Antimicrobial resistance is one of the most pressing challenges for humanity. It affects all areas of health, involves many sectors and has an impact on the whole of society. Increasing resistance threatens to roll back the achievements of modern medicine as many medicinal procedures rely on effective antibiotics. Antibiotics, more than other medicines, can be considered a public good for which society has a collective responsibility. The Symposium will offer a forum to exchange views and experiences, to achieve a better understanding of the global challenge of antimicrobial resistance and to envisage possible ways forward.
Programme

09h30 – 10h00  **Introductory remarks**
Mr. Francis Gurry, Director General, WIPO
Mr. Roberto Azevêdo, Director-General, WTO
Mr. Keiji Fukuda, Special Representative for Antimicrobial Resistance, WHO

10h00 – 10h45  **Keynote address**
Mr. Jim O’Neill, Chair of the Review on Antimicrobial Resistance, United Kingdom

10h45 – 11h15  **Coffee break**

11h15 – 12h45  **Panel 1: Fostering access and appropriate use**
Ms. Evelina Tacconelli, Professor of Medicine, Universitätsklinikum Tübingen, Germany
Ms. Eveline Wesangula, Coordinator of the Global Antibiotic Resistance Partnership (GARP), Kenya
Mr. Rob Ahern, Principal Officer of Agricultural Health and Food Safety, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture (IICA), Costa Rica

**Moderator:** Ms. Suzanne Hill, Director, Department of Essential Medicines and Health Products, WHO

12h45 – 14h15  **Lunch break**

14h15 – 15h45  **Panel 2: Business models for antibiotic innovation**
Mr. Jean-Pierre Paccaud, Director, Business Development & Legal, Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative (DNDi), WHO/DNDi Global Antibiotic Research & Development Partnership (GARDP)
Ms. Yoke Ling Chee, Director of Programmes, Third World Network, Malaysia
Mr. Brian Woolhouse, Head, Hospital and Acute Care Business, MSD, United States

**Moderator:** Mr. Edward Kwakwa, Senior Director, Department for Traditional Knowledge and Global Challenges, WIPO

15h45 – 17h15  **Panel 3: Trade policy in support of antimicrobial access and stewardship**
Ms. Monique Eloit, Director General, World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)
Mr. Guilherme de Aguiar Patriota, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva (tbc)
Mr. Jørgen Schlundt, Professor of Food Science and Technology, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

**Moderator:** Mr. Hoe Lim, Director, Trade and Environment Division, WTO

17h15 – 17h30  **Closing remarks**
**Moderator:** Mr. Minelik Alemu Getahun, Assistant Director General, Global Issues Sector, WIPO

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