

EU Virtual Infopoint: Stemming the tide of Antimicrobial Resistance

Title: Stemming the tide of Antimicrobial Resistance: Investing in One Health approach

Background: The Tripartite - The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and the World Health Organization (WHO) in partnership with the European Commission are holding this special virtual InfoPoint to raise awareness on the urgency of tackling antimicrobial resistance (AMR), arguably amongst the most complex threats to global health security.

A One Health approach is key to tackling current and future pandemics, as underlined by the COVID-19 crisis. Globalization has led to an unprecedented rise in the movement of people, animals, and food commodities, providing opportunities for the spread of resistance. Misuse and overuse of antimicrobial drugs in human medicine, veterinary medicine, and food production has put our future at risk, with few alternative solutions in the pipeline. Without coordinated and accelerated action across the animal-human-environment spectrum, routine medical procedures become increasingly high risk and food security severely compromised due to unchecked infections in agriculture production.

The session will underline the ways in which the European Union and the Tripartite are taking action to combat AMR at a global, regional and country level. Best practices and country perspectives will be shared, and voices heard from key European institutions and a range of partners from around the world.

We must stand united in action to ensure that the antimicrobial medicines we rely on remain effective. To stem the tide of AMR, a One Health approach is required to systematically address the threat and preserve our collective human, animal and environmental health.

Date: 24th November 2020

Time: 14:00 – 15:30 CET

Moderator: Dr Keith Sumption, Chief Veterinary Officer, FAO

Time/min	Agenda	Speakers
10	European Commission – DG DEVCO and DG SANTE opening <i>(The EU's commitment to tackling AMR through a One Health Approach)</i>	Dr. Marjeta Jager , Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO) Dr. Claire Bury , Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE)
30	The Tripartite's work and scaling up results – at global – regional and country level	Dr. Maria Helena M.Q. Semedo , Deputy Director-General, FAO Dr. Matthew Stone , Deputy Director General for International Standards and Science, OIE

	<i>(Building partnership, including with the EU)</i>	Dr. Hanan Balkhy , Assistant Director-General, Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Division, WHO
10	Working Hand in Hand through the AMR Multipartner Trust Fund (AMR MPTF)	Dr. Rosa Peran , Senior Advisor, Department of International Affairs, Dutch Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport (tbc)
30	Facilitated discussion – <i>Q&A session</i>	Moderator: Dr. Keith Sumption , Chief Veterinary Officer, FAO *Remarks from the floor: (1) Country/Regional representatives (2) European Center for disease prevention and control (ECDC)
10	Wrap-up and closing	Dr. Haileyesus Getahun , Director, Global Coordination and Partnership on AMR, and Director, Tripartite Joint Secretariat on AMR, WHO