

WOAH Plans and Activities on Animal Health in Africa



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Our Mission

We support **policy makers and governments** to create a world in which humans and animals can bring mutual benefits to each other, to transform lives, support economies and ensure a safer and healthier future for all.

Our areas of work:

TRANSPARENCY

Animal Health
Information
management

STANDARDS

Development
and follow up of
international standards
application

GLOBAL FRAMEWORKS

Development and
support in the
implementation of global
strategies

CAPACITY

Capacity building for animal health
professionals

TRANSPARENCY

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Disease Data Collection

The World Animal Health Information System (WAHIS) is the global reference platform for the publication of official data on epidemiologically important diseases in domestic and wild animals. The data tracks the evolution of diseases, assists in trade and policy decisions, and informs research.

“Endemic” Diseases reporting in Africa

Early warning system

Informs the international community of relevant epidemiological events occurring in WOAHA Members via alert messages.

Monitoring system

Enables the monitoring of WOAHA-listed diseases (presence or absence) over time.

Home > Immediate notifications in Africa

AS NOTIFIED TO WOAHA

Recent outbreaks and epidemiological events in Africa



STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES

Development of standards and guidelines and follow-up on their application



WOAH International Standards: Animal health is our health, it's everyone's health

International Standards

In light of this, the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement) encourages the members of the World Trade Organization (WTO) to base their sanitary measures on international standards, guidelines and recommendations, where they exist. The World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) is the WTO reference organisation for standards relating to animal health and zoonoses.

The standards are based on the most recent scientific and technical information.



Standard-Setting Process

The World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) regularly updates its International standards in accordance with new scientific information and technological advances, following its established transparent and democratic adoption procedures. The only pathway for adoption of a standard is via approval by the World Assembly of Delegates at the WOAH General Assembly in May each year. After adoption, these standards are published and updated in the respective volumes of the Codes and Manuals.

Original: English (EN)
9 to 10 September 2024
Paris

Report of the Meeting of WOAH Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission

Introduction and Members contribution

This report presents the work of the WOAH Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission (hereinafter: 'the Code Commission' or 'the Commission') who met in Paris, France from 9 to 10 September 2024.

The Code Commission wished to thank the following Members for providing written comments for the WOAH Terrestrial Animal Health Code (hereinafter: 'the Terrestrial Code'): Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China (People's Republic of), Japan, Mexico, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Norway, South Africa, Switzerland, Thailand, the United Kingdom (UK), the United States of America (USA), Members of the WOAH Americas Region and the Member States of the European Union (EU). The Commission also wished to thank the following organisations for providing comments: the International Coalition for Animal Welfare (ICAW), International Egg Commission (IEC), International Poultry Council, World Renderers Organizations (WRO), and to acknowledge the valuable advice and contributions from numerous experts of the WOAH scientific network.

The Code Commission reviewed all comments that were submitted prior to the deadline and were supported by a rationale. The Commission thanked Members that submitted their comments following the **Guide for WOAH Members and International Organizations on submitting comments, during the process for the elaboration of WOAH International Standards (Guide)**. The Commission wished to highlight that comments received on texts circulated with this report that are not in line with this Guide will not be considered or published. The Commission made amendments to draft texts, where relevant, in the usual manner by 'stable underline' and 'spilloverlight'. In relevant Annexes, amendments proposed at this meeting are highlighted in yellow to distinguish them from those made previously.

As communicated in the Commission's September 2023 report, the Director General agreed to progressively implement a process to improve the transparency of the WOAH process for the elaboration of Standards for better documentation and traceability of the process.

The first step in this process was the publication on the Delegates' website (in April 2024) of comments submitted by WOAH Members and partners and that were considered by the Commission at its February 2024 meeting. Comments were updated onto the Delegates' website at the same time as the publication of the Commission's report. Comments were published in the language that they were submitted.

The next step in this process is the publication of comments considered by the Commission together with the Commission responses in a specific annex (refer to Annex 3). Commission responses are presented in English, French or Spanish according to the language version of the report and associated Annex 3. However, due to resource constraints, the background text is presented only in English for all three language versions of the reports and their associated Annex 3 (EN, SP and FR). The comment itself and the rationale are published in the language that they were submitted.

Status of annexes

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GLOBAL INITIATIVES

Development and support in the implementation of global strategies



Disease Eradication

For reasons linked to animal and human health, controlling animal diseases is one of WOAH's key objectives. Additional objectives are to preserve the subsistence of certain populations, to reduce poverty, and to support the economy and protect international trade.



One Health

The "One Health" approach summarises a concept that has been known for more than a century: that human, animal and plant health are interdependent and bound to the health of the ecosystems in which they exist. We envisage and implement it as a collaborative, whole of society, whole of government approach to understanding, anticipating and addressing risks to global health.



