



**Antimicrobial Resistance Multi-Partner Trust Fund (AMR MPTF)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Steering Committee meeting  
via video due to COVID 19 travel restrictions  
23 June 2020 (14:00-16:30)  
Minutes**

***Welcome and introductions***

- The Chair, Mr Matthew Stone (OIE), welcomed the participants and thanked the resource partners for investing in this important initiative.
- The Steering Committee members gave introductory remarks and introduced the other participants from their organisations participating on the call.
- Ms Maria-Helena Semedo, Deputy Director-General FAO, provided opening remarks and reiterated the importance of Tripartite work at the global, regional and country levels. AMR and One Health remained a high priority for the Tripartite.

***Item 1 – Update on progress since the previous Steering Committee meeting***

- Mr Haileyesus Getahun (WHO) provided an overview of progress made since the previous meeting. Despite COVID-19 related delays and challenges, Tripartite momentum has been sustained through weekly meetings, follow up communications and informational webinars. Nine of the country teams have indicated they may be in a position to deliver a full proposal by August 2020. The two country teams that the Steering Committee requested to revise and resubmit their concept notes have also indicated that they could do so within similar timelines.
- The AMR MPTF Results Matrix is being finalized. This work will be used to further inform the development of the country proposals as well as underpin the development of long-term strategic plan for the Tripartite on AMR.

***Item 2 - Financial Situation***

- Ms Jennifer Topping (UNDP MPTF Office) presented the Funding Framework and invited participants' review:
  - Table 1: Since its establishment in August 2019, the AMR MPTF has received USD 12,944,602 in contributions and USD 15,186 in interest earned on these contributions.
  - USD 129,446 has been deducted as the one-time 1% Administrative Agent fee, and has transferred USD 636,650 for Direct costs, transfers to FAO and OIE for direct costs, are being processed. Once these amounts are transferred, the total amount transferred for Direct Costs will be USD 786,450
  - As of today, the AMR MPTF Fund Account has a total in USD 12,193,630 available for programming.
  - Table 2 presents Net Deposits, amounting to USD 12,815,156.
  - Of this amount, USD 9,181,917 is earmarked for National Component, and USD 3,633,239 is unearmarked.
- Ms Topping reiterated that the MPTF Office stands ready to support the AMR MPTF in every possible way building on the experience and knowledge of working with over 80 UN MPTFs/joint instruments.
- The Steering Committee was also informed that the first progress report of the AMR MPTF as well as up-to-date financial information were publicly available on the [AMR MPTF Gateway](#).
- Mr Stéphane Renaudin (OIE) provided an overview of the financial analysis document submitted to the Steering Committee prior to the meeting to inform the decision-making process pertaining to the approval of the global concept notes. The participants discussed the various options outlined in the document and noted that the Steering Committee could approve concept notes for further proposal development within the current funding envelope or consider developing a pipeline of future projects that exceeds the current funding envelope.



- The United Kingdom expressed a preference to take into account the two country concept notes currently being revised for resubmission (Senegal and Ethiopia) prior to making decisions on which of the global proposals should be funded.
- The Netherlands inquired on the status of resource mobilisation actions and whether new investments were in the pipeline. The Tripartite responded that a resource mobilization strategy was currently being developed and would be shared in due course with the members of the Steering Committee for comment and feedback.

### **Item 3 - Review of concept notes for global programming cycle**

- Mr Berhe Tekola (FAO) briefed the participants on the global concept note development process. Seven global programme concept notes were jointly developed by the Tripartite and submitted to the Tripartite Joint Secretariat on AMR. These concept notes were then subjected to a review process by technical experts from each of the three Tripartite organizations, followed by a preliminary prioritization exercise by the Tripartite Senior Management Group. The purpose of this Tripartite exercise was to review the technical merits of each proposal, but to also factor implementation readiness in the short-term and capacity for longer term impacts.
- Based on this technical review and prioritization, the Tripartite submitted the following three documents to the Steering Committee in advance of the meeting: (i) compilation of five concept notes; (ii) a summary of the concept notes; and, (iii) a background paper detailing the global concept note development, review and Tripartite prioritization process.
- The Tripartite Liaison Officers presented each concept note in the order of the prioritised Tripartite tiers.
- First tier:
  - *Global Leaders Group (GLG) on AMR* seeks support to establish the GLG as recommended by the Interagency Coordination Group (IACG) on AMR. The GLG would serve as a catalyst to sustain the political momentum around AMR and advocate for resource mobilization for the MPTF and beyond.
  - *Monitoring & Evaluation of the GAP on AMR* aims to improve the follow-up and lessons-learned of implementing the GAP on AMR.
  - *Environmental impact of AMR* aims to strengthen capacity and actions related to the environment within National Action Plans, sector policies, and global partnership using a One Health Approach (in collaboration with the UN Environment Programme).
- Second tier
  - *Integrated surveillance (TISSA)* will provide a platform where data and information on antimicrobial resistance and use in the human and animal sectors can be shared in an integrated manner.
  - *Legal aspect of AMR* supports countries to identify gaps and provides options for legal reform and guidance on legal aspects that must be considered while tackling AMR. This work would be complementary to a Tripartite compendium of international instruments on antimicrobial use currently in development.
- Two concept notes (Communications and Awareness; Economic Impact of AMR) were not submitted to the Steering Committee for consideration as they required further revision prior to submission.
- It was noted that some resource partners would not be able to confirm their position on concept note prioritization during the meeting as more time was required for internal deliberations, and that early sight of the agenda with the prioritisation would have been helpful.
- During the concept note discussion, the following points were underlined as important for the development of the full project proposals and eventual approval:
  - Resource partners reaffirmed their interest in country-level support as well as alignment of the concept notes with the scope the AMR MPTF. The tripartite agreed with the need for impact at country level, but reiterated the need for proposed global programming to



support country activities and to sustain and catalyse progress. It was agreed that proposals should more explicitly explain their links with country proposals and action.

- The revised concept notes from Ethiopia and Senegal should be considered as priority for funding within the current funding envelope.
- Although they recognised the value of the GLG in maintaining political support and catalysing action and investment and confirmed their support its establishment, they questioned whether the AMR MPTF corresponded to the most pertinent instrument/ mechanism given that the cost of the GLG would be funded through a limited number of resource partners. Resource partners also queried if the Tripartite intended to propose financing the Independent Panel on Evidence for Action against AMR through the AMR MPTF, considering that this panel is also included in the IACG recommendation to strengthen accountability and global governance.
- All programme proposals should adhere to value-for-money principles, including encouraging the use of remote meetings, when applicable. This could positively reduce the budgets of proposals, particularly with regards to travel and meeting costs.
- Taking into account the priorities and interests expressed by the members of the Steering Committee, it was agreed to not take into account the prioritised tiers allocated by the Tripartite as all concept notes would provide an important contribution in combatting the global threat of AMR. Resource partners flagged that when taking the decision on allocating remaining funds, it would be good to have all proposals on the table for consideration.
- The UNDP MPTF Office underscored that the approval of a national or global concept note does not corresponds to a funding commitment and that fund allocations are only made upon approval of a full programme proposal by the Steering Committee.

**DECISION:**

The Steering Committee agreed that all five global concept notes should be developed into full proposals and noted that these would be without the guarantee of funding. All proposals should take into account the feedback and concerns expressed by the Steering Committee during the meeting.

**Item 4 - AMR MPTF Operations Manual**

- Ms Emily Tagliaro (OIE) presented the latest version of the Operations Manual and invited participants for any written comments before the end of July 2020.

**Conclusions – Date of the next Steering Committee**

- The date of the next meeting will be communicated at a later date; potentially in September/October 2020 and hopefully in person.
- The Chair thanked the participants for the contribution and engagement to this meeting, ensuring a successful outcome.



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