

**UNITE**

Parliamentarians Network  
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# Join Your Delegation

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**Assembly**

| **High-Level Meeting (HLM)**  
**on Antimicrobial Resistance**  
**(AMR) Briefing**

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In recognition of the importance of the upcoming UN High-Level Meeting (HLM) on Anti-Microbial Resistance (AMR), UNITE has been running the **"Join Your Delegation" (JYD)** campaign. This initiative advocates for the inclusion of **Members of Parliament** in national delegations to **global health multilateral fora**, especially the 2024 HLM on AMR. The campaign aims to **raise awareness of the importance of parliamentarians' participation in the HLM**, leveraging their roles in law-making, budgeting, and oversight to transform societies and ensure access to health services.

The **2024 High-Level Meeting (HLM) on AMR** will be held on **September 26, 2024**, at the **UN Headquarters in New York** during the general debate of the Assembly's seventy-ninth session. This pivotal meeting aims to address the **global threat of AMR** and reinforce **international commitments** to combat it.

## **UNITE's AMR Activities and Impact**

**AMR** is a **prominent** issue in **UNITE's political agenda**. UNITE has organized both **regional and global meetings** to increase awareness and foster collaboration among policymakers, including our parliamentarians. The aim has been to **cultivate political leadership in combating AMR**.

UNITE has organized an **online series of regional meetings called 'Let's Talk Health'**, where AMR has been a key topic. These meetings have highlighted how AMR transcends borders and threatens the progress made in health and development.

In May 2024, a **Multi-Stakeholder Hearing on AMR** was organized in preparation for the UN HLM. UNITE was represented by Hon. Sonia Sidhu and Dr. Mariam Jashi. They **emphasized the role of parliamentarians in global health decision-making** and the critical importance of synergizing AMR policies with sepsis.

In addition to supporting the advocacy work through our JYD campaign, UNITE **launched a working group on AMR** composed of parliamentarians and representatives from the AMR Unit at the WHO, GARDP, UN Foundation, and the Global Sepsis Alliance. The aim of this group is to **support UNITE's parliamentarians in the development of concrete policy asks** on AMR, which UNITE aims to bring to the HLM.

UNITE is also **part of the [AMR Multi-Stakeholder Partnership Platform](#) and the [European Network for Infection Prevention and Antimicrobial Resistance](#)**. The former facilitates coordinated action among stakeholders to combat AMR, while the latter focuses on infection, prevention and control strategies in Europe.

## Key Asks for our members

As a parliamentarian, you play a **crucial role in tackling the challenge of AMR**. Here are **key actions** you can take:

### 1. Engage with Your Government

Raise the topic of AMR in parliament and with your government, emphasizing its critical impact on public health and development. **Parliamentarians can drive the political agenda to ensure AMR is a national priority** and that their governments are committed to tackling this challenge.

### 2. Develop and Implement National Action Plans

Support the **development of multi-sectoral national action plans, programs, and policy initiatives** aligned with the **One Health** approach and the [Global Action Plan on AMR](#). Ensure these plans are well-funded and effectively implemented.

### 3. Support a Multisectoral One Health Approach

The **One Health approach** recognizes the interconnectedness of human, animal, and environmental health. Collaborate with stakeholders in civil society, industry, SMEs, research institutes, and academia to address AMR. Promote public health-driven capacity-building activities and innovative partnerships.

### 4. Mobilize Funding and Resources

Advocate for adequate, predictable, and sustained funding for AMR initiatives. Support investment through national, bilateral, and multilateral channels. **Ensure that national action plans have the necessary funding backing them to be effective and sustainable.**

### 5. Increase Awareness and Knowledge

**Initiate and sustain awareness and knowledge-raising activities on AMR** within your constituency. Promote **educational campaigns** to inform the public about the risks and prevention of AMR. Encourage the inclusion of **AMR topics in school curricula and leverage media platforms to reach wider audiences**. These campaigns should focus on **fostering a culture of responsible antibiotic use, raising awareness about the risks of AMR, and promoting prevention strategies**.

## Enhance Accountability and Post-HLM Actions

After the **High-Level Meeting**, it is essential for **parliamentarians** to ensure that the **commitments** made by their governments are translated into action. This includes holding governments accountable for the **implementation** of national **AMR strategies** and the integration of **AMR-related goals** into broader **health and development agendas**. Parliamentarians can play a crucial role in

**monitoring** the progress of these commitments, conducting regular **reviews**, and demanding **transparency** in reporting.

Additionally, **MPs** should advocate for the establishment of **independent bodies** or mechanisms that can assess the effectiveness of AMR **interventions** at the national level. They should push for regular **parliamentary inquiries** or **debates** on AMR to keep the issue high on the political agenda. Furthermore, fostering **collaborations** with **civil society organizations** and **international partners** can help ensure that AMR remains a priority beyond the HLM, enabling **sustained action** and **continuous improvement** in addressing this global health threat.

## Conclusion

**Parliamentarians are key** to supporting countries in reaching their SDG goals, including combating antimicrobial resistance by 2030. Effective legislation and robust policy implementation will be essential components in this fight.

**UNITE is committed to supporting Parliamentarians in this objective, ensuring that they have the resources and expertise needed to address AMR effectively and sustainably.**

