

Concept Note of NMSC Meeting

Antibiotic resistance is one of the biggest threats to global health, food security, and development today. Antibiotic resistance can affect anyone, of any age, in any country. Antibiotic resistance occurs naturally, but misuse of antibiotics in humans and animals is accelerating the process. A growing number of infections – such as pneumonia, tuberculosis, gonorrhoea, and salmonellosis are becoming harder to treat as the antibiotics used to treat them become less effective. Antibiotic resistance leads to longer hospital stays, higher medical costs and increased mortality.

Global Action Plan for Antimicrobial Resistance was endorsed at the Sixty-Eight World Health Assembly. One of the global action plans is to tackle the growing problem of resistance to antibiotics and other antimicrobial medicines. In Myanmar, National Action Plan for containment of AMR (2017–2022) was endorsed in 2017. Five Strategic objectives are included in the National Action Plan of AMR– awareness raising; surveillance on AMR, Infection Prevention and Control, optimizing antimicrobial usage and research development.

For high level commitment, National Multi – sectoral Steering Committee and National Coordinating Centre for AMR were endorsed. National Multi – sectoral Steering Committee is composed of 19 members of higher-level officials chaired by Union Minister. NMSC meeting has been held yearly since 2018 with leadership of Union Minister to review situation of AMR, implementation of AMR activities, bottlenecks while implementation of AMR activities and Way forwards for further implementation. For this year due to COVID 19 situation, the meeting will be held as virtual online meeting on 20.11.2019.

Objectives of NMSC Meeting

- To present update AMR activities implementation, challenges and propose way forwards from National Coordinating Centre for AMR
- To provide guidance and decision making for ways forward AMR activities presented by National Coordinating Centre
- To provide the necessary political commitment and support for national AMR containment efforts in both nationally and internationally
- To provide guidance to issues and challenges of National Coordinating Centre for AMR while implementation of National Action Plan for AMR and globally as well
- To strategize the ways forward activities that could be implemented by National Coordinating Centre for AMR and provide guidance and support efforts to AMR technical working groups of AMR awareness, surveillance, infection prevention and control and hygiene, optimizing antimicrobial usage and research and innovation through NCC