Aquatic animals

Aquatic animals play a key role in achieving a more prosperous and secure world, contributing to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



Animal Welfare

Animal welfare is a complex and multi-faceted subject with scientific, ethical, economic, cultural, social, religious and political dimensions. It is attracting growing interest from civil society and is one of the priorities of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH).

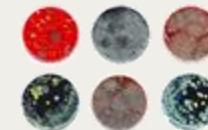


Biological threat reduction



Wildlife Health

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Antimicrobial resistance

Imagine a world where infections and diseases in humans, animals and plants are impossible to treat. This worst-case scenario could become a reality as bacteria, viruses and parasites develop resistance to the drugs we use to fight them. Antimicrobial resistance, or AMR, has become one of the most pressing health issues of our time. Solutions exist and everyone has a role to play in the fight against this global threat.



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Prevention and control of Transboundary Diseases Project



- *Donor:* German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
- *Donor priorities:* Hunger and malnutrition; Food security
- *Regional focus:* Eastern Africa – Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda & Zambia
- *Timeframe:* 5 years: 2020 – 2024*

• The project has three components

- Component one: Control and Eradication of Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR)- through workforce development (EUR 2.5m)

• Key outputs.

- PVS Curricula Analysis Missions in Kenya and Rwanda
- PVS mission in Zambia
- National Veterinary Para-professionals stakeholder engagements in the four countries.
- Delivery of PPR ELISA kits and vaccines in support of PPR eradication

• Pending and Ongoing activities

- PVS missions in Rwanda, Ethiopia (3/2025), Kenya (2025) & Zambia
- Delivery of Cold chain and vaccination equipment

• Challenges

- Aligning countries needs with project timelines particularly the PVS missions

- **Project Closing date was Dec 2024. This was extended to June 2025.**

- **Donor:** Contributes to the Global and Pan-African Strategies for the eradication of PPR.
- **Partners:** AU-IBAR and AU-PANVAC, FAO
- **Budget:** EUR 8 million
- **Status:** Project partners' signatures completed in Nov 2024*.

Sahel Regional Project Supporting Pastoralism (PRAPS)

Improve the resilience of pastoralists and agropastoralists in certain targeted areas of the Sahel region (2022-2027)



6 Members concerned: Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Chad

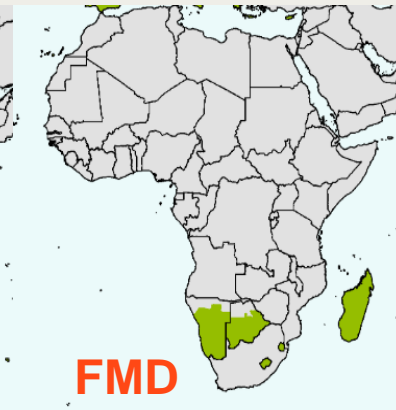
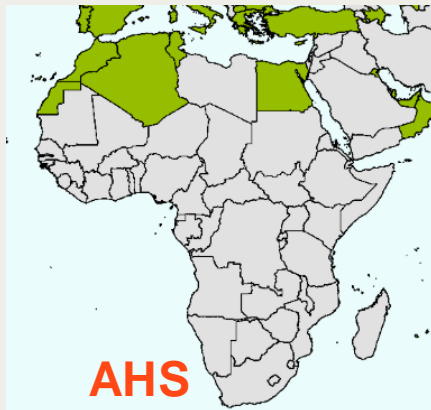
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Self-declared Disease Status

In accordance with the provisions of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code (Terrestrial Code) or the Aquatic Animal Health Code (Aquatic Code), Members may wish to self-declare the freedom of their country, zone or compartment from a disease. A Member wishing to publish its self-declaration for disease-freedom, should provide the relevant documented evidence of compliance with the provisions of the relevant chapters of the Codes.

Member	Self-declared freedom from	Category	From*	To	Country/zone/compartment	Status	Temporary
Namibia	Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex (Inf. with)	Terrestrial	2023-08-14		Zone	Active	No
Egypt	High pathogenicity avian influenza viruses (poultry) (Inf. with)	Terrestrial	2021-12-01		Compartment	Active	No
Egypt	Infection with Brucella abortus, Brucella melitensis and Brucella suis	Terrestrial	2021-01-01		Compartment	Active	No
Egypt	Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex (Inf. with)	Terrestrial	2021-01-01		Compartment	Active	No
Egypt	Equine infectious anaemia	Terrestrial	2021-01-01		Country	Active	No
Egypt	Burkholderia mallei (Inf. with) (Glanders)	Terrestrial	2020-11-09		Country	Active	No
Egypt	Dourine	Terrestrial	2020-11-08		Country	Active	No

Maximise your country's efforts against rabies

Apply for endorsement of your official control programme for dog-mediated rabies



By seeking such endorsement from the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH, founded as OIE), your country can progressively aim for zero human rabies deaths.



