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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