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|  | **CONSULTANCY** |

***Draft* Terms of Reference**

This consultancy is requested by:

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| Unit: | Global initiatives and research coordination (IRC) |
| Department: | Global Coordination and Partnership on Antimicrobial Resistance (GCP) |

1. **Purpose of the Consultancy Roster**

To support the Department of Global Coordination and Partnership on Antimicrobial Resistance (GCP) in the implementation of the *Global Action Plan* on Antimicrobial Resistance, through supporting research and development priority setting to combat antimicrobial resistance.

1. **Background**

Antimicrobials resistance is a global public health threat, acknowledged through the endorsement of the Global Action Plan on antimicrobial resistance (AMR)[[1]](#footnote-1) by the World Health Assembly (resolution WHA68.7) in May 2015, the Political Declaration of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on AMR[[2]](#footnote-2) in September 2017 as well as the report of the UN Interagency Coordination Group (IACG) on Antimicrobial Resistance[[3]](#footnote-3). Objective five of the Global Action Plan is to increase research and development (R&D) for new antibacterial treatments and optimize the use of existing and new antibiotics. Further political commitments to implement the global action plan and foster R&D of new antibiotics was shown at the United Nations General Assembly at its Seventy-First Session in 2016 at a high-level meeting on antimicrobial resistance and more recently in 2017 at the meeting of the Group of 20. In response, in September 2017, WHO released the priority pathogens list including TB to prioritize R&D efforts for new. Coupled with this report, the WHO undertook the first global analysis of antibacterial agents in clinical development. The analysis, that is being undertaken on an annual basis identifies that the current pipeline as being insufficient to combat AMR. In 2019 the WHO expanded the analysis to the preclinical antibacterial pipeline and plans to expand to antifungals in 2020.

1. **Planned timelines:** (TBC) approximately 8 months full-time

Start date: 01/05/2020

End date: 30/12/2020

1. **Work to be performed**

Under the supervision of the Impact Initiates and Research Coordination (IRC) unit in the GCP department in WHO headquarters, the consultant will perform the following functions:

* Support the work of the unit in implementing the global action plan on antimicrobial resistance strategic objective five in the area research and development priority setting for antimicrobial resistance;
* Coordinate the collection and collation of data on the preclinical and clinical antibacterial pipeline by WHO external consultants in preparation for the 2020 clinical antibacterial pipeline advisory group meeting;
* Support the unit in the preparation and delivery of the 2020 clinical antibacterial pipeline advisory group meeting;
* Support the unit in developing the WHO 2020 clinical antibacterial pipeline update publication and updating the 2020 clinical and pre-clinical pipeline data in the WHO Public Health R&D Observatory; and
* Assist the unit in other research and development priority setting to combat antimicrobial resistance including furthering the antifungal priority research agenda and the review of the vaccine pipeline.

1. **Technical Supervision**

The selected Consultants will work on the supervision of:

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| Responsible Officer: | Sarah Paulin, Technical Officer, GCP, IRC | Email: | [paulins@who.int](mailto:paulins@who.int) |
| Manager: | Peter Beyer, Senior Advisor, GCP, IRC | Email: | [beyerp@who.int](mailto:beyerp@who.int) |

1. **Specific requirements**

Qualifications required:

* M.Sc. in biomedical sciences, microbiology, pharmacy, organic chemistry, or another relevant area specific to R&D of antimicrobials and/or antimicrobial resistance

Experience required:

* At least 5 years of relevant experience in the area of microbiology, antibacterial drug R&D and/or antimicrobial resistance;
* Experience working in an international context desirable;
* Very good writing skills demonstrated through peer-reviewed publications on clinical microbiology, epidemiology, drug development or utilization and/or antimicrobial resistance;
* Ability to work independently and in a team;
* Ability to work under pressure with conflicting priorities;
* Excellent interpersonal and communication skills; and
* Computer literacy (Word, Excel, Powerpoint etc.).

Language requirements:

* English – proficient (reading, writing, speaking)

1. **Place of assignment**

Geneva, Switzerland

1. **Travel**

Dependent on the specific assignment of the consultancy

If travel is required, all **travel arrangements** will be made by WHO – WHO will not be responsible for tickets purchased by the Consultant without the express, prior authorization of WHO. While on a mission under the terms of this consultancy, the Consultant will receive a **subsistence allowance**.

Visas requirements: it is the consultant’s responsibility to fulfill **visa requirements** and ask for a visa support letter(s) if needed.

1. **Additional information**

The consultant monthly rates will be based on Young Professionals / Specialists pay band ranges, i.e. between US$ 6,500 and US$ 7,500 depending on the selected consultant’s expertise and years of experience. A cost of living allowance of up to 3,000 CHF per month may also be available depending on the usual place of resicence of the selected consultant.

**Please submit the following documents to** [**antibacterialpipeline@who.int**](mailto:antibacterialpipeline@who.int) **by 7 April 2020 17:00 Geneva time.**

* Expression of interest (cover letter);
* CV, preferably from WHO Stellis profile (https://careers.who.int/careersection/ex/).

1. Global Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2015 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Political Declaration of the High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on Antimicrobial Resistance. New York: United Nations; 2016 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. https://www.who.int/antimicrobial-resistance/interagency-coordination-group/en/ [↑](#footnote-ref-3)