Work of Regional Representations supporting the implementation of the OIE standards on animal welfare

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Regional Representations

- Bamako
- Buenos Aires
- Tokyo
- Sofia
- Beirut

Sub-Regional Representations

- Nairobi
- Tunis
- Gaborone
- Panama
- Bangkok
- Brussels
Regional Capacity Building Activities

- Regional capacity building programmes for OIE Members’ Veterinary Services are established annually.
- Such programmes aim to strengthen animal disease surveillance and control, early outbreak detection and rapid response at both regional and national level.
- This facilitates networking between OIE Delegates and OIE National Focal Points.
Regional Capacity Building Activities (cont.)

- OIE Regional Representations organise
  - Training Seminars for the **OIE National Focal Points** (every two years in each region)
  - Training for OIE Delegates
- Regional meetings of Delegates (every year)
- Regional Conferences (every two years)
OIE Collaborating Centers on AW

Animal Welfare Research
- Instituto de Ciencia Animal
  Universidad Austral de Chile
- Instituto de Biociencias
  Universidad de la República Oriental del Uruguay

Veterinary Training, Epidemiology, Food Safety and Animal Welfare
- Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell'Abruzzo e del Molise "G. Caporale"
- Centre for Animal Welfare and Ethics
  University of Queensland
- Animal Welfare Science Centre
  University of Melbourne
- CSIRO Livestock Industries

Animal Welfare Science and Bioethical Analysis
- Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
  Australian Government
- Animal Welfare Science and Bioethics Centre
  Massey University
- Animal Behaviour and Welfare Research Centre
  AgResearch Ltd
Delegates and National Focal Points

• OIE Delegate
  • unique representative of the country.

• OIE Focal Point
  • under the authority of the OIE Delegate.

• OIE Focal Point
  • under the Veterinary Service, or other Departments or Ministries
TOR’s of Animal Welfare Focal Points

• Establish:
  • Network of animal welfare
  • Dialogue, cooperation and communication with other relevant authorities and stakeholders
TOR´s of Animal Welfare Focal Points

• National consultation process
  • OIE Terrestrial and Aquatic Codes
  • Animal Welfare Working Group
  • Other relevant documents

• Prepare comments and proposals for the Delegate
Regional Capacity Building Activities (cont.)

- National Focal Points Seminars - key issues:
  - Responsibilities of National Focal Points,
  - The structure and quality of National Veterinary Services,
  - The process of implementation of OIE standards;
  - Specific topics
## Training for AW Focal Points

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The OIE PVS Pathway

“Diagnosis”
- PVS Evaluation
- OIE PVS GAP Analysis
- Veterinary Legislation
- Public/Private Partnership
- Veterinary Education
- Laboratory

“Prescription”
- PVS Pathway Follow-Up Missions
- Capacity Building
- Specific Activities
- Projects and Programs

The OIE Collaborate with Governments, Donors and other stakeholders
General Objectives of the RAWS

• OIE Standards Implementation
  • Ensuring a coordinated regional approach

• Promotion - Achievement - Awareness - Understanding

• Coordination, Communication, Education and Training.
General Objectives of the RAWS

• **Research**: Regional – International
  • Regional approach for implementation

• Development of **sustainable mechanisms** to coordinate and promote animal welfare programs and priorities
• Southern African Animal Welfare Action Plan in development
  • Based on outcomes of Focal Points Training
  • Interaction with the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Livestock Technical Committee (Endorsed)
  • Supported by Collaborating Centres
  • Baseline country assessments (2010)
  • Future endorsement with stakeholders
Americas

- 1st Inter American Meeting on Animal welfare, Panama, 2008
  - Strategic position for the Americas
  - Involvement of the Inter-American Committee for Animal Welfare

- Strategy drafted / distributed / commented

- To be proposed for adoption during Regional Conference in 2012
Asia, Far East and Oceania

- Animal Welfare Workshop (Nov 2007)
- Drafted by the Implementation Working Group (Nov 2008)
- Endorsed at the 26th Conference of the OIE Regional Commission, (Nov 2009)
- Planning workshop (Apr 2010)
- Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Australia) - interim secretariat
Asia, Far East and Oceania (cont.)

- 3rd meeting of the RAWS-Coordination Group: April 2012 - Bangkok.
- 4th meeting back to back with the OIE Global Conference, 2012
- The strategy and implementation plan will be reviewed and updated over the next few months
Europe

- Different situations and objectives:
  - EU vs non-EU Member Countries.
  - Requires a progressive approach to:
    - Implement the OIE Standards
    - Cover the gap between non-EU / EU Member Countries

- 2012 FP Seminar in Kiev
  - Model for discussion / basis for networking
  - Need of drafting a stepwise approach
  - Need to implement the OIE Standards
Europe (cont.)

- 25th Conference of the Regional Commission for Europe, Fleesensee, Germany
  Technical Item: “Regional Steps towards common AW approach in Europe”

- Recommendations:
  - Agreement for a regional mechanism to facilitate the implementation of OIE Standards of AW in the region (Concept note) to be endorsed during the next Regional Commission Meeting (May 2013)
  - Future decision on possible actions
Middle East

• OIE Workshop for FP in 2010 – Priorities:
  • Transport of Animals
  • Improve animal handling before and during slaughter, killing for disease control
  • Control of stray dog population /use of animals in laboratories and education
  • Applying AW Standards in regulations and legislations

• Ad-Hoc Working Groups

• Results planned for 2013 - 2014
Main Contents of the RAWS

• Common aspects
  • Implementation through activities such as education, regulation, research and development;
  • Stakeholders, including farmers, industry, NGOs, academia, and the veterinary profession are actively involved in the process
  • Flexibility to adapt the standards to social, religious, cultural and economic situation.
Our Fifth Strategic Plan 2011-2015

Improve animal health, veterinary public health, animal welfare, and consolidate the animal’s role worldwide
Thank you for your attention

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