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Brief Background Information

Dr Francesca Latronico is a veterinarian and public health microbiologist with interest in zoonotic diseases and antimicrobial resistance (AMR), with experience in diagnostics, surveillance and prevention. After graduating, she worked in different microbiology diagnostic and research laboratories around the world, and at national and international agencies to support applied laboratory research, surveillance and risk assessment / communication in the context of animal and public health, including food safety.

Dr Latronico is currently working at [FAO](#) Headquarters to coordinate overall support for diagnostic stewardship activities, laboratory capacity development for improving AMR data generation and quality from agrifood sectors and to create innovative solutions [to reduce the use of antimicrobials in farms \(RENOFARM\)](#). Additionally, as part of the Quadripartite (FAO/UNEP/WHO/WOAH) technical team, she has co-led the development and currently is fostering the implementation of the [One Health Priority Research Agenda for AMR \(AMR-OHPRA\)](#) to address research gaps and generate scientific evidence at the animal, human, plant and environment interfaces at global, regional and country levels.