CAHFSA brings Caribbean perspectives to Global Dialogue on Antimicrobial Resistance in Rome



Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is a growing challenge that calls for collective action, strong partnerships and a shared commitment across sectors. Recognising the importance of working together to address this global health threat, the Caribbean Agricultural Health and Food Safety Agency (CAHFSA) participated in the **4th Plenary Assembly of the AMR Multi-Stakeholder Partnership Platform**, held from 16 –18 November 2026 at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Headquarters in Rome, Italy, alongside the 2026 World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week (WAAW).

Under the theme "*From Commitments to Integrated One Health Delivery on AMR: Accelerating Country Implementation of the 2024 UNGA Political Declaration and the Global Action Plan on AMR 2026–2036*" the Assembly brought together partners from around the world to exchange experiences, strengthen collaboration and explore practical ways to translate global commitments into meaningful action at country and regional levels.



Representing CAHFSA, Dr. Nneka Hull James, Animal Health Specialist, participated in a panel discussion focusing on Safe Food, Healthy Animals, Plants and Resilient Livelihoods. The discussion highlighted the important connections between animal health, plant health, food safety and sustainable livelihoods, while exploring how stronger regional collaboration can support veterinary services, build workforce capacity, prevent diseases and promote the responsible use of antimicrobials.

Drawing on CAHFSA's work and experience in the Caribbean, Dr. Hull James shared regional perspectives on the value of collaboration in strengthening animal health systems and supporting countries in responding to shared challenges. Her participation provided an opportunity to bring the Caribbean experience into the global AMR dialogue and highlight the important role regional institutions play in supporting national efforts through technical cooperation, coordination and capacity development.



For the Caribbean, addressing antimicrobial resistance requires sustained commitment, cooperation and action across the One Health sectors. The Caribbean make critical contributions throughout the meeting with representatives from the University of the West Indies and governments of Barbados and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. CAHFSA recognizes that protecting animal health and promoting responsible antimicrobial use are essential not only to safeguarding animal populations, but also to protecting public health, ensuring food safety and supporting resilient agricultural and food systems.

