

Pandemic Agreement Myths & Facts

MYTH	FACT
One Health has no legal or political support	1 One Health was adopted by UN Member States in high-level global & regional institutions, agreements & documents (e.g. CBD, HLPF, UNEA, HLM on UHC, ASEAN, G20, G7). In the pandemic instrument, national One Health plans can benefit from means of implementation.
One Health is a burden	2 One Health is a foundation of the pandemic instrument . It... <ul style="list-style-type: none">» leads to effective pooling of national resources for PPR;» is rooted in equity, supporting communities at the frontlines of outbreaks in protecting themselves;» involves communities so they can co-design national strategies;» is enabled by expert, technical & financial support to governments, if requested.
One Health obligations threaten national sovereignty	3 National strategies will be developed based on national circumstances , with support by international organisations, if requested . Anchoring guidelines in the instrument allows Member States to jointly align on overall measures eligible for technical & financial support.
Member States forced to collaborate with international organisations	4 Under international law, it is at the discretion of the sovereign Member State to decide, who they call upon for support . Relevant international organisations (FAO, UNEP, WHO, WOAH) may support with implementation upon request.
Exaggerated surveillance by information & data sharing	5 Surveillance will focus on priority areas , determined by Member States on national level . It does not concern all animals, only risk areas, where animals & humans come into contact . Data sharing under Articles 4 & 5 is limited only to national level, across sectors . International data sharing will follow the IHR & Article 12 not Articles 4 & 5 of the INB.
IHR's scope addresses pandemic prevention	6 The IHR are only focused on post-outbreak "containment" . Prevention must happen at source & begin before an outbreak , before communities suffer. It is best covered under the INB process.
AMR has nothing to do with pandemics	7 AMR requires a multidisciplinary & sustainable approach within the pandemic instrument. Effective antimicrobials are a finite resource . If the next pandemic involves a bacterium or fungus & the antidote (antibiotic) is not effective because there is resistance to it (AMR), the repercussions will be devastating.