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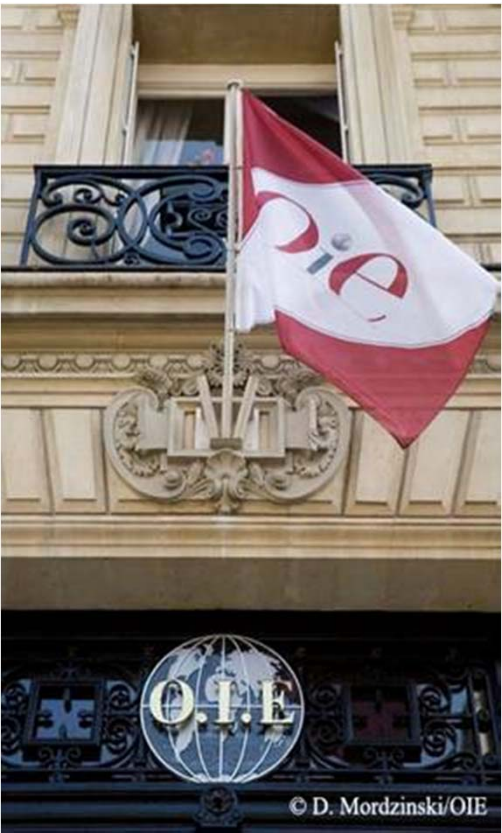
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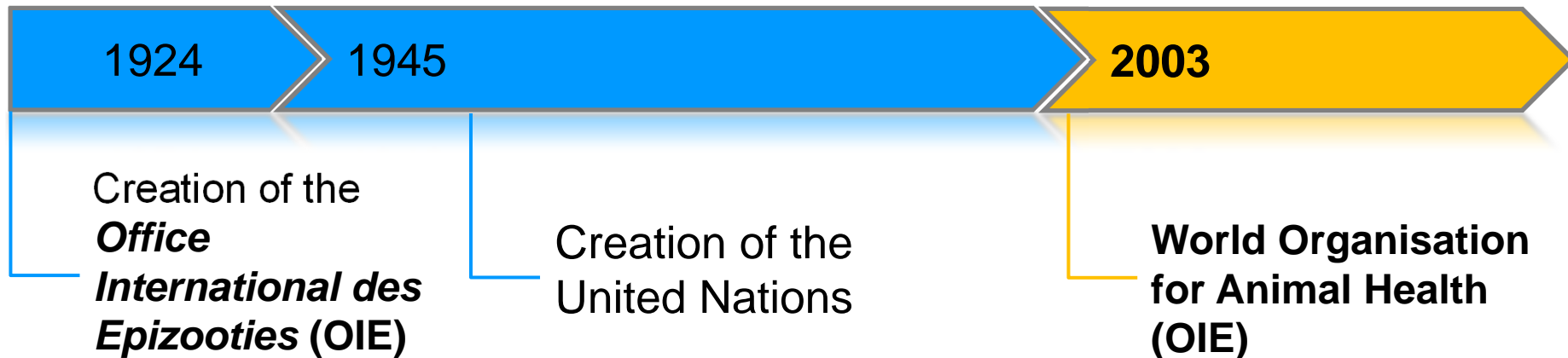
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BACKGROUND ON THE OIE



The World Organisation for Animal Health

An intergovernmental organisation founded in
1924 preceding the United Nations

