

## Report of the First Meeting 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 27 organizations and experts to carry out this work on his behalf. This AdHoc Interagency Coordination Group on Antimicrobial Resistance (the IACG) is co-chaired by the UN Deputy Secretary-General and the Director-General of WHO. As per the request of the Secretary-General, the tripartite Secretariat of FAO, OIE and WHO is hosted in Geneva.

### ORGANIZATION AND PROCESS OF THE MEETING

1. The first meeting of the IACG took place at UN Headquarters, New York, 2-3 May 2017.
2. Of the 27 members of the IACG, 25 were present (see Annex 1).
3. The Co-Chairs welcomed the group, and delivered opening remarks.
4. The group accepted the Co-Chairs proposal that three members, Professor Junshi Chen, Professor Sally Davies, and Ms Martha Gyansa-Lutterodt, be appointed as “conveners” to guide the process of work.
5. The group discussed approaches to include other agencies and experts in the process through a range of modalities, including non-members of the IACG as observers to the meeting. The group also discussed the importance of engaging Member States and other critical stakeholders such as civil society, industry and professional organizations in the process.
6. The terms of reference, established by the Secretary-General, were discussed and adopted by the IACG.
7. Noting that substantial work has been conducted by various agencies, including the FAO, OIE and WHO, the following working values and principles for the IACG were discussed and agreed:
  - Ensuring that practical approaches should be phased and stepwise;
  - Ensuring that the recommendations are based on utilization of existing tools across organizations and systems through collaboration and coordination, and avoiding redundancy;

- No apportioning of blame, but working to ensure that the AMR situation gets better not worse;
  - Working to support systems strengthening, promoting the dissemination of best practices and case studies, and access to services and health technologies; and
  - Committing to an inclusive and transparent process that is based on the Global Action Plan (GAP) objectives and is aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
8. The IACG discussed many themes during their deliberations, including:
- Recognition that AMR is complex and demands a multisectoral approach, and needs a framework for the interventions required
  - The link between AMR and the Global Action Plan with the Sustainable Development Goals
  - The need for better data, but also the importance of acting on what is already known
  - The role of the environment in the emergence and spread of AMR
  - The need for R&D relating to AMR
  - Education for relevant professionals and the general public
  - Community engagement
  - Funding for the IACG process

#### **AGREED METHOD OF WORK**

9. The IACG discussed their method of work over the coming months, including working via face-to-face meetings and teleconferences. The group is committed to briefing Member States and stakeholders regularly, with a final report presented to the UN Secretary-General during the 73<sup>rd</sup> session of the UN General Assembly.

## **Members participating in the First Meeting of the IACG**

### **Co-Chairs**

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Director-General  
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Ministry of Health  
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Ministry of Health  
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Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry  
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Deputy Director-General, Climate and Natural Resources

Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria  
Dr Marijke Wijnroks (unable to attend)  
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Mr Mark Pearson  
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World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)  
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