

Codex Guidelines on integrated monitoring and surveillance of foodborne antimicrobial resistance and Code of Practice to minimize and contain foodborne antimicrobial resistance

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The Global Leaders Group (GLG) on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)¹ applauds the progress that has been made during the 8th session of the Codex ad hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance (TFAMR8).

Codex has a major role to play in tackling AMR, with implications for both food safety and food security. The Guidelines and Code of Practice present a tool to further global food safety and food security based on science.

The GLG is driven to promote the sustainable and responsible use of antimicrobials and supports the Task Force's focus on preserving antimicrobials through evidence-based approaches and enhanced monitoring and surveillance programs.

The GLG recognizes the important consensus reached among delegates after five years of relentless efforts to finalize the Code of Practice to help minimize and contain foodborne antimicrobial resistance and the Guidelines on integrated monitoring and surveillance on foodborne antimicrobial resistance.

The GLG looks forward to continuing progress and a positive outcome at the meeting of delegates on 13 October 2021 so that both texts, which are so near completion, can be sent to the Codex Alimentarius Commission in November 2021 for final adoption. The GLG stands ready to support the implementation of these Guidelines and Code of Practice globally and wishes you great success.

¹ The Global Leaders Group (GLG) on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) is co-chaired by Their Excellencies Mia Amor Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados, and Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of Bangladesh. Established at the request of the UN Secretary-General and comprising of global political, research, private sector and civil society leaders, the GLG is catalysing political action to address the challenges of AMR.