Project: WOAHA Support to the implementation of SPS Annex 7 of the African Continental Free-Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) Protocol on Trade in Goods - “The SPS Project”

- Funded by the EU Delegation to the African Union
- 30 months duration [Jan. 2024 – Jun. 2026]

OBJECTIVE: The governance of the SPS systems in Africa is improved and aligned with international standards.

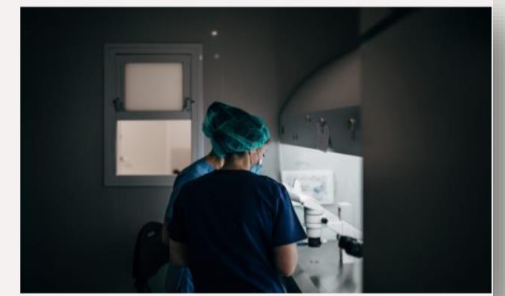
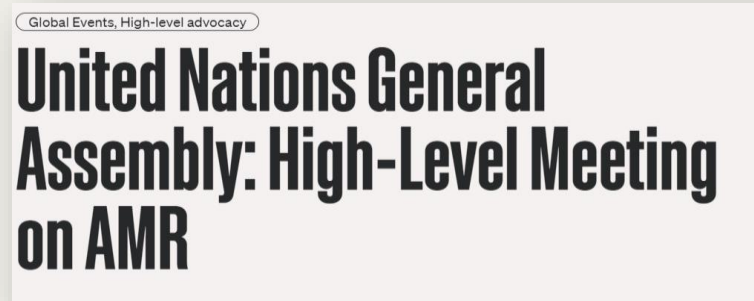
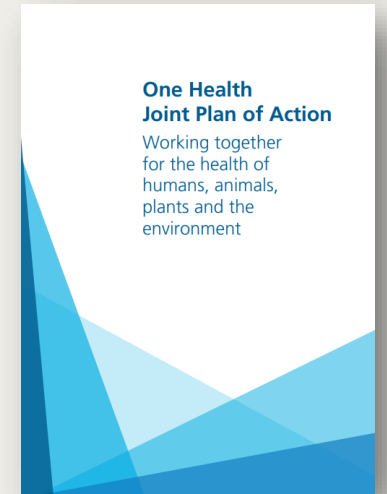
IMPACT; Safe trade in agricultural commodities for inclusive economic growth and consumer protection.



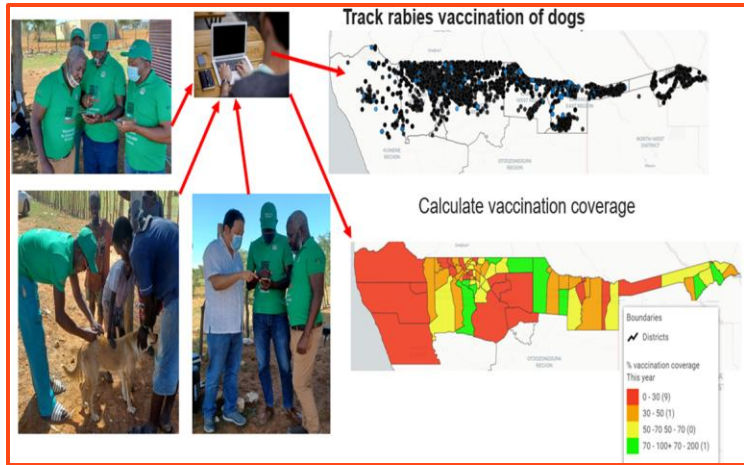
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PVS Missions, VLSP, Technical advice to Members, support Delegates in contributions and participation in Standard setting, WAHIS, support AU and COMESA Secretariats on SPS capacity gaps, Communication & awareness.

Collaboration partnership



Rabies Elimination Project in Namibia & Cameroon (2016 – 2026)



