



United Nations General Assembly High-Level Meeting on Antimicrobial Resistance

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“I am speaking on behalf of the International Centre for Antimicrobial Resistance Solutions, ICARS. We welcome the comprehensive high-level declaration, in particular the ambition of scaling up international efforts to address this global health and development challenge, based on principles of equity and with the goal of leaving no one behind.

It is paramount to recognise that the burden of AMR is disproportionately borne by Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs), and they must be at the centre of our efforts to address this evolving crisis. AMR is a complex challenge, which demands multisectoral and multidisciplinary solutions. However, efforts to address AMR are impaired by limited coordination and low financial prioritisation. Most funding efforts to mitigate AMR are driven by stakeholders from High-Income Countries, with variable engagement and ownership of policymakers and stakeholders from LMICs.

To achieve globally relevant, sustainable financing and impact, there is a need to transform the way we invest and mobilise resources for AMR mitigation. We need robust, global financial prioritisation of AMR-mitigation. But we also need AMR mitigation to be integrated and prioritised in national strategies and domestic funding.

In recognition of this, ICARS partners with LMIC governments, research institutions and local stakeholders, to co-develop context-specific, cost-effective, country-led solutions across the One Health Spectrum that build on AMR National Action Plans, supported by ICARS funding and expertise.

It is our hope that this dialogue will inspire more donors and partners to act, and we welcome you to join ICARS and support our important work mitigating AMR with LMICs.”

