



## WNF AMR Working Group Terms of Reference

As of April 2026

### Rationale

As a professional international association, the WNF is engaged in a diverse range of activities; however, all activities have an overarching goal to enhance and promote the global naturopathic profession and to support internal professional development.

WNF Working Groups are formed to support specific WNF projects that advance the global naturopathic profession and/or add to the professional development of its members. The AMR working group will provide open-access resources that focus on the prevention and treatment of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) using natural therapies and practices.

### Membership

- Number of members: minimum five (5) and maximum fifteen (15) members
- At least three (3) world regions represented
- At least one (1) and a maximum of three (3) members from the WNF Executive (one to be WG Lead).
- At least one (1) representative with a research focus to ensure research integrity of the project.
- At least three (3) and a maximum of thirteen (13) representatives from WNF member organizations that are subject matter experts on AMR.
- The WNF Chief Executive Officer.
- Any conflicts of interest must be declared and those individuals may be asked to leave the working group.

### *Period of Office*

Appointed members shall normally serve on the Working Group for the duration of two years, but they can serve consecutive terms. The WG may have a Chair and/or Co-Chairs; one which will be the WG Lead reporting to the Executive.

### Quorum

The AMR working group is considered to be at quorum based on attendance of three members, including two subject matter experts and the WG Lead.

### Goals

The AMR WG shall be directly responsible to the WNF Executive and will have the following functions:

- Create, discuss, and expand content, research, and education on the naturopathic approach to AMR at a local and global level for patients, practitioners, and policy makers.



- To compile an Evidence Map on AMR as it relates to the prevention and/or treatment of AMR using natural therapies and practices.
- To work collaboratively with CABSIN, BIREME and PAHO in the compilation of the AMR Evidence Map.
- To support the dissemination of the work of the AMR WG.
- To ensure sound fiscal management for any aspects of the project that are directly funded and to provide written monthly updates to the CEO for all funded aspects of the AMR WG.
- To provide regular updates to the WNF Executive.

### Meeting Schedule

The AMR WG shall meet four (4) to six (6) times a year. Additional meetings may be scheduled on a needs basis to enable the Working Group to discharge its duties.

### Meeting Procedures

For the purpose of this Working Group, “meeting” shall include a meeting conducted face-to-face, by telephone (teleconference) or by audio visual means. The minutes of the meeting will be recorded and shared with the members within a week of the meeting. Observers may attend meetings based on the approval of the WNF Lead.

### Review and Reference

Terms of Reference and the functioning of the AMR Working Group will be subject to review at least every year by the Board to ensure that it is operating effectively, fulfilling its functions and reviewed for continuing relevance. Each year the AMR WG will undertake a self-evaluation of performance. Areas requiring further attention in the following year will be highlighted to the Board.