

The Round Table Antibiotics (RTA) organized on March 16, 2022, an information-event at the Swiss Federal Parliament in Bern on the topic "Antibiotic resistance: preparing for the pandemic". Numerous parliamentarians of the National Council and the Council of States attended and contributed actively to this roundtable.

The insightful presentations by a panel of invited experts were followed with keen interest by all attendants, as shown by the great discussions that ensued. Topics of debate included what Switzerland could do to help fix the "broken antibiotics market" as well as the urgent need for action.

Three key messages were delivered:

- 1) Antibiotics are at the core of modern medicine; however, the availability of antibiotics is being increasingly threatened by the rise of resistance. Therefore, urgent action is required to ensure the efficiency of the health system in a sustainable way.
- 2) Legislative action is needed to ensure that Switzerland can continue to be a leading country in healthcare R&D.
- 3) Contributing to address the pandemic of antibiotic-resistance is an international responsibility.

Panelists included the President of the Round Table Antibiotics Rudolf Blankart; the Director of the NCCR - AntiResist Prof. Christoph Dehio; the Founding CEO of BioVersys AG & Board member of BEAM Alliance Marc Gitzinger; member of Round Table Antibiotics Barbara Polek and Executive Director of the Global Antibiotic R&D Partnership (GARDP) Dr Manica Balasegaram.

The RTA thanks heartily all of those who contributed to make this such a constructive event, and in particular "Nationalrätin" Brigitte Crottaz for kindly moderating and hosting this pivotal event.