



26 April 2021

Excellency,

Sequel to my letter dated 29 March 2021, circulating the concept note and programme for the High-level Interactive Dialogue on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), to be held on Thursday, 29 April 2021, in the General Assembly Hall, I have the honour to share the updated programme for the dialogue.

The High-level Interactive Dialogue will include an opening segment, followed by interactive panels from 10:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m., as well as a closing segment. I strongly encourage all delegations to participate in the dialogue in the General Assembly Hall and actively engage with panelists.

For further information on the meeting, you may contact my Senior Advisers, Mr. Shaoxuan Liu, (shaoxuan.liu@un.org) and Ms. Toni-Shae Freckleton (toni-shae.freckleton@un.org).

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Volkan BOZKIR

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York



High-Level Interactive Dialogue on Antimicrobial Resistance

29 April 2021, 10:00am - 6:00pm

United Nations Headquarters, New York

10:00 AM

Opening Segment

H.E. Mr. Volkan BOZKIR

President of the 75th Session of the UN General Assembly

H.E. Ms. Amina J. Mohammed

UN Deputy Secretary-General

H.E. Ms. Sheikh Hasina

Prime Minister, People's Republic of Bangladesh; Co-chair of the One Health Global Leaders Group on Antimicrobial Resistance

H.E. Ms. Mia Mottley

Prime Minister, Barbados; Co-chair of the One Health Global Leaders Group on Antimicrobial Resistance

Mr. Qu Dongyu

Director-General, Food and Agricultural Organization

Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

Director-General, World Health Organization

Dr. Monique Eloit

Director-General, World Organisation for Animal Health

Ms. Joyce Msuya

Deputy Executive Director, UN Environment Programme

10:45 AM

Panel 1: Antimicrobial resistance in the context of COVID-19

AMR - referred to as a 'silent tsunami' - has the potential to be the next global health crisis and has already affected our response to COVID-19. As the world grapples with the devastating impacts of the pandemic and looks towards the future, this is a critical opportunity to include AMR in our recovery. This includes the need to apply the 'One Health' approach to build back better and achieve the SDGs, including SDGs 1, 3, 5, 8, 10 and 12, and especially for people living in lower and middle-income countries, and in vulnerable situations.

MODERATOR: Mr. Sherwin Bryce-Pease, UN Bureau Chief of the South African Broadcasting Cooperation (SABC)

PANELLISTS:

Ms. Henrietta Fore

Executive Director, UNICEF

Dr. Seth Berkley

CEO, Global Vaccine Alliance

Sir. Jeremy Farrar

Director, Wellcome Trust

Dr. Mirfin Mpundu

Director, ReAct Africa

Dr. Carlos Correa

Executive Director, South Centre

Dr. Ramanan Laxminarayan

Director, Center For Disease Dynamics, Economics and Policy

11:45 AM

Panel 2: Overview of global progress on AMR and vision of the Global Leaders Group

Overview of the current global progress including work of the Tripartite - WHO, FAO and OIE on AMR, recommendations by the Inter Agency Coordination Group (IACG) on AMR, mapping of global commitments to date, and presentation of the One Health Global Leaders Group vision.

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PANELLISTS:

Dr. Hanan H. Balkhy

Assistant Director-General for AMR, WHO

Prof Dame Sally Davies

UK Special Envoy on Antimicrobial Resistance, and Sherpa of GLG

Ms. Sunita Narain

Director-General, Centre for Science and Environment, India and member of GLG

Dr. Jeffrey Scott Weese

Professor at the University of Guelph, Director of the Centre for Public Health and Zoonoses, Chief of Infection Control at Ontario Veterinary College, member of GLG

Prof. C.O. Onyebuchi Chukwu

Former Minister of Health, Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, Alex Ekwueme Federal University, Nigeria, member of GLG

3:00 PM

Panel 3: Tackling AMR at country level

Case studies of AMR national action plan (NAP) design and implementation; linking AMR to development work (e.g. data/surveillance, SDG indicator on AMR, and UN development cooperation frameworks).

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PANELLISTS:

H.E. Ms. Lena Hallengren

Minister of Health and Social Affairs, Sweden, member of GLG

Hon. Dr. Iferemi Waqanibete

Minister for Health and Medical Services, Fiji

H.E. Mr. Mikhail Murashko

Minister of Health, Russian Federation

Hon. Kwaku Agyeman Manu

Minister of Health, Ghana

H.E. Ms. Yu Yanhong

Vice Minister, China National Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine, National Health Commission

H.E. Mr. Juan Ramon de la Fuente

Permanent Representative of Mexico to the UN, Former Minister of Health, Mexico

Dr. Francis Collins

Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the United States

Dr. Vera Katalinić Janković

Special Advisor to the Minister of Health for AMR and One Health Approach, Croatia

4:15 PM

Panel 4: Ensuring sufficient and sustainable AMR financing

Discussions regarding the current state of financing; needed investments in strengthening health systems, and in the research and development of new of new drugs to address the lack of new classes of antibiotics currently in the pipeline; an overview of the work of the AMR multi-partner trust fund; ensuring agency-specific AMR work funding; and sharing of best practices and innovative solutions.

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PANELLISTS:

Dr. Jens Spahn

Federal Minister of Health, Germany

Mr. Roland Driecé

Director of International Affairs, Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport, Netherlands

Dr. Muhammad Pate

Global Director, Health, Nutrition and Population (HNP) Global Practice, World Bank

Ms. Julie Gerberding

Executive Vice President and Chief Patient Officer, Merck

Ms. Maria Lettini

Executive Director, FAIRR Initiative

Ms. Alexandra de Athayde

Executive Director, the International Feed Industry Federation (IFIF)

5:30 PM

Closing Segment

Rt Hon Matt Hancock

Member of Parliament, Secretary of State for Health & Social Care; Co-chair & Secretariat of the Group of Friends of AMR

Hon. Mr. Kwaku Agyeman Manu

Minister of Health of Ghana; Co-chair of the Group of Friends of AMR (TBC)

H.E. Ms. Yu Yanhong

Vice Minister, China National Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine, National Health Commission

H.E. Mr. Volkan BOZKIR

President of the UN General Assembly