



Concept note for Global Leaders Group on AMR Reception at

WHA76: The Road to the UNGA High-level Meeting on AMR in 2024

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Background: AMR contributes to almost 5 million deaths annually, most of which are in low- and middle-income countries. AMR poses serious threats to human, animal, plant and environmental health, food safety, food security, and pandemic prevention preparedness and response. The GLG was formed in November 2020 to collaborate globally with governments, agencies, civil society and the private sector through a One Health approach to advise on and advocate for political action on AMR. The 2016 High-level Meeting on AMR and its Political Declaration played a critical role in changing the paradigm of the global AMR response by galvanizing political momentum and action. However, its recommendations have not driven bold change and impact across sectors, especially at country level. For example, while 149 countries have developed AMR national action plans (NAPs), only around 17 (10%) have made financial provision for AMR NAPs in national budgets. Commitments to finance the AMR response from domestic and international financing sources remain far from what is needed. As result, the response in many countries is inadequate and uncoordinated across sectors. In March 2022, UNGA resolution A/RES/76/257 was adopted and established a High-level Meeting on AMR to be held in UNGA 2024 in collaboration with the Quadripartite organizations and with support of the GLG. In its ongoing and early discussions, the GLG identified the following key areas relevant for the Political Declaration on AMR in UNGA 2024 that require consideration for bold and specific commitments:

- **Financing:** Global financing instrument and domestic resource allocation mechanism to implement sector-specific and multisectoral NAPs and novel investment approaches for R&D of new antimicrobials (particularly antibiotics), vaccines, diagnostics, waste management tools, and safe and effective alternatives to antimicrobials, and to ensure equitable access to them.
- **Accountable governance:** Effective and functional multisectoral governance with formal and accountable global and national structures to implement AMR response across sectors.
- **Surveillance for action:** Strong sector specific and integrated AMR/U surveillance systems and enhanced information sharing for action in all sectors.
- **Transformed systems:** Effective and transformed human health, agri-food and animal health systems.
- **Environment:** AMR addressed as part of biodiversity and climate solutions.
- **AMR and pandemic preparedness and response (PPR):** Strong link between AMR and PPR and effective implementation of the WHO pandemic accord (provided it is finalized and includes adequate provisions on AMR).
- **Targets:** Evidence- and outcome-oriented targets for actions that can drive change across sectors.

Expected outcomes of the GLG reception: The reception is intended to enhance networking and exchange of views on AMR, particularly pertaining to the UNGA HLM on AMR in 2024, among ministers of health and other high-level government officials.