



AMR Newsletter

Achieving FAO's AMR action plan



GLOBAL HIGHLIGHTS

FAO-EU Strategic Dialogue session reflecting on short and mid-term cooperation priorities to be held at the end of March/beginning April, it will follow at the previous ones on.

A technical webinar on One Health, zoonosis and food safety, and the work around AMR has been held on 19th February 2021. FAO and the European Union are committed to taking cooperative action to tackle the spread of AMR as signalled by the signing of a letter of intent in 2017.

Codex Alimentarius webinars on the development of Codex Guidelines for the integrated monitoring and surveillance of foodborne AMR were held on 19 and 20 January 2021.

They provided an overview of the work to date and an opportunity for members to comment on the text. Those comments will be considered in the revision of the guidelines. The recordings of the webinars can be accessed through the Codex TFAMR webpage [Codex TFAMR webpage](#).

Publications

[“Tackling antimicrobial use and resistance in dairy cattle”](#). The second publication in the FAO AMR case study series was published in collaboration with the Government of Sweden. It shares experiences on the long-term efforts of the Swedish dairy sector to keep animals healthy whilst maintaining low antibiotic use and high productivity. The **[first case study](#)** was published in collaboration with the Government of Denmark and focused on pig production. The case study series aims to provide practical examples of how countries are tackling AMR in food and agriculture sectors.

Tripartite collaboration & AMR Multi-Partner Trust Fund (AMR MPTF)

The AMR MPTF Global Programme kicked off in February 2021. Four technical components- Environmental Impact on AMR; Tripartite Integrated Surveillance System on AMR and AMU; Legislation on AMR and AMU; and Monitoring and Evaluation on Global Action Plan- will support countries in implementing National Action Plans on AMR. An introductory meeting of the AMR MPTF global programme to country teams will be organized in March to create an enabling environment for collaboration on One Health approaches to AMR.

The **27th Tripartite Annual Executive Meeting** took place 17-18 February during which the Tripartite Directors-General have further confirmed the Tripartite's commitment to jointly addressing AMR with a One Health approach. A Tripartite Strategic Framework on AMR is being developed to demonstrate the Tripartite's long-term vision for tackling AMR and will be linked to the Sustainable Development Goals. A joint launch event is also planned.

[A joint tripartite webinar](#) highlighting the need for a consistent One Health approach was held on February 2021. It follows up the presentation during World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW) of the report on international instruments that set standards related to the use of antimicrobials. The webinar had 2729 registered participants and more than 1300 viewers from all regions.

FAO REGIONS

Europe and Central Asia (REU)

A [high-level webinar](#) was organized by the Tripartite at the regional level on 23 November on the importance of establishing a Regional Tripartite One Health Secretariat to mobilize partners.

Communication Activities in Countries

Belarus. FAO visited five agricultural colleges and published articles in a major veterinary newspaper (delivered to all 118 districts) and on the State Veterinary Service website.

Kazakhstan. FAO delivered a lecture at the Kazakh State Agro-technical University and together with WHO and OIE held a joint virtual meeting with farmers.

Kyrgyzstan. A press-conference was held, as well as lectures for students at the Kyrgyz National Agrarian University and three interviews for local radio stations.

The Russian Federation. FAO organized with WHO and OIE a virtual round table to review the activities over the past year and discuss progress made in implementing the national action plan (NAP).

Tajikistan. Presentations were delivered to 180 field veterinarians at the Annual Convention of the Association of Veterinarians, and to 50 final year veterinary students (Tajik Agrarian University). A radio programme on AMR and the NAP was also broadcast.

Turkey. A virtual symposium led by the Tripartite Working Group in collaboration with ministries was held.

Ukraine. FAO organized an online press briefing with the participation of specialists from WHO, national authorities and the private sector. FAO also published an article in local agrarian and national media outlets and organized a social media campaign.

FAO Reference Centres for AMR

On 4 December the Integral Unit of Services, Diagnosis and Verification (UISDC) of the National Service for Agrifood Health, Safety and Quality (SENASICA), Mexico, was designated as [FAO Reference Centre for AMR](#).

During WAAW, SENASICA joined the global activities including the [Virtual Forum "Awareness Perspective on the Use of Antimicrobials in Mexico"](#).

On 17 December, 2020, the **first annual meeting** of FAO Reference Centres for AMR was organized, where the 7 designated Centres presented their expertise and activities. It was agreed to develop a workplan to support the implementation of the FAO Action Plan on AMR 2021-2025.

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