Regional animal welfare strategies and platforms – what have we learned?

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History of the RAWS AFEO

The AFEO Region
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• Animal Welfare Workshop (Nov 2007)
• Writing Group (Feb 2008)
• Strategy endorsed (May 2008)
• Implementation plan endorsed (Nov 2009)
• Revised action plan 2015
• Advisory Group under Regional Commission 2016
What have we learned?

• Make the regional strategy for the region
• Build on what is happening in the region
• Find the right people to work together
• Involve the collaborating centre
“A region where the welfare of animals is respected, promoted and incrementally advanced, simultaneously with the pursuit of progress and socioeconomic development.”
Make it for the region

- Relevant for the region
- Use local language
- Deal with issues that are important to the region
- Work in with local people to support social development alongside animal welfare
Make the most of what is already happening

International Animal Welfare Standards Project
Make the most of what is already happening

• Find out what is happening in the region
• You don’t have to start from new every time
• Share lessons from activities to improve
Help people work together
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• Identify and include everyone needed
  • OIE Delegates, focal points, collaborating centre
  • Link government agencies (eg competent authority / veterinary services / animal welfare / agriculture / animal control)
• Representatives of animal welfare NGOs, veterinary profession, animal industry or sector groups
Work with collaborating centres
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• Support science based standards
• Use regional and international networks (eg ISAE) of experts
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