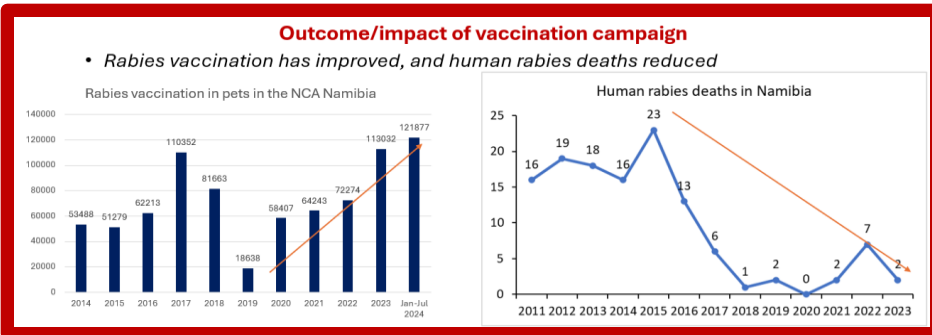
Various Rabies interventions in EA

- Uganda (Feb 2024)** → Supported development of integrated Rabies surveillance plan, to contribute to implementation of the Rabies National Strategic plan
- Somalia (Ongoing)** → Support for development of a National Strategic plan for Rabies in Somalia (PC-TAD Consultancy). Draft strategy ready in Nov 2024
- Kenya (Sept 2024)** → World Rabies Day joint conference and field activities including Mass Dog Vaccination, Spay & neutering dogs & cats (PC TAD)
- Eritrea (Sept 2024)** → Dog population census methodologies and collection of provisional data on population of unowned dogs (PC TAD Consultancy)
- Eastern Africa – 11 Countries (Ongoing)** → Commenced a situation analysis and needs assessment for on the status of Rabies elimination in Eastern Africa Member countries (PC TAD Consultancy)

One Health advocacy in Tanzania



Group photo: RVF training workshop, Kenya, June 2024



Antimicrobial Resistance Project (Multiparty Trust Fund – MPTF)



World AMR Awareness Week (WAAW) Campaign for Africa - Global theme: "Educate. Advocate. Act now"

Cameroon hosts World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week in Africa

The AMR youth football tournament held this week (18-22 November 2024) in Yaoundé, Cameroon, has brought attention to the growing threat of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in Africa. The event was part of the World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week (WAAW), with Cameroon serving as the official host for Africa's regional celebrations. The regional WAAW activities are held annually by the Quadripartite partners in collaboration with the African Union agencies Africa CDC and AU IBAR, and supported by the designate host country.

Donation of Rabies Vaccines

Support to Members through AMR-MPTF funding, Fleming Funds; The Substandard and Falsified Veterinary Product Project and Joint awareness QPT activities.





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EBO-SURSY: Ebola, RVF, Marburg, Crimea Congo, Lassa Fever) and SARS-COV-2. Closed July 2024 after 7 years. After seven years of improving the surveillance capacities of countries West and Central Africa for zoonotic diseases



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Focal Points training Aug 2024 & March 2025. => Long distance travel.

News

WOAH launches ZOOSURSY, a new disease surveillance project funded by the European Union



Improving knowledge and management capacities to strengthen surveillance systems of priority emerging and re-emerging zoonotic diseases at the animal-human-environment interface

ZOOSURSY: Funded by EU, under a partnership between the Team Europe Initiative and the African Union. Focused on **developing sustainable health security in Africa using a One Health approach**, to tackle key global health challenges, notably **pandemic prevention, preparedness and response**.

Expanding to **East and Southern Africa**, while also increasing its thematic work to include legislative advocacy.

FIRABioT Project

FIRABIOT

Fortifying institutional resilience against biological threats



Implemented in nine countries which responded positively to a call for Expression of Interest including Algeria, Congo (Republic), Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Morocco, Namibia, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe

strategic activities implemented to address gaps in some or all of the four pillars include:

1. Emergency Management
2. Disease Intelligence
3. Sustainable Laboratories
4. Veterinary Legislation

Funded by Global Affairs Canada

WOAH's guidelines to counteract misinformation and disinformation threat to animal health emergencies

Veterinary Workforce Development



Towards a More Resilient Veterinary Workforce for Africa 2024

Continental Conference 26 – 28 November 2024 Nairobi, Kenya

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BMZ

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Capacity-building



Training of Delegates
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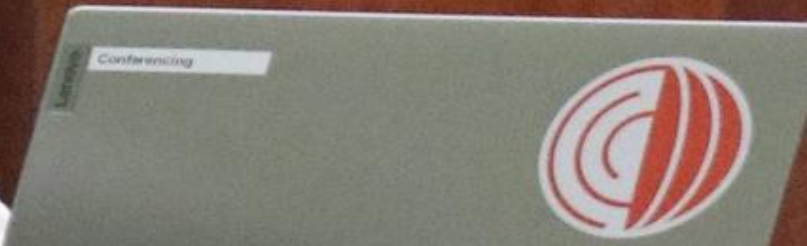


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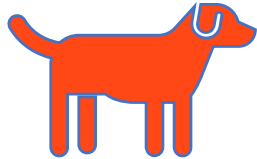


Regional Training Seminar for WOAH National Focal Points for Animal Welfare

Cycle III Africa English I
Nairobi, Kenya
3 - 5 September



Conclusion



Provide leadership in global animal health governance. Improve animal health care and welfare worldwide and support global goals



Partnerships are important to leverage on each other's strengths and to consolidate resources for the benefit of Members



Collaborations and Coordination between partners in supporting Members to achieve their goals, including Africa`s needs

Thank you

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