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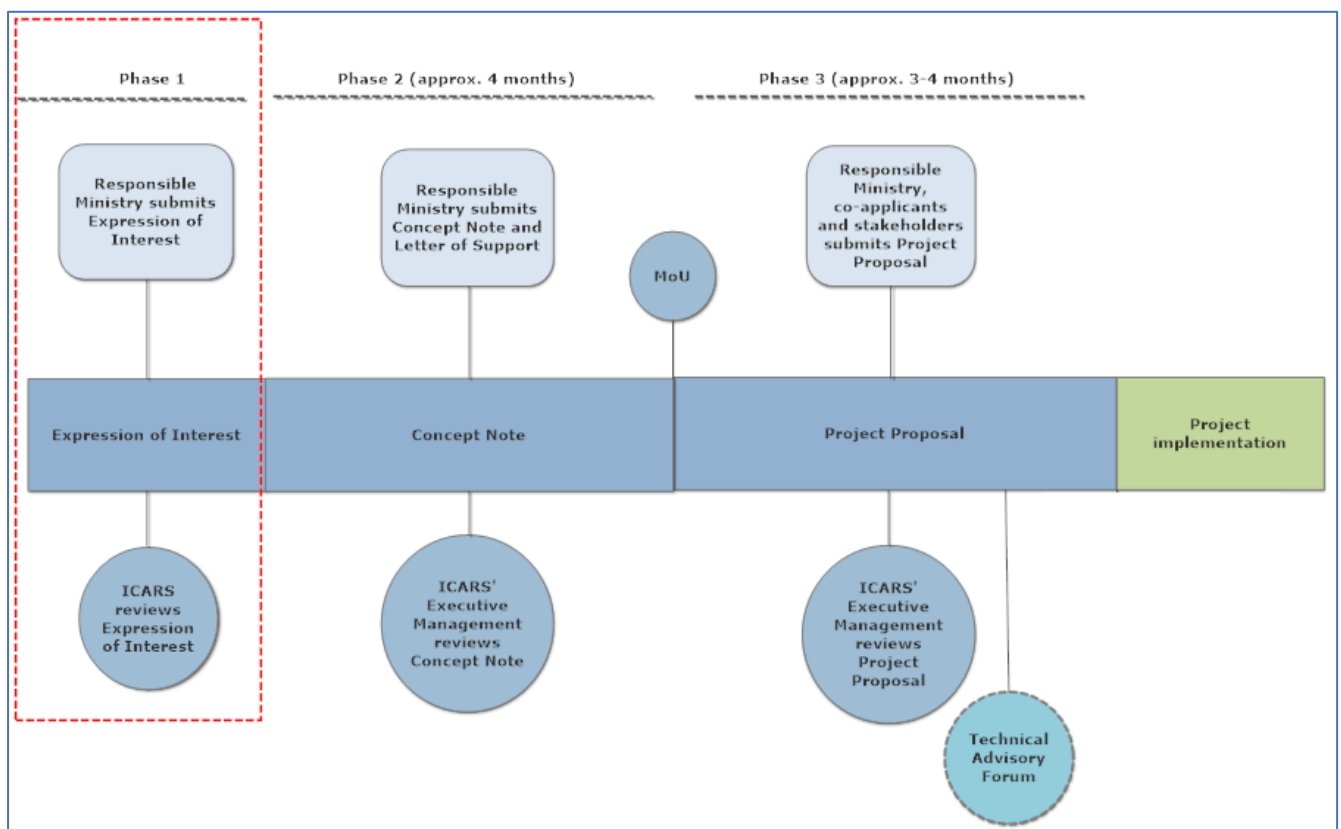


1. Introduction

The Expression of Interest (EoI) is the first phase of the ICARS application process (see Figure 1 below). As such, the EoI represents the first introduction to the country's AMR National Action Plan (NAP) and how the country wishes to advance its implementation. To this end, the EoI must describe the present status of NAP implementation in terms of any achievements and challenges in relation to the NAP strategic objectives. In addition, the EoI must identify the priority research areas or interventions the country wishes to focus on in progressing their NAP.

The Responsible Ministry should coordinate the development and submission of the EoI.

FIGURE 1. PHASE DESCRIBED IN THIS GUIDELINE



2. Developing the EoI

The Responsible Ministry is requested to use the EoI template provided on the ICARS website. The EoI should not exceed 3 A4 pages.

**TABLE 1. EXPRESSION OF INTEREST CONTENT**

Heading	Content
<i>Date</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date of submission of the EoI
<i>Country</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name of the country
<i>Responsible Ministry</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name of the Responsible Ministry (or ministries) submitting the EoI • Name of the department within the ministry (ministries) responsible for the EoI
<i>Point of contact</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name and contact details of the point of contact at the Responsible Ministry (or ministries)
<i>Description of the context</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the table provided, list the 5 strategic objectives of your country's National Action Plan on AMR. • For each strategic objective provide 3 achievements and 3 gaps or challenges. • If you have additional objectives, please add rows to the table.
<i>Priority areas</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe 3-5 research focus areas or interventions that are likely to have a high impact on AMR mitigation in your country. • Describe any opportunities to build on existing initiatives to further develop your country's National Action Plan through intervention or implementation research. • Include up to 5 references in support of these research focus areas/interventions and please enclose a copy of the National Action Plan.

3. Assessment Criteria

The EoI will be assessed by ICARS based on the following criteria (Table 2.):

TABLE 2. ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Assessment Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are the achievements and challenges of the implementation of the NAP clearly presented?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are the research focus areas and/ or interventions clearly described?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the envisaged impact on AMR evident?



4. Submitting the EoI

The Responsible Ministry is requested to submit the EoI through the ICARS Application Submission System Portal. The point of contact for the Ministry will be required to create a profile on the Application Submission System, which will then become the primary means through which the various components of the project application will be submitted and evaluated.