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Cuba Reflects on Anti-microbial Resistance Watch

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Bacterial resistance to antibiotics demand an integrated watch of this phenomenon, said here a Cuban specialist during an international workshop held at the Institute of Tropical Medicine Pedro Kouri (IPK).

The antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is one of the most serious health problems ailing the world, harming not only human health, but also the welfare of animals, agriculture and the food industry, declared to Prensa Latina the president of the organizing committee of the event, Dianelys Quiñones.

The AMR affects -also- the environment, added the also chief of the National Reference Laboratory for the watch of the antimicrobial resistance in hospital pathogens) related to infections (associated to sanitary assistance) of the IPK.

That is why the only way to counter it is to confront it in different ways, by multi sectors and multi disciplines and an integrated vision, she explained.

As Quiñones explained, this workshop that ended Tuesday its first part, serves us to update us and help setting strategies in order to create a national program of surveillance in the greater of the Antilles.

Cuba is not exempt of this problem. We have resistant emerging organisms, both in the hospital environment as in the community, that harm animals and the production of food for the population, she commented.

The expert celebrated the participation in the event of officials of the Panamerican Health Organizations (PAHO), representatives of the Canadian Program of AMR Surveillance and the National Administration of Laboratories and Health Institutes (Anlis) of Argentina.

Present also there were specialists from Cuban entities such as the Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Science, Technology and the Environment and the Ministry of Public Health.

Quiñones advanced that from today and until the 15th, the event will have its second part, consisting in training of a group of microbiologists of each Cuban province that work in hospitals, where there is more resistance to antibiotics.

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