

CONCEPT NOTE

Title: *The AMR Challenge: Building Momentum for Local Action*
Date/Time: Tuesday, November 6, 2018, 7:30 – 9:00 AM
Location: Bali, Indonesia Room, TBD
Sponsor: U.S. Government/U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the United Kingdom Department of Health and Social Care

Objectives:

- Build momentum for addressing AMR with a One Health approach, both locally and globally, by encouraging public and private stakeholders to make concrete commitments.
- Encourage governments to make concrete commitments to join the Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA) AMR Action Package, the “Call to Action 2”, and to adopt *The AMR Challenge* nationally, making formal commitments, and hosting local events to showcase best practices and accomplishments in countering AMR.
- Share stories of the impact of AMR to make the issue real and relatable for individual attendees.
- Highlight the achievement of existing partnerships and opportunities for public and private sector stakeholders to work together on this issue.
- Provide an opportunity for stakeholders to network, engage, and discuss critical issues and proposed solutions related to AMR.

Overview: During the 73rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly week, the United States launched *The AMR Challenge*, a yearlong call-to-action to accelerate the fight against AMR globally. The *Challenge* asks public and private stakeholders around the world to make and fulfill commitments to counter AMR. Commitments are unique for each organization, and should fall within the scope of your nation or organization’s expertise and ability. Drawn from a One Health perspective, commitments may fall across one or more of the Challenge’s five focus areas: infection prevention and control; antimicrobial stewardship; drug, diagnostic and therapeutic development; environment and sanitation; and surveillance and data. *The AMR Challenge* encourages a One Health approach that recognizes the interconnectedness of human, animal, and environmental health. Over 100 commitments have been made, and more are expected throughout the year.

This year, the UK will be leading the GHSA AMR Action Package. The action package is a forum for intelligence sharing, both through teleconferences and face to face meetings, and this year will also be providing capacity building webinars. In the run-up to the UN Secretary General’s report back to the UN General Assembly in September 2019, the Action Package will provide a useful platform for coalescing thinking around desired outcomes from the UN Secretary General’s report, and appropriate next steps.

Session Summary: Key decision makers in the public and private sectors will convene to participate in a highly interactive session of senior guest speakers and multimedia presentations highlighting the science, personal stories, and action related to AMR.

The event will feature a moderated slate of four speakers from governments and organizations that have made a strong commitment to combating AMR locally and globally. The Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services will introduce *The AMR Challenge*, briefly describe the launch initiative, and encourage other countries to make commitments to join the GHSA AMR Action Package, and to host national and regional events that could spur local commitments. Speakers will discuss the threat of AMR, current challenges in the fight against AMR, the progress that has been made to date, and the action needed to make a lasting impact. Videos will provide transitions between speakers, highlighting the threat of AMR and some of the action that is taking place to slow its emergence and spread.

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The event will showcase the GHSA AMR Action Package and ask for commitments from governments to join the action package. It will be highlighted that the Action Package is a useful forum for Member States to discuss key international commitments, such as the

Target Audience: Approximately 60-75 leaders from government, multilateral institutions, industry, academia, and non-governmental organizations.

Co-sponsors of *The AMR Challenge* currently include the Governments of: Canada; Finland; India's Department of Biotechnology Ministry of Science and Technology and Indian Council of Medical Research, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare; Japan; Nigeria; Pakistan; Peru; and Sweden; the World Health Organization and the Southeast Regional Office, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Pew Charitable Trusts, the United Nations Foundation, Wellcome Trust, and the CDC Foundation.

The member countries of the **GHSA AMR Action Package** are Australia, Canada, Germany, Kenya, Norway, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States. The European Union is an adviser, and the FAO, OIE and WHO act as supporting international organizations.