

Animal Health Canada PCAP on AMR Provincial Stakeholder Update 2023/10/27

The Government of Canada recently released the Pan-Canadian Action Plan (PCAP) on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) which includes five (5) pillars of action across the One Health spectrum. AMR is well recognized as a One Health issue and will take a shared approach to effectively address its complexity. Further, Section 4 of the PCAP indicates that efforts to address AMR and promote responsible antimicrobial use (AMU) is a shared responsibility between human and animal health stakeholders, and includes those working in animal welfare, food safety, and the environment.

Animal Health Canada (AHC) has initiated the process to collectively collaborate with multiple industry, government, and industry-government working groups within animal health tasked with AMR, antimicrobial stewardship, and policy development to build a 5-year forward plan to support PCAP implementation of priority actions. In addition, PCAP identified the need to develop a leadership structure to strengthen domestic AMR governance that supports the inclusion of animal health and agriculture partners in PCAP implementation across all pillars.

An AMR strategic planning workshop is planned in Ottawa, ON for November 22, 2023, as a hybrid event; *“Setting the Path Forward: Leadership Action for the Pan-Canadian Action Plan (PCAP) for AMR in Animal Health”*. Email invitations have been sent out to approximately 120 various animal health stakeholders, and Federal-Provincial-Territorial (FPT) governments for this strategic initiative.

Updates will be shared as this initiative progresses....

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