

**MEDIA ADVISORY****WORKSHOP ON ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE
SURVEILLANCE FOR AFRICA****INVITATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA**

- WHAT:** Workshop on Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance for Africa.
- WHO:** Representatives of African Union Member States; Africa CDC Regional Collaborating Centers, West African Health Organization (WAHO); Eastern, Central and Southern African Community (ECSA); African Society for Laboratory Medicine (ASLM) Secretariat; Mapping AMR & AMU Partnership (MAAP) consortium partners; Africa Union Taskforce on AMR; Africa CDC; and technical partner organizations.
- WHEN:** 4-5 April 2019
- TIME:** 9.00 am to 5.30 pm
- WHERE:** African Union Commission, Small Conference Hall 2 and Caucus Rooms 17, 18, 19, 20

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Mapping Antimicrobial Resistance and Antimicrobial Use Partnership (MAAP) is a consortium that brings together a unique combination of technical expertise, strategic coordination and political leadership to increase availability of analyzable antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and antimicrobial use (AMU) data from different parts of Africa. In the next 24 months, MAAP is planning to retrieve retrospective AMR and AMU data in 12 countries (with a potential to extend to three or four more countries), resulting in increased volume of usable AMR and AMU data and more insight into health system gaps preventing the establishment of AMR surveillance systems. The results will guide improvement of country capacity to collect and use data, raise awareness, and conduct advocacy and policy to address AMR and AMU challenges at the country and regional levels. This workshop is to engage with Member States to understand their needs and develop an implementation plan that aligns with the regional and national priorities.

Journalists are invited to attend and cover the opening ceremony at the African Union Headquarters on Thursday 4 April 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

About the Africa CDC

The Africa CDC mission is to strengthen Africa's public health institution's capacities, capabilities and partnerships to detect and respond quickly and effectively to disease threats and outbreaks based on science, policy, and data-driven interventions and programmes.

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About the African Union

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