One Health Global Leaders Group on Antimicrobial Resistance

Draft terms of reference of the Global Leaders Group for public discussion – 10 October 2019

1. Purpose

The role of the Global Leaders Group on Antimicrobial Resistance (the Group) will be to provide advocacy and advisory functions to ensure that action is taken to address the challenge of antimicrobial resistance.

2. Membership

Duration: Member terms will initially be for 2 to 3 years, with flexibility for early termination or renewability for a second 2-year term, on agreement of the co-chairs. To provide for continuity of the Group’s work and ensure that the complete membership does not turn over at any one point, members terms will be staggered with half of the members being offered an initial 2-year term and the others a 3-year term. The co-chairs will review ongoing membership of any member who is unable to attend two consecutive meetings, after consultation with that member.

Composition: The Global Leaders Group on Antimicrobial Resistance composition is as follows:

- Two former Heads of State or eminent individuals
- Five current ministers across the One Health spectrum
- The Directors Generals of WHO, FAO and OIE
- Head of UN Environment
- Head of World Bank
- Five representatives of civil society, private sector, research and academia
- One to two globally prominent celebrities (logistic and resources permitting)

The Group will be co-chaired by the two former Heads of State or eminent individuals. If a minister ceases to hold his/her office a vacancy will be created that will need to be filled through appointment of another current minister not necessarily representing the same country.

Selection Criteria: Members will be appointed on the basis of their professional and political expertise and must either have demonstrated knowledge of or commit to becoming familiar with the areas covered by the scope of the Group. The appointment will take into consideration gender balance, geographic diversity, reputation and background as well as representation from across the One Health spectrum.
3. Guiding principles

The following are the key principles that are proposed to guide the work of the Global Leaders Group on Antimicrobial Resistance:

- The Group will primarily have an advisory and advocacy role to address the global antimicrobial resistance crisis through keeping high level global political and advocacy momentum, rather than provide oversight of the work of the Tripartite organizations.
- The Group should have no legal identity and it should be time bound with very focused terms of reference and a plan of action with key performance indicators.
- The composition of the Group should reflect the full spectrum of One Health across animal, human and plant health, food and feed production and the environment.

4. Key functions

The Group sets out to achieve the following key functions:

a. Maintain urgency, public support, political momentum and visibility of the antimicrobial resistance challenge on the global agenda; (Advocacy role)

b. Advocate for action, including support for the expanding work of the Tripartite organizations (FAO, OIE and WHO), UN Environment and other international and regional entities; (Advocacy role)

c. Monitor and report on progress, gaps and accountability in the global response to antimicrobial resistance; (Advocacy role)

d. Advocate for multi-stakeholder engagement by facilitating a partnership platform with the participation of Member States, UN agencies, international and intergovernmental organizations and regional entities, civil society, the private sector, researchers and other key stakeholders to develop and work towards a shared global vision, goals and coordinated action on antimicrobial resistance; (Advocacy role)

e. Provide advice and guidance on reports of the Independent Panel on Evidence for Action against Antimicrobial Resistance (IACG recommendation E3); (Advisory role)

f. Monitor and advocate for the inclusion of antimicrobial resistance and a One Health “lens” in investments and programmes of major financing instruments for agriculture, health, development, food and feed production and other relevant areas (IACG recommendation D1). (Advocacy role)

5. Ways of working

Members of the Group will advance the antimicrobial resistance agenda primarily through availing their voices and expertise at the global level. The Group advance its objectives and functions specifically through:

- Helping in the development and dissemination of strategic advocacy messages and shared global vision and goal;
• Actively participating in antimicrobial resistance focused events such as the World Antibiotic Awareness Week and promoting it in their respective sectors;
• Utilizing their convening power and institutions to facilitate and galvanize key stakeholders for global action against antimicrobial resistance;
• Identifying and creating opportunities and networks to advance the cause of the Group and tackle antimicrobial resistance;
• Indicate the need for reports and assessments on the gaps, challenges and solutions of the global response against antimicrobial resistance.

6. Secretariat Support

The Tripartite Joint Secretariat on Antimicrobial Resistance, which is a joint effort by FAO, OIE and WHO will provide Secretariat support for the Group. The Secretariat is hosted by WHO and will have liaison officers from OIE and FAO who are based in their own organizations.

7. Meetings

Meetings will be held twice per year, one electronic and one face-to-face meeting. The physical meeting will be at locations which correspond with important high-level meetings (e.g. African Union, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, Association of Southeast Asian Nations, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa, East African Community, European Union, G20, G7, Mercosur, Southern African Development Community, World Economic Forum and major UN meetings). If events and issues deem it necessary, ad hoc meetings will be arranged outside of these times at a time convenient to members.