Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Reduce the Need for Antimicrobials for Sustainable Agrifood Systems Transformation (RENOFARM)

Guidance for Membership Application

About RENOFARM

Reduce the Need for Antimicrobials for Sustainable Agrifood Systems Transformation (RENOFARM) is a ten-year action-oriented global initiative by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) that contributes toward countries' agrifood systems transformation through the provision of comprehensive support in the implementation of good production practices. The overarching goal is to reduce the need for antimicrobials and to promote responsible and prudent use when antimicrobials are needed. The initiative will support countries to strengthen the implementation of National Action Plans (NAPs) on AMR across agrifood sectors and increase the capacity of the agriculture workforce to promote and adopt best practices that reduce the need for antimicrobials throughout agrifood systems. Under the initiative, members can contribute to the generation of quality AMR surveillance data through their participation in the International FAO Antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring (InFARM) system.

RENOFARM is strongly rooted at the ground level, centering its focus on farm-level interventions guided by the Farm 5Gs: Good Health Services, Good Production Practices, Good Alternatives, Good Connection and Good Incentives. Support to farm production along with addressing the needs of the immediate agri-environment and enabling actions at the national and international level will form the core of the initiative's activities. The initiative will foster opportunities for research, innovation and new technologies, youth engagement, behavioral and social interventions and hand-in-hand partnerships to address and control antimicrobial resistance for healthier agrifood systems.

Why join the RENOFARM Initiative?

As a member of RENOFARM you will become part of a global community united in the fight against antimicrobial resistance through the promotion of best practices.

Under the initiative, governments, agencies, private sector, youth groups, farmers, veterinarians, academic institutions and partners have a unique opportunity to join forces to support a country-focused approach to transform their agrifood systems.

Benefits of joining the initiative include:

1. **Member-focused support to scale up AMR interventions guided by the 5G's (good health services, good production practices, good alternatives, good connection and good incentives).** This will include support for developing and implementing farm-level

interventions that target a reduction in the need for antimicrobials in the food and agriculture sectors.

2. **Support to develop and implement a tailored roadmap on reduction of the need for antimicrobials in agrifood systems.** Countries will build on country assessments and country priorities for the agrifood sector to develop a tailored, robust and sustainable framework, that will lead to an improvement in farming practices, and a consequent reduction in the need to use antimicrobials in agrifood sectors.
3. **Direct access to capacity building programs for key stakeholders and access to platforms for peer-to-peer learning on best practices.** Farmers will have the opportunity to update their knowledge and skills, to engage partners along the food chain and actively participate in the design of innovative programs on best practices.
4. **Collaborative resource mobilization opportunities for implementing RENOFARM activities.** The Initiative will support stakeholder efforts to engage with existing and potential resource partners to obtain a resource base for implementing the Initiatives activities.
5. **Access to a network of institutions and individuals interested in collaborating with one another to develop programs for reducing the need for antimicrobials in agrifood systems.** The initiative prioritizes public-private partnerships and will explore cost effective and sustainable ways of addressing AMR in agrifood systems.
6. **Access to existing platforms and channels of support within FAO (International FAO Antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring (InFARM) system, AMR Multi-Stakeholder Partnership Platform, Hand-in-Hand Initiative) and partner organizations for strengthening capacity to tackle AMR (assessment tools, training resources, access to knowledge products).**
7. **Opportunities for enhanced visibility of ongoing RENOFARM related activities, data sharing, and exchange of knowledge and experience.**

Who can join RENOFARM?

Participation is voluntary and open to all interested parties, both state and non-state actors. The following categories of stakeholders can join RENOFARM:

1. Countries (through their government ministries and agencies)
2. UN and its specialized agencies, global and regional intergovernmental organizations
3. Civil society organizations
4. Private sector
5. Academic and research institutions
6. Regional and international financial institutions
7. Individuals

How to join RENOFARM

Interested parties can apply through the online application form available on the RENOFARM webpage.

An expression of interest is encouraged from parties that work across different sectors of the agrifood system such as animal health and production, plant health, food production, food safety, agri-environment, fisheries and aquaculture, and the human health sector. An expression of

interest is also encouraged from parties working in academia, research and development, civil society entities, and from individuals working in the relevant sectors.

Guiding principles for each stakeholder category

Stakeholder category	Guiding principles
1. Countries (through their government ministries and agencies)	• Key ministries related to the agrifood sectors are encouraged to join RENOFARM. This includes the ministries and its associated public institutions responsible for agriculture and food security, livestock, fisheries and aquaculture, plant health, animal health and food safety services, wildlife and environmental health authorities. • A membership application should be received from individuals with the mandate to make such decisions on behalf of the respective state department (e.g. CVO in the case of Veterinary services). • Interested ministries' representatives should submit an official request for membership using the online application form. Applications can be received from multiple relevant entities in each country.
2. UN and its specialized agencies, global and regional intergovernmental organizations	• UN agencies, global, regional intergovernmental organizations, and regional organizations interested in collaborating with and/or supporting countries and partners to develop and implement programs, projects, and activities relevant to the RENOFARM initiative are encouraged to join the initiative. • The application for membership should be completed using the online form by an official representative of each organization with the legal mandate to act on behalf of the organization.
3. Civil Society Organizations	• Civil society organizations operating in the agrifood sectors or interested in partnering with government agencies and institutions to promote activities of the RENOFARM initiative are encouraged to join. • The application for membership should be completed using the online form by an official representative of each organization with the legal mandate to act on behalf of the organization.
4. Private sector	• Private sector networks, national and regional federations (or associations) and organizations with operations in the agrifood sectors or interested in supporting government agencies and institutions to reduce the need for antimicrobials for sustainable agrifood system transformation are eligible to join RENOFARM. • The application for membership should be completed using the online form by an official representative with the legal mandate to act on behalf of the private sector network, federation, or organization.

5. Academic and research institutions	• Academic and research institutions with operations in the agrifood sectors, or interested in collaborating with, receiving support, or providing support to government agencies and other stakeholders in the food and agriculture sector are encouraged to join RENOFARM. • The application for membership should be completed using the online form by an official representative with the legal mandate to act on behalf of the institution.
6. Regional and International financial Institutions	• Regional and International financial institutions with operations in the agrifood systems or interested in supporting countries and partners to develop and implement programs, projects, and activities under the RENOFARM initiative are encouraged to join. • The application for membership should be completed using the online form by an official representative of each institution with the legal mandate to act on behalf of the institution.
7. Individuals	• Membership is open to individuals with the interest and capacity to contribute to the RENOFARM initiative. • Interested persons should submit an official request for membership using the online application form.

What happens after joining?

- Candidates will receive official communication on their RENOFARM membership status once the application is reviewed. The coordinating team may request additional information by email to ensure that all relevant parts of the application have been completed.
- After membership has been confirmed, members will be introduced to their respective regional focal points after which country-led engagements can begin. Prior engagements will include information sessions for all categories of stakeholders, after which countries will be guided to map existing plans and activities that align with RENOFARM's objectives. Governments will coordinate RENOFARM efforts with key actors across the public sector, private sector, civil society, UN system, development partners, and with individuals interested in supporting RENOFARM.

Let's work together to have better farms, safer products and healthier farmers!

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