

Side event application / Formulaire de demande de réunion parallèle

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Concept

Description of proposed side event, including objective, expected results, proposed programme and speakers /
Description de la réunion parallèle proposée, y compris les objectifs, les résultats attendus, l'ordre du jour et les orateurs* :*

Addressing Antimicrobial Resistance: A Threat to Global Health and the Achievement of Universal Health Coverage

Tuesday, May 22nd 2018 (tbc)

(90 minutes)

Concept Note

Background

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is widely recognized by global leaders, technical experts and policy makers alike as one of the most challenging global issues of the 21st century. Initial findings published in WHO's "Antimicrobial Resistance Global Report on Surveillance" in 2014 raised international concern on widespread resistance that has subsequently been confirmed by data provided by twenty-two countries in the first *Global Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance Systems (GLASS)* report in 2018. Surveillance is critical to inform policies and support concrete actions.

If AMR is left unchecked, the World Bank estimates that its impact on economic growth will be greater than that of the recent financial crisis, putting at risk up to USD 100 trillion of economic output by 2050. In the United States alone, the costs for treating antibiotic resistant infections have doubled since 2002, now estimated at \$2.2 billion per year.

Drug resistance will roll back a century of medical advancement, damage the environment, interrupt food production, cause more people to fall into extreme poverty, imperil global health security and jeopardize progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and the attainment of universal health coverage.

The emergence of AMR hinders universal health coverage globally. Access to effective antibiotics is fundamental to high quality health care, including maternal and child health care. There is an increasing burden of infectious diseases, with the heaviest burden in low- and middle-income countries. Antibiotics are also essential to perform other health care, such as surgical procedures. Furthermore, the economic costs due to AMR could instead be invested in the health systems. Hence, no health system will be sustainable without effective antibiotics.

Combating AMR requires integrated and multi-sectoral measures as per the One Health concept, simultaneously making progress towards universal health coverage. The work against AMR requires an effective health system that can prevent, diagnose and manage infection, provide safe healthcare facilities, appropriate governance mechanisms, national surveillance systems, a well-informed health workforce, antimicrobial stewardship for the responsible use of antibiotics and research & development. Each of these components is an integral part of universal health coverage.

The Republic of Korea and Sweden, with the support of Italy, Fiji and Philippine request the consideration of the World Health Organization to host an official side event in the margins of WHA 71, themed as: Addressing Antimicrobial Resistance: A Threat to Global Health and the Achievement of Universal Health Coverage

Description of proposed WHA 71 Side Event

The side event would draw upon the findings of the *“Global Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance System (GLASS) report: Early Implementation 2016-2017,”* to highlight the need for AMR surveillance as a key component of national action plan implementation, and how data can guide policy on access and the rational use of antimicrobials. It will also focus on the linkages between combating AMR and universal health coverage to achieve the SDGs, including access to healthcare, access to quality medicines, strong regulatory controls and health financing mechanisms.

Objective and Expected Results

To leverage country learning as Member States implement their national action plans on AMR. It will showcase various scenarios from Member States adapting their national health systems to embed AMR strategies, update the audience on overall global efforts in the fight against AMR and promote discussion on critical implementation issues from various member state perspectives.

Proposed programme (Speakers TBC)

1. Opening remarks
2. Global antimicrobial resistance surveillance system: early implementation
3. Country experiences
4. Closing remarks

Event details / détails de la réunion

Expected number of participants/Nombre de participants attendus : 200

Exact title of the meeting/Titre exact de la réunion:

Addressing Antimicrobial Resistance: A Threat to Global Health and the Achievement of Universal Health Coverage

Interpretation/Interprétation

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L'interprétation peut être assurée dans les langues officielles aux coûts estimés suivants : 2 langues-2561 CHF; 3 langues : 5123 CHF; 6 langues : 11953 CHF.

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Russian/Russe ☐

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Arabic/Arabe ☐

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*Badges/ Badges d'accès

WHA side events are for participants of the WHA and, as such, panellists and participants should be drawn from those participating in the Health Assembly.

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