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From Policy to Action: Successful Implementation of Multisectoral AMR programs in LMICs

Date: 24th September

Time: 7:00-8:30 PM EST, followed by networking and refreshments

Location: Scandinavia House, 58 Park Avenue, New York, NY

Organisers: World Medical Association (WMA) and the International Centre for Antimicrobial Resistance Solutions (ICARS)

UN High-Level Meeting on Antimicrobial Resistance side event

Background

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is a growing global problem with an estimated 1.27 million deaths in 2019. AMR threatens to stall and reverse global progress on sustainable development, such as ending poverty and reaching zero hunger, while also carrying escalating economic costs. The World Bank estimates that AMR could result in US\$ 1 trillion additional healthcare costs by 2050, and as much as US\$ 3.4 trillion GDP losses per year by 2030.

While AMR is everywhere, the burden of drug-resistant infections is unequal. Low- and Middle-Income countries are disproportionately affected, while simultaneously facing the greatest unmet needs for diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines. As of 2023, most countries have developed National Action Plans (NAPs) to tackle AMR, but many of these NAPs are yet to be implemented with only 27% having been costed with monitoring and evaluation process in place.

In 2016, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) high-level meeting (HLM) stressed the urgent need for action. Several initiatives and programmes were developed, and progress had been made until the COVID-19 pandemic struck, undermining surveillance and stewardship efforts, while diverting resources from AMR.

In 2024, and as we head to another UNGA HLM on AMR, it is a critical moment for us to take stock of our progress and learnings, and to renew our shared commitment to accelerate our efforts and set actionable plans to mitigate AMR.

Objectives

This side meeting will aim to:

- Share in-country experience mitigating AMR and provide examples of successful AMR interventions across the One Health spectrum.
- Provide opportunities to discuss and exchange best practices and share learnings from interventions across countries and regions to mitigate AMR.
- Reflect on the UN Declaration on AMR and beyond, by addressing implementation plans and taking potential policy recommendations from the High-Level Meeting to inform and scale up further national and local interventions.

Agenda

- Opening remarks and welcome - Dr Lujain El Qodmani, President, WMA
- Aims of the event and the panel discussions – Dr Caline Mattar, Advisor, WMA
- Keynote address - Countries NAP implementation: Partnering for Impact - Dr Sujith J. Chandy, Executive Director, ICARS
- Panel discussions – Representatives from countries sharing their AMR mitigation efforts
- Discussions and interventions from the audience on activities in different countries
- Reflections on the UN Declaration on AMR – Professor Sabiha Essack, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa