

# 2025: A Foundation Year for Collective Action Against AMR



In just three months since launching in September 2025, the **AMR Strategic Coalition (ASC)** has moved swiftly from vision to action, establishing the infrastructure, leadership, and voice needed to tackle one of our era's most pressing health threats. What began as an ambitious goal to unite leading U.S. experts across One Health sectors has rapidly evolved into a dynamic force for building stakeholder consensus, amplifying diverse voices, and delivering evidence-based policy solutions to combat antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

## Building the Foundation

The heart of any successful coalition lies in its people and governance. This year, we assembled the leadership structure necessary to guide our mission with both strategic vision and technical expertise. We brought together a powerhouse Executive Advisory Council co-chaired by **Ramanan Laxminarayan** and **Dr. Lucas Pantaleon, DVM, MS, DACVIM, MBA**. This distinguished council is both multisectoral and transdisciplinary, bringing together experts spanning public health, veterinary medicine, science, industry, law, and policy. Each contributes unique perspectives essential to addressing AMR's complex, interdisciplinary nature. Working in tandem with our newly established **Board of Directors**, this leadership team provides the strategic backbone for coordinated U.S. action on AMR across the One Health spectrum. Their guidance ensures that ASC remains grounded in scientific rigor while staying responsive to the practical realities faced by practitioners, policymakers, and stakeholders in the field.

We also launched our digital presence, creating a **website** and **LinkedIn page** to serve as a hub for connection, a repository for resources, and a megaphone to amplify the collective voice of the interdisciplinary AMR community working to make an impact across human health, animal health, and agricultural systems.

## Delivering Impact from Day One

Momentum was not just our goal; it was our operating principle. Less than three months after our founding, ASC released its first major contribution to the global AMR conversation: **"Perspectives from the ASC for the 2026 WHO Global Action Plan on AMR."** This consensus-driven report represents a significant milestone. It marks the first time that ASC has brought together non-federal U.S. stakeholders spanning human, animal, and agricultural health to speak with one unified voice on global AMR policy. Developed through unanimous consensus across our Executive Advisory Council, the report reflects deep U.S. expertise and a shared commitment to fostering and advancing science-based, One Health-aligned global action.

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In parallel with its policy and stakeholder engagement activities, the ASC has prioritized public outreach and thought leadership to elevate AMR as an urgent national and global health issue. ASC was introduced to the greater AMR community through an **AMR.Solutions newsletter**, laying out goals for the group. ASC leadership also contributed to a **Health Affairs Forefront publication** emphasizing the role of former federal experts in advancing coordinated AMR action, appeared on a **national podcast** to discuss the growing threat of AMR and need for public awareness, and **moderated an expert panel** that brought together international leaders from government, academia, and industry to discuss how cutting-edge technologies are transforming the fight against AMR.

## Looking Ahead: From Foundation to Action

As the World Health Organization prepares the 2026 Global Action Plan on AMR, ASC is uniquely positioned to serve as a vital bridge between global partners and the breadth of U.S. expertise. We stand ready to facilitate dialogue, translate research into policy recommendations, inform downstream implementation, and ensure that U.S. insights spanning clinical practice, veterinary medicine, agricultural systems, and public health infrastructure inform international strategies.

Our role is to support practical, equitable, and coordinated action that can genuinely reduce the incidence of AMR while strengthening global health security. In a landscape often fragmented by disciplinary silos and competing priorities, ASC offers something essential: a unified platform where diverse stakeholders can find common ground and amplify their collective impact.

From zero to launch to meaningful policy contribution in ~90 days, ASC has demonstrated that urgent problems demand urgent action. We have built the foundation. We have assembled the expertise. We have proven we can deliver consensus-driven policy solutions. We are eager to build on these efforts to drive meaningful impact.

As we close out 2025 and look toward the challenges and opportunities ahead, one thing is clear: the AMR Strategic Coalition is not just talking about the AMR crisis. We are building the collaborative infrastructure needed to address it, one evidence-based policy solution at a time.

## That's the power of making #AMRLOUD!

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