

Antibiotic Resistance Coalition

2022 Year in Review

Formed in May of 2014, the Antibiotic Resistance Coalition (ARC) is a coalition of over 25 civil society and intergovernmental organizations dedicated to addressing the global threat of antimicrobial resistance (AMR). With members working across human, veterinary, and environmental health around the globe, ARC takes a One Health approach to AMR. Despite the continued spread of COVID-19, ARC members made significant progress in advancing efforts to tackle antimicrobial resistance in 2022. Here is just a sampling of some of the highlights, drawn from the pages of the monthly ARC newsletter--

January and February 2022



In January, the ReAct Strategic Policy Program and IDEA Initiative at the Bloomberg School of Public Health prepared an ARC briefing note, "[The Global Action Plan on AMR at a Crossroads: Insights from the WHO's Comprehensive Review](#)," identifying eight pillars of action that should be taken to comprehensively address the global solutions to AMR. The European Public Health Alliance (EPHA) published a [new report](#) on how improving animal health and welfare can minimize the routine use of antibiotics on European farms.

In February, 18 health professional and animal welfare groups--including several ARC members--[wrote to the European Commission](#), calling for the end of colistin use within EU food production and imports.

March and April 2022



In March, several ARC members (EPHA, [ReAct Europe](#), [Health Care Without Harm Europe](#)) provided public feedback to the European Commission's [Call for Evidence for policy initiatives on AMR](#). The Alliance to Save Our Antibiotics also collected nearly 30,000 signatures as part of their [petition to the CEOs of seven top UK supermarkets](#), calling for the procurement of products produced with responsible antibiotic use.

In April, several ARC members provided [written and oral responses to the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body \(INB\) on strengthening pandemic prevention](#), preparedness and response. Health Care Without Harm also provided [recommendations aimed at improving the sustainability of medicines within the EU](#), to minimize the spread of pharmaceutical residue and antimicrobials into the environment.

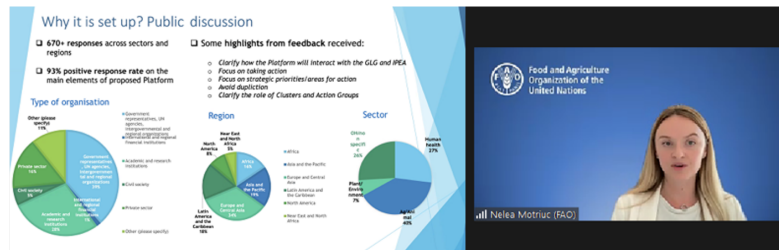
May and June 2022



Following the release of the European Commission's (EC's) [draft list of antimicrobials to be reserved for human health](#), ARC members provided [written critiques](#) in May, calling for the Commission to be more vigilant.

In June, ARC members participated in the [JPIAMR roundtables](#) focused around One Health mitigation measures for AMR, hosted by the International Centre for Antimicrobial Resistance Solutions (ICARS) and the JPIAMR Secretariat. ReAct Europe also organized a [Stockholm+50 associated event](#) on the global AMR response, in collaboration with The Nordic Council of Ministers and Stockholm Environmental Institute.

July and August 2022



(AMPP). This teleconsultation featured ARC speakers from South Centre, Oceana Chile, World Animal Protection, Food Actions Concerns Trust, and the Centre for Science and Environment India, among others. Later in the month, the ARC Secretariat also organized a [teleconsultation for Coalition members and partner organizations](#) at the request of the Global Antibiotic R&D Partnership (GARDP) and World Health Organization. The focus of this teleconsultation was to discuss the draft SECURE Initiative business model, as well as a license negotiated between GARDP/Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) and Shionogi, Inc for the novel antibiotic, cefiderocol.

In July, the ARC Secretariat hosted a [teleconsultation with the Food and Agriculture Organization \(FAO\)](#) on their Reduce the Need for Antimicrobials on Farms Initiative and the Quadripartite agency plans for launching the AMR Multistakeholder Partnership Platform

September and October 2022

Company Ranking	
A	
B	
C	TARGET
C-	Ahold Delhaize
D	COSTCO WHOLESALE, meijer
F	Kroger, Walmart, ALDI, TRADER JOE'S, H-E-B, Albertsons, Publix, Wakefern

In September, ReAct - Action on Antibiotic Resistance contributed to the [WHO INB's second round of public hearings](#) on the new international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, highlighting the need for a more resilient healthcare system.

In October, U.S. PIRG and Food Animal Concerns Trust released the [first Superbugs in Stock report](#), a scorecard ranking the top 12 U.S. grocers on their antibiotic use policies and practices. Of the grocers ranked, eight chains scored an "F" while Target was the only grocer scoring a "C" for having policies in place prohibiting routine preventative use of antibiotics. Also in October, Professor Anthony So with the ReAct Strategic Policy Program and IDEA Initiative at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health spoke at the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine on "[Accelerating the Development and Uptake of Rapid Diagnostics to Address Antibiotic Resistance](#)."

November and December 2022



In November, ARC published a [joint statement](#) welcoming efforts to set targets to reduce antimicrobial use such as those in the Muscat Ministerial Manifesto on AMR, while also sharing important concerns over how to achieve the three targets set. Also in November, ReAct and the IDEA Initiative, in collaboration with the International Federation of Medical Students' Association (IFMSA), announced the [2022 cohort of Innovate4Health global design sprint students](#), comprised of 16 teams across 12 different countries. Five of these teams had the opportunity to present at the Global AMR Youth Summit during World Antimicrobial Awareness Week, hosted by the IFMSA, International Veterinary Students Association, International Association of Dental Students, and International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation. Later in November, the Centre for Science and the Environment organized a [webinar on ethnoveterinary medicine \(EVM\)](#), which involves the use of traditional and herbal preparations in treating diseases of cattle, as an alternative to antibiotics in the dairy sector.

ReAct Latin America, with the support of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Global Health Consortium at Florida International University, and South Centre, also hosted a [two-day regional meeting](#) on empowering communities to tackle AMR.

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