

Meeting to discuss draft GLG recommendations for the 2024 High-Level Meeting on AMR

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1. Background

The GLG has agreed on seven key priorities areas for consideration in UN Member State negotiations for the outcome document of the 2024 High-level Meeting on AMR. Based on GLG member written contributions, the Secretariat developed a draft set of 21 commitments for further discussion and iteration. The objective of this session was to refine and prioritize the draft commitments, ensuring that the language is specific and actionable and that the stakeholders responsible for their implementation are identified. The meeting was held virtually with nearly 40 participants, including GLG members and their technical teams and staff from the Quadripartite organizations. Dr Karen Vincenti from the Ministry of Health of Malta - standing in for GLG Vice Chair Hon Chris Fearn - facilitated the meeting.

2. World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) position statement on the use of antimicrobials as growth promoters in animals

Dr Monique Eloit, Director General of the World Organization for Animal Health, took the floor to introduce the [position statement](#) released by WOAH on 23 November 2023 calling on its Members to restrict the use of antimicrobials solely to veterinary medical use and to actively engage in dialogue to achieve a total ban on the use of antimicrobials as growth promoters, starting with those that are critically important for human health.

3. Discussion on draft commitments

The GLG discussed and provided input on the seven key priorities areas of financing, accountable governance, surveillance, transforming systems, environment, pandemic prevention, preparedness and response (PPPR), and targets. The discussion highlighted financing R&D and national action plans (NAPs), clear governance mandates and a pressing need for countries to develop baseline AMR and antimicrobial use (AMU) surveillance data. Meeting participants also emphasized the need to include a specific mention of equitable access to antimicrobials and food production systems. It was suggested to include the agricultural sector in the environmental recommendations, and it was noted that further discussion is needed on the implications of the environmental recommendations. The importance of including AMR in all national PPPR plans was also noted. Meeting participants discussed focusing on AMR targets that will have broad support by member states, for example by using language referring to “sector-specific” and “country-specific” targets.

4. Conclusion and next steps

Dr Haileyesus Getahun from the GLG Secretariat reiterated the need for recommendations that are ambitious, actionable, timebound and that clearly identify responsible stakeholders. He noted that the Secretariat will work with the GLG to refine the recommendations and prioritize those that are transformational and suggested that the GLG consider a public meeting to further discuss the GLG recommendations. More discussion is particularly needed on targets.