Putting the Standards to Work – Needs and Tools: The role of Regional Animal Welfare Strategies

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Our Approach

• Discussion about our needs
  – What do we need?
  – What are the priorities?
• Discussion about tools required.
• Identification of tools currently available and gaps
• Discussion on RAWS
  – The role and benefits of RAWS
• Next steps
What is Needed - 1

• Consideration of an OIE Global animal welfare strategy
• Access to resources
• Improved communication and extension.
• Guidance on legislative drafting and regulation models and enforcement
What is Needed - 2

• Information on effective animal welfare structures and systems
• Improved education and awareness – the education focus should be broader than the veterinary profession and include others involved in agriculture and livestock production.
What is Needed - 3

- Cultural acceptance of change relating to improving animal welfare and acknowledgement of the difficulties associated with change management.
- Support with advocacy and engaging governments on the importance of animal welfare issues.
Tools - 1

- National Animal Welfare Strategies – for example the Malaysian strategy launched this week.
- Use of national animal welfare focal points.
- International information sharing and development of Databases covering – best practice, pilot projects and available resources.
Tools - 2

• Sharing specialist expertise – OIE collaborating centres and the use of the twinning process to build capacity (ie UPM).

• Use of approaches that promote incremental change
Tools 3

- Country specific needs analysis involving both public and private sectors – based on the OIE standards.
- Engagement and Involvement of civil society
Tools - 4

- Information on animal welfare case studies – refer International Finance Corporation documents
- Appropriate education for animal owners about animal husbandry and care (ie vaccination requirements).
RAWS AFEO Background

2001 – OIE agrees that animal welfare be a core activity and included in OIE strategic planning

2004 – 1st Global AW Conference, Paris, paves the way for science/outcomes based international standards

2004 – OIE agrees to Guiding Principles

2005 – Five AW Standards approved
RAWS AFEO

2007 – Meeting in Bangkok to discuss the feasibility of a regional approach,
  • 37 participants/funded by DAFF,
  • Writing Group formed

2008 – RAWS endorsed by the Regional Commission and Assembly

2008 – 2\textsuperscript{nd} Global AW conference, Cairo: Putting Standards to Work
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2009 – Development of the RAWs Implementation Plan RAWS (IP)

2010 - Agreement to and formation of the RAWS Coordination Group (RAWS CG)

2011-12 Four Meetings of the RASW CG
The RAWS AFEO

REGIONAL ANIMAL WELFARE STRATEGY
Asia, the Far East and Oceania
The RAWS Vision:

A region where the welfare of animals is respected, promoted and incrementally advanced, simultaneously with the pursuit of progress and socioeconomic development.