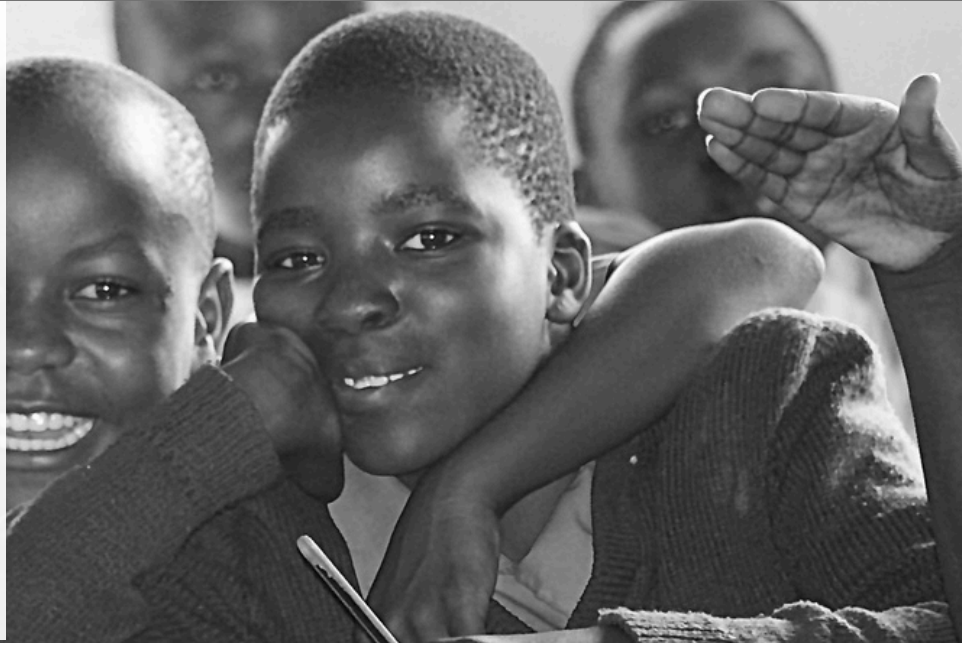


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3 Key Takeaways from the AMR Pre-Conference at the 76th ECSA Health Ministers' Conference

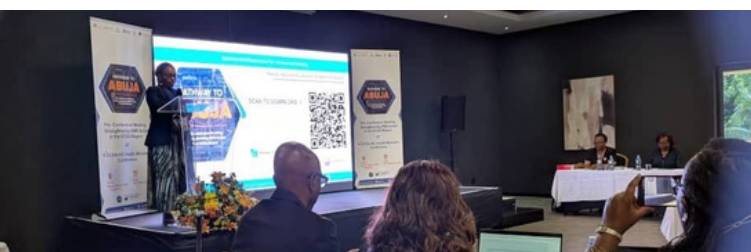
In February 2026, policymakers, researchers, and development partners from across East, Central and Southern Africa met in Ezulwini, Eswatini for the AMR Pre-Conference Meeting ahead of the 76th ECSA Health Ministers' Conference. The meeting brought together regional leaders to align priorities and strengthen the region's response to antimicrobial resistance ahead of the Global High-Level Ministerial Conference on AMR scheduled for June 2026 in Abuja, Nigeria.

Key takeaways

1. Access to antibiotics, diagnostics and vaccines remains uneven
2. Sustainable financing for AMR is urgently needed
3. Political leadership will determine progress



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How Kenyan School children Are Becoming Champions for Responsible Antibiotic Use



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In Busia County, western Kenya, a group of primary school pupils is helping bring awareness about antimicrobial resistance (AMR) into classrooms, homes, and communities. Through the Maarifa Kids 2.0 Project, more than 200 children aged 7 to 14 from Otiiri and Lupida primary schools have been learning about responsible antibiotic use, hygiene practices and healthy behaviours. The project was implemented by Maarifa Kids Kenya in partnership with ACE Africa and supported by the British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy (BSAC).

At the heart of the initiative is the **Child-to-Child (CtC) methodology**, an approach that encourages children to share knowledge and influence positive behaviours among their peers.



ASPIRE Project Shows Strong Midline Progress at AAR Hospital- Kenya

Partners from LifeArc recently visited AAR Hospital to review progress under the ASPIRE (Antimicrobial Stewardship through Innovation, Research & Education) project implemented with ReAct Africa.

Since the 2024 baseline assessment, the hospital has made remarkable progress in strengthening antimicrobial stewardship systems.

The WHO AMS functionality score increased from 39% to 82%, supported by interventions such as new clinical treatment guidelines, weekly stewardship ward rounds, digital decision-support tools, and improved diagnostic practices.



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Faith Based Organizations: Critical allies for stronger action on AMR

On 3rd February, ReAct Africa launched a policy brief during a High-Level global dialogue that underscored the indispensable role of faith-based organizations in addressing antimicrobial resistance, one of the most urgent and complex public health threats of our time. Hosted by the World Council of Churches, the dialogue brought together global health leaders, policymakers, and faith actors to explore how trusted community institutions can help strengthen AMR prevention, stewardship, and advocacy - particularly across Africa.

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AMR Watch Issue 2 is Here!

Discover Voices of the Community, our latest magazine shining a spotlight on the incredible work being done across Africa to tackle Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR).

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Aims for the survey:

- Identify priority issues for the 5th High Level Ministerial Meeting on AMR in June 2026 in Abuja
- Strengthen calls for inclusive and accountable AMR governance
- Inform communication materials & dialogue ahead of the Meeting

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ReAct Africa AMR Conference 2026

The ReAct Africa AMR Conference 2026 will take place 21–22 July in Lusaka, Zambia, bringing together policymakers, researchers, civil society leaders, and global health experts committed to addressing antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in Africa.

Under the theme “Africa Leading the Way to Institutionalising Pragmatic People-Centred AMR Solutions from Grassroots to Regional Level,” the conference will highlight innovative approaches that strengthen AMR governance, evidence-based policy, and community-driven action. Through dialogue, knowledge exchange, and cross-sector collaboration, the event will advance sustainable solutions across human, animal, and environmental health using a One Health approach.

The conference provides a unique platform for African leadership to shape global conversations on AMR while showcasing locally driven strategies that can be scaled across the continent.

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