



Forging partnerships between science and policy: A high-level AMR event

Organized by the Global Leaders Group on Antimicrobial Resistance (GLG) and the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID)

Friday 26 April 2024, Barcelona, Spain
15.30 - 20.30

In-person and virtual (livestreamed)

This high-level event is intended to position research, science and implementation into the political agenda of AMR and address the pressing needs of AMR across all sectors. It is a critical time for this discussion and alignment leading up to the United Nations General Assembly High-level Meeting on AMR to be held in September 2024 in New York, USA.

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) causes 1.3 million deaths and contributes to 5 million deaths every year. By 2030, AMR could force 24 million people into extreme poverty. The drivers of AMR are multifaceted. New and affordable diagnostic testing, disease-prediction tools, vaccines, and non-antimicrobial alternatives do not exist. Research will be needed to help identify the best possible interventions, solutions and approaches in a multi-disciplinary and multi-sectoral manner. Financial and political commitment, as well as scientific interest, through engagement of governments, private sector, and civil society are crucial. The Global Leaders Group on Antimicrobial Resistance (GLG) is comprised of world leaders and experts from across sectors, committed to accelerating political action on AMR based on a One Health approach.

Provisional agenda

15.30-19.00 ESCMID-GLG symposium

15.30-16.00 Welcome and high-level addresses

16.00-19.00 Expert panel discussions: Positioning research, science and implementation into the political agenda of AMR

16.00-17.20 Panel 1: Setting evidence- and outcome-oriented targets for actions that can drive change across sectors

Session Chairs

- ESCMID: Annelies Zinkernagel, ESCMID President
- GLG: Prof António Correia de Campos, GLG Member and Former Minister of Health, Professor Emeritus of Health Economics, National School of Public Health, New University of Lisbon, Portugal

Panelists

- GLG speaker: Ms Beatrice Atim Odwong Anywar, GLG member and Minister of State for Environment, Uganda
 - *GLG recommendations on AMR targets and next steps*
- ESCMID speaker: Prof Jesus Rodriguez Bano, Head of Division, Unidad Clínica de Enfermedades Infecciosas y Microbiología, Hospital Universitario Virgen Macarena, Spain

17.30- 18.50 Panel 2: Addressing the pipeline and access crisis for antibiotics and complementary diagnostics

Session Chairs

- ESCMID: Robert Leo Skov, ESCMID President-elect
- GLG: Ms Sunita Narain, Director-General, Centre for Science and Environment, India

Panelists

- GLG speaker: Prof C.O. Onyebuchi Chukwu, Former Minister of Health, Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, Alex Ekwueme Federal University Ndufu Alike, Nigeria
 - GLG recommendations on the antibiotic pipeline and access crisis including financing as global public goods
- ESCMID speaker: Dr Erin Duffy, Chief of Research & Development at Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria (CARB-X), Boston University, United States

18.50-19.00 Concluding remarks from the Quadripartite

19.00 Networking reception