The Ad hoc Interagency Coordination Group (IACG) on Antimicrobial Resistance was convened by the United Nations (UN) Secretary-General in March 2017 in consultation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and the World Health Organization (WHO) following a call for its creation in the 2016 Political declaration of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on antimicrobial resistance.

The IACG aimed to provide practical guidance on the approaches needed to ensure sustained effective global action to address antimicrobial resistance. The group consisted of representatives of major UN and other international organisations, as well as individual experts, and was supported by the Tripartite secretariat. The OIE’s representative to the IACG was Deputy Director General Matthew Stone.

Before completing its final report, the IACG launched a public discussion on the draft recommendations to obtain stakeholder and country input and to help to ensure that the recommendations addressed key needs in the response to antimicrobial resistance. Public discussion on the draft closed on 19 February 2019 and the final report and recommendations were submitted to the UN Secretary-General in April 2019, who is expected to report on the recommendations to the UN General Assembly in September 2019.

More information on the public discussion on the draft recommendations is available from the WHO website.
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