeting in October.

10. **Update: R&D Collaboration Hub.** The hub, announced by G20 leaders at the summit in July 2017, aims to align public and private funds and leverage investments for national and international AMR. Details of how it will work were discussed at the hub’s first meeting on 11 September (in parallel to IACG teleconference) and a full update will be provided to IACG members at the Paris meeting in October.

11. **Update: GARD-P.** Launched last year, the GARD-P represents a milestone in tackling AMR. More than EUR 56 million has been pledged to support the initiative’s four areas of work.

12. **Update: UNGA side event.** A side event on AMR (hosted by the Wellcome Trust and UN Foundation, in partnership with the UN AMR Group of Friends in NY and the IACG) will be held at the UNGA, on 21 September 2017. A draft agenda for this event was shared with IACG members and the Chair invited any members who will be in New York to attend.

13. **Update: Call to Action event.** The Call to Action event, endorsed by the IACG at its second meeting in June 2017, will be held on 12–13 October 2017, in Berlin. A preliminary agenda of the event was shared with IACG members and the Chair encouraged all members to attend, identifying the event as a major opportunity to generate enthusiasm for tackling AMR and to garner public commitments from across the world.

**NEXT STEPS**
14. IACG Conveners and Tripartite members will meet (via teleconference) on 28 September 2017.

15. The next full IACG meeting will be a face-to-face meeting at OIE headquarters in Paris on 16-17 October 2017.

16. The Secretariat will send IACG members its proposed amendments to the work plan resulting from the web consultation at least one week before the Paris meeting.

17. The Chair asked the Secretariat to also develop a fuller agenda of the Bangkok meeting before October, to be sent to IACG members before the Paris meeting.

18. Members were invited to send further comments on any agenda items, particularly the proposed subgroups, by email by 15 September. The idea of subgroups, including their TORs, membership, methods of working and deliverables will be decided at the Paris meeting.
 ANNEX 1

SECOND MEETING OF THE AD-HOC INTERAGENCY COORDINATION GROUP
30 June 2017, BY TELECONFERENCE

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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