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Global Leaders Group on AMR: Information Session on the 5th High Level Ministerial Conference on AMR including the Ministerial session on AMR governance structures

Summary Note

October 15, 2026, 13:00 -14:00 CEST

1. Background

The Global Leaders Group (GLG) convened an information session on 15 October 2026 to review preparations for the 5th Global High-Level Ministerial Conference on AMR (6–8 December 2026, Abuja, Nigeria), consider the ongoing consultation on the draft Abuja Compact, and seek strategic input on the Ministerial session on strengthening global AMR governance structures.

The session was chaired by the GLG Interim Chair, Honourable Minister Jakob Forssmed, with participation by the H.E Professor Muhammad Ali Pate, Coordinating Minister of Health and Social Welfare of Nigeria, GLG members, invited former GLG members, representatives and Quadripartite organizations.

2. Agenda 1. Preparations for the 5th Global High-Level Ministerial Conference on AMR

H.E Coordinating Minister Muhammad Ali Pate reported that conference preparations were progressing and emphasized Nigeria's ambition to deliver an inclusive, action-oriented meeting. Invitations have been extended to all UN Member States and relevant ministries across human health, animal health, agrifood systems, and the environment. Nigeria was working with Africa CDC to mobilize high-level African participation and demonstrated a high level of cross Ministerial engagement from all one health sectors in preparation for the Conference

The draft programme and Abuja Compact focus on practical, scalable and cost-effective interventions, particularly prevention through infection prevention and control, water and sanitation, vaccination and biosecurity. Nigeria was revising the Compact considering feedback, including from the GLG, before anticipated consideration by the Troika and wider Member State consultations in late October and early November. The aim was to build convergence ahead of endorsement in Abuja on 8 December.

During the discussions, GLG members and other participants emphasized the importance of sustained national political leadership and accountability, including empowering One Health coordination mechanisms at the highest level of government, with clear mandates, dedicated secretariat support, adequate budgets, public reporting and measurable responsibilities. Participants highlighted Tanzania's experience in anchoring multisectoral coordination under the Prime Minister's Office. They also stressed the need to prioritize prevention and practical One Health interventions, including infection prevention and control, vaccination, biosecurity and surveillance, supported by stronger human and animal health systems. Particular attention was drawn to fungal resistance, the environmental dimensions of AMR, and the importance of context-sensitive interventions in high-burden and resource-constrained settings.

GLG members further underscored the need for sustainable financing by integrating AMR into existing national and international financing frameworks, increasing domestic investment, and mobilizing catalytic funding. Participants highlighted the importance of the AMR Multi-Partner Trust Fund, while H.E Coordinating Minister Muhammad Ali

Pate emphasized the need to mobilize financing at a scale beyond the Fund, including through multilateral development banks and the International Development Association (IDA). Discussions also highlighted the importance of equity and practical implementation tailored to different national capacities, including improving equitable access to antimicrobials and strengthening antimicrobial stewardship. Participants drew attention to the specific needs of smallholder farmers, the importance of indigenous breeds, evidence-based alternatives and affordable waste-management technologies.

The Chair summarized the main feedback received from GLG members on the draft Abuja Compact and shared Sweden's reflections, focusing on the importance of prevention, the value of national targets and monitoring mechanisms, and the need for committed leadership to translate commitments into tangible results. Participants further stressed issues such as equity, need for action-oriented commitments and accountability.

3. Agenda 2. Ministerial session on strengthening global AMR governance

The Chair requested that Quadripartite Organizations provide an update on the process of establishing the IPEA and on behalf of the Quadripartite organizations, Ms Jacqueline Alvarez, reported that the IPEA terms of reference and operational modalities had been finalized and were expected to be published in coming weeks. Preparations were underway for an IPEA launch in the context of the 5th Global High-Level Ministerial Conference on AMR, with further information sessions planned to explain the Panel's mandate and functioning to Member States and stakeholders.

The Chair outlined the proposed GLG's Ministerial session on AMR governance as an opportunity to establish biennial Global High-Level Ministerial Conferences as a central political platform for direction, review of progress and accountability. Discussion considered how the Troika, Quadripartite organizations, GLG, Multi-Stakeholder Partnership Platform (MSPP) and IPEA could contribute through distinct, complementary mandates, as well as the potential for more formal conference arrangements, including standard operating procedures.

Members of the GLG called for a more developed governance working paper, circulated for discussion before the Ministerial conference on AMR, potentially setting out agreed next steps that could accompany the Abuja Compact. The session emphasized connecting existing institutions and reporting arrangements in time to strengthen accountability ahead of the 2029 UN high-level meeting. H.E Coordinating Minister Muhammad Ali Pate suggested a pragmatic "networked governance" approach, recognizing the different functions of institutions rather than creating a single overarching structure.

GLG members supported clearer roles and stronger follow-up, including peer review or voluntary reporting on commitments, regular stocktaking, inclusive regional and civil-society participation, a genuinely multisectoral One Health approach and avoidance of duplication. GLG members stressed continuity and clarity of purpose for future conferences.

4. Conclusions and follow-up

The meeting concluded with a shared emphasis on ensuring that the 5th Ministerial Conference on AMR delivers concrete, actionable outcomes that strengthen implementation, sustained political leadership, multisectoral One Health coordination and accountability.

Regarding the Abuja Compact, H.E. Professor Muhammad Ali Pate welcomed the GLG's feedback and confirmed that Nigeria would continue refining the draft Compact, taking into consideration inputs received from the GLG and other stakeholders. The revised draft was expected to undergo further consideration by the Ministerial Troika and wider Member State consultations ahead of the Conference. The GLG Secretariat would remain engaged with Nigeria and the Conference organizers to follow developments and facilitate any further input from GLG members, as appropriate, with a view to supporting a practical, ambitious and implementable Compact for endorsement at the 5th Global High-Level Ministerial Conference on AMR

Regarding the Ministerial session on AMR governance, the Chair proposed that the GLG Secretariat work with Nigeria to explore whether more concrete governance proposals or agreed next steps could be developed for

consideration at the Conference, drawing on contributions from interested GLG members and former members. These discussions would focus on strengthening the continuity of Ministerial Conferences, clarifying the complementary roles of existing global AMR governance mechanisms, and establishing more effective arrangements for monitoring progress and accountability.

The GLG Secretariat would coordinate the relevant follow-up with Nigeria and interested GLG members, as appropriate, to support preparations for both the Abuja Compact and the Ministerial session on strengthening global AMR governance. In closing, the chair stressed that the Abuja Conference should be viewed as a milestone rather than a starting point, underscoring the importance of turning existing commitments into concrete action and tangible results.