

○ ○ ○ Chair: Yasuhiro Yoshikawa

BUILDING COMPETENCE AND CONFIDENCE – THE PVS PATHWAY (PVS EVALUATION AND PVS GAP ANALYSIS, LEGISLATION)

- **Dehove A.**

Co-ordinator of the World Animal Health and Welfare Fund
 World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), 12 rue de Prony, 75017 Paris, France

The initial country PVS evaluation using the OIE PVS Tool sets the baseline founded on democratically adopted OIE international standards on Quality of Veterinary Services.

A PVS Gap Analysis mission facilitates the definition of a country's Veterinary Services' objectives in terms of compliance with OIE quality standards, suitably adapted to national constraints and priorities.

The country PVS Gap Analysis report includes an indicative annual budget and one exceptional budget (for exceptional investments), when relevant, consolidated to propose an indicative 5-year Budget for the country's Veterinary Services.

In practice, this means:

- Defining, together with the Veterinary Services, and in accordance with national priorities and constraints, the expected result (i.e. level of advancement defined in the OIE PVS tool) at the end of the five-year period for the critical competencies of the OIE PVS tool which are relevant to the national context;
- Determining the activities to be carried out in order to achieve the expected results for the critical competencies of the OIE PVS Tool which are relevant to the national context of the country;
- Determining, with the help of information, data or interviews, the tasks and human, physical and financial resources required to implement these activities to enable the Veterinary Services to function appropriately.

The country PVS Gap Analysis priority objectives focus primarily on the national context of the country and its priorities. How and what to finance is a sovereign decision of the country. The country's Government decides if this is kept for internal use (government funding) or shared with Donors and relevant International Organisations to prepare investment programmes.

Periodic use of the OIE PVS Tool (initial PVS evaluation and subsequent PVS Pathway follow-up missions) provides a way of measuring in absolute terms the progress that countries have made in sustainably improving their compliance with the OIE quality standards set out in the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (the Code).

Regular country PVS Pathway Follow-up missions (every [2 to 5] years) are useful to assess, monitor and accompany progress made (change in legislation, structure, impact of national and international investments, technical capacities improved, etc.).

The OIE is aware that in many developing countries veterinary legislation is inadequate to address the challenges of today and of the future. At the request of Members, the OIE has developed guidelines on all the essential elements to be covered in veterinary legislation. Any Member that has participated in an OIE PVS Evaluation may request a follow up mission dedicated to the provision of advice and assistance in modernizing the national veterinary legislation. The OIE guidelines on veterinary legislation will be used to update the national legislation where gaps are identified in the course of an OIE PVS Evaluation.

