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Key Takeways from the 2025 Annual AMR Conference

The 2025 Annual AMR Regional Conference, held under the theme "From Global to Local Action: Operationalizing AMR Commitments in Africa & Beyond," featured a comprehensive agenda designed to translate global and regional commitments into concrete, country-led implementation strategies. Structured over two days, the conference brought together stakeholders from across sectors to examine progress, share technical experiences, and build consensus on priority actions aligned with the 2024 UNGA High-Level Meeting and the Jeddah Ministerial Commitments.

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European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) 2025



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The European & developing countries clinical trials partnerships conference 2025 was held from 15th- 20th June in Kigali, Rwanda.

Dr Rapheal Chanda, Deputy Director at ReAct Africa gave a keynote address on Antimicrobial Resistance and implications for empirical treatment in Africa.

In his speech, he emphasised on the integration of AMR in already established programmes and the need to develop home grown solutions.

Scaling Solutions and Financing for Antimicrobial Resistance Mitigation



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ReAct Africa and ICARS, jointly co-hosted the roundtable on 'Scaling Solutions and Financing for Antimicrobial Resistance Mitigation' on June 2nd 2025, during the Second Hamburg Sustainability Conference 2025 held from June 2nd and 3rd. The roundtable recognized AMR as a critical global health and development threat, especially in low-middle income countries and brought together governments, multilateral banks, donors, and private actors to explore practical, action-oriented pathways to implement AMR commitments. The joint statement, endorsed by participants, urged equitable financing, integration of AMR into national and development agendas, and the need for sustained political momentum post 2024 UNGA declaration. It emphasized the One Health approach, multisectoral collaboration, and global solidarity to achieve the set targets such as a 10% reduction in AMR-related deaths and 60% of countries with funded AMR action plans by 2030.

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Advancing Equitable Antibiotic Access: Key Takeaways from WHA Side Event

At the World Health Assembly, the Gates Foundation, Novo Nordisk Foundation, and Wellcome Trust co-hosted a high-level side event on 22nd May 2025, titled "Bridging the Gap: New Conversations and Practical Solutions for Advancing Equitable Antibiotic Access."

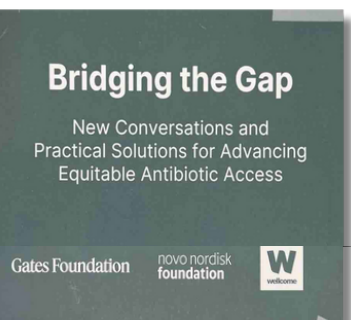
The meeting featured opening insights from Novo Nordisk and Wellcome, global and regional reflections from WHO and Africa CDC, and a moderated dialogue on existing initiatives and next steps highlighting the urgent need for inclusive, locally driven solutions.

Prof. Mirfin Mpundu, Executive Director and Co-founder of ReAct Africa, emphasized that the next generation of access strategies must be community-led, in line with the Lusaka Agenda. His remarks highlighted the importance of:

- Reaching underserved populations,
- Supporting informal providers,
- Integrating access into primary health care, and
- Ensuring sustainable financing and innovation aligned with community needs.

The discussion reinforced a sobering fact: in 2021, while millions died of treatable infections, over half the world's population lacked access to essential health services, including antibiotics.

As the antibiotic access agenda moves forward, this meeting marked a critical step toward new narratives, bold partnerships, and inclusive solutions rooted in the realities of those most affected.



Parliamentarians Rally to Tackle Antimicrobial Resistance in Africa

As Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) continues to emerge as one of the most pressing health and development challenges of our time, African policymakers are stepping up to confront the crisis head-on. Held ahead of the 10th Annual Regional AMR Conference, the Parliamentarian Pre-Conference Meeting on AMR brought together over 50 parliamentarians, clerks, and senior policymakers from across the continent to address the urgent need for legislative and policy-level action on AMR.

The gathering featuring delegates from Zambia, Malawi, Tanzania, Botswana and representatives from regional and international institutions such as Africa CDC, ECSA-HC, FAO, AMREF, PATH, and national ministries aimed to build consensus around operationalizing Africa's forthcoming Regional Action Plan on AMR. A key objective was to initiate the establishment of a Regional Parliamentarian Caucus on AMR to drive legislative accountability and sustained engagement.

"This initiative, if followed through, offers real potential to deliver solutions rooted in policy and political will."

Dr Evelyn Wesangula, ESCA-HC

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Drive-AMS Masterclass: Advancing Practical Stewardship in East Africa



From May 21–23, 2025, the DRIVE-AMS Masterclass on Antimicrobial Stewardship (AMS) was held in Nairobi, Kenya, bringing together 63 participants from healthcare facilities in Kenya, Zambia, and Somalia. The event was a collaborative effort between ReAct Africa, ICARS, Radboud University, Aga Khan University, bioMérieux and the Kenya Ministry of Health.

The three-day workshop focused on hands-on AMS training, infection prevention and control (IPC), and surveillance.

Participants engaged in data analysis, case-based learning, and presented tailored AMS projects, with a six-month follow-up plan to support implementation in their facilities.

This masterclass underscored the power of regional collaboration and practical capacity-building in driving sustainable AMS interventions across Africa.



Strengthening Community and Youth Engagement in Africa's AMR Response

ReAct Africa convened a high-impact stakeholder meeting on 11th June, during the Annual AMR Regional Conference, bringing together 33 participants from 11 African countries to advance youth and community engagement in the fight against antimicrobial resistance (AMR). The meeting aimed to coordinate efforts, strengthen networks, and align grassroots action with global and regional AMR frameworks.

Key Objectives Included:

- Enhancing coordination of youth and community-led AMR initiatives.
- Building strong linkages across local, regional, and continental actors.
- Promoting participatory, locally owned models for AMR action.

Participants noted critical gaps, including limited youth representation in policy spaces, fragmented community efforts, a lack of impactful initiatives, and the use of overly technical language that limits public understanding.

The meeting reaffirmed that youth are not just beneficiaries but essential actors in the AMR response. ReAct Africa continues to champion youth-led, community-owned solutions driven by partnership, innovation, and inclusion.