



**Guidelines for Applicants for Designation as
FAO Reference Centre for Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)**

1. Name and address of the institute (email address, website, fax and phone numbers),
2. Name and contact information of director of the institute,
3. Name and contact information of the head of the reference centre
4. Legal status and governance arrangements of the institute,
5. Source of funding,
6. Number of staff members, including expert(s) in the relevant field with brief curriculum vitae,
7. Description of facilities where work is conducted,
8. Mandate, areas of expertise and activities of the institute,
9. Experience in AMR:
 - a. Approximate number of tests performed annually per technique; tabulate data of national and international submissions (with details on countries) in the last three years
 - b. Diagnostic expertise; next generation diagnostic techniques, genomic sequence, agent characterization, multiplex assays
10. Quality assurance and accreditation:
 - a. List of accredited assays with their associated standard operating procedures (SOPs) and date of accreditation
 - b. Name of accreditation body
 - c. Existing expertise in providing quality control training
 - d. Production and distribution of proficiency panels; provide list of assays and countries supported in the last three years
 - e. Willingness to share accredited SOPs with others; provide list of laboratories and countries which benefited in the last three years
11. Demonstrate timely technical support to other diagnostic laboratories in regard to assay trouble shooting, interoperation of results and development of SOPs,
12. Bench and field training provided at national and international levels in the past three years. List of languages by which training can be provided,
13. Production of diagnostic reagents and present inventories to supply reagents to developing and in-transition countries,



14. Applied and academic research activities spanning various aspects of AMR, including epidemiology, surveillance etc. Indicate national and international collaborations particularly with developing countries,
15. List of joint/collaborative projects with other institutes, reference centres and countries,
16. Expertise in AMR testing (development and validation),
17. Capability and certification for timely receiving samples and shipping dangerous goods,
18. List of abstracts and peer-reviewed publications concerning AMR during the last three years,
19. The extent and history of collaborations with FAO (projects, consultations, training, technical and scientific advice etc),
20. Anticipated benefits and envisaged future collaboration with FAO as Reference Centre,
21. Any other relevant information.

Together with the application, please also send the signed declaration of interest (Annex 1 in the DG bulletin No. 2006/32)

For any correspondence related to this matter, please write to FAO-AMR-Reference-Centre@fao.org