

**Quadripartite Joint Secretariat on Antimicrobial Resistance**  
**Terms of Reference**  
**Established in October 2019 and updated in June 2022**

**Purpose:** The Quadripartite organizations have established a standing Quadripartite Joint Secretariat (QJS) to lead and coordinate the global response to antimicrobial resistance in close collaboration with the UN system and other organizations. The QJS consolidates cooperation between FAO, UNEP, WHO and WOAHA, drawing on their core mandates and comparative advantages to address needs of the global response across the One Health spectrum.

**Host organization:** WHO hosts the QJS with a critical mass of staff, along with dedicated liaison officers working in FAO, UNEP and WOAHA.

**Functions:**

1. **Global promotion, advocacy and political engagement** – promotes the One Health approach and joint activities of the Quadripartite as critical players in the global response through high-level communication, advocacy and political engagement, and the creation of an enabling environment.
2. **Support global governance structures on antimicrobial resistance** – manages and supports the Global Leaders Group, Independent Panel on Evidence for Action and Multi-Stakeholder Partnership platform on behalf of the Quadripartite and in close consultation with the UN Secretary-General's office.
3. **Coordinate interagency engagement and partnership** – facilitates the engagement of UN Environment, World Bank and other UN and international organizations through the development of a shared goal and voluntary division of labor based on their mandates and comparative advantage to foster collaboration around priority objectives, prevent duplication of efforts and to gain synergies and efficiencies.
4. **Coordinate and monitor Quadripartite workplans on antimicrobial resistance** – facilitates the collective development, updating, coordination, monitoring and reporting of the implementation of the joint Quadripartite workplans in close collaboration with the relevant teams responsible for execution the activities across the four organizations.
5. **Map gaps and opportunities** – continuously monitor for strategic gaps and opportunities in the Quadripartite response on antimicrobial resistance and bring them to the attention of the Executive Committee for decision.
6. **Support the functioning of the Antimicrobial Resistance Multi-Partner Trust Fund (AMR-MPTF)** – coordinate the AMR-MPTF and manage its Steering Group. Management of the receipt, administration, disbursement and financial reporting of funds will be managed by the MPTF office of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

**Governance arrangements:** The QJS has the following governance arrangements:

- **The Executive Committee** comprises the four Principals of the Quadripartite organizations and will provide overall political and strategic oversight. They will meet on an annual basis.
- **The Senior Management Group** comprises Deputy or Assistant Directors-General and the relevant directors or heads of department of the Quadripartite organizations and will provide strategic direction and guidance. They will meet biannually.
- **The Quadripartite Joint Secretariat team** comprises liaison officers from each organization and other Secretariat staff and will carry out the day to day technical and coordination operations of the Secretariat under the leadership of the Director of the Secretariat. Overall operational direction and functioning through effective communication and flow of information and coordination amongst the four organizations will be carried out by the Secretariat.

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