



## **Antimicrobial Resistance: A Global Problem from the African Perspective Programme**

**23 October 2025**

**Venue: Namibia Scientific Society**

**Organizers: Finnish Southern Africa Cooperation Institute (FSAI),  
FinNam Research Academy ry, University of Namibia and Welwitchia University**

### **PROGRAMME**

08.30–09.00 Registration  
Morning Coffee & Tea

09.00–09.10 Opening of the Seminar  
Prof. Marius Hedimbi, Welwitchia University, Namibia  
Dr. Frederick Simasiku, FSAI

#### **Session 1**

**Chair: Dr. Erastus Haindongo, University of Namibia - University of Turku, Finland**

09.10–09.30 Prof. Antti Hakanen, University Hospital Turku, Finland: Global view on the situation of antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

09.30–09.50 Dr. Erastus Haindongo, UNAM-University of Turku, Finland: AMR situation in Namibia

09.50–10.10 Dr. Lee-Monique Anderson, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform: Namibia action plan for AMR, Namibia

10.10–10.30 Dr. Raphael Chanda, Acting Director, ReAct Africa, Namibia: How surveillance systems of AMR have been implemented in African countries

10.30–10.50 Coffee break

#### **Session 2**

**Chair: Prof. Antti Hakanen, University Hospital Turku, Finland**

10.50–11.10 Dr. Frank Busch, Friedrich Loeffler Institute, Germany/Namibia: One Health support mechanisms in Namibia under a Global Health Protection Program.

11.10–11.30 Prof. Annamari Heikinheimo, University of Helsinki, Finland: Role of wastewater-based surveillance in follow-up of AMR (online)

11.30–12.30 Lunch

**Session 3 Prevention and control of AMR/HAI**

**Chair: Prof. Marius Hedimbi, Welwitchia University, Namibia**

- 12.30–12.50 Prof. Antti Hakanen, University Hospital Turku, Finland: What are driving forces behind the AMR and how to minimize them.
- 12.50–13.10 Sr. Florence Mulonda, Ministry of Health and Social Services, Namibia: HAI (healthcare acquired infection) prevention and control in Namibia
- 13.10–13.55 **Round table discussion: How to find and implement best practices to fight against AMR?**  
**Chair: Prof. Kalervo Väänänen, FSAI**  
**Participants: Prof. Antti Hakanen, University Hospital Turku, Finland**  
**Prof. Erastus Haindongo, University of Turku, Finland**  
**Dr Lee-Monique Anderson, AMR focal point in Animal Health, Namibia**  
**Dr. Frank Busch, Friedrich Loeffler Institute, Germany/Namibia**
- 13.55–14.00 Closing remarks

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*Live-stream available – the symposium can be followed online <https://zoom.us/j/8023841980>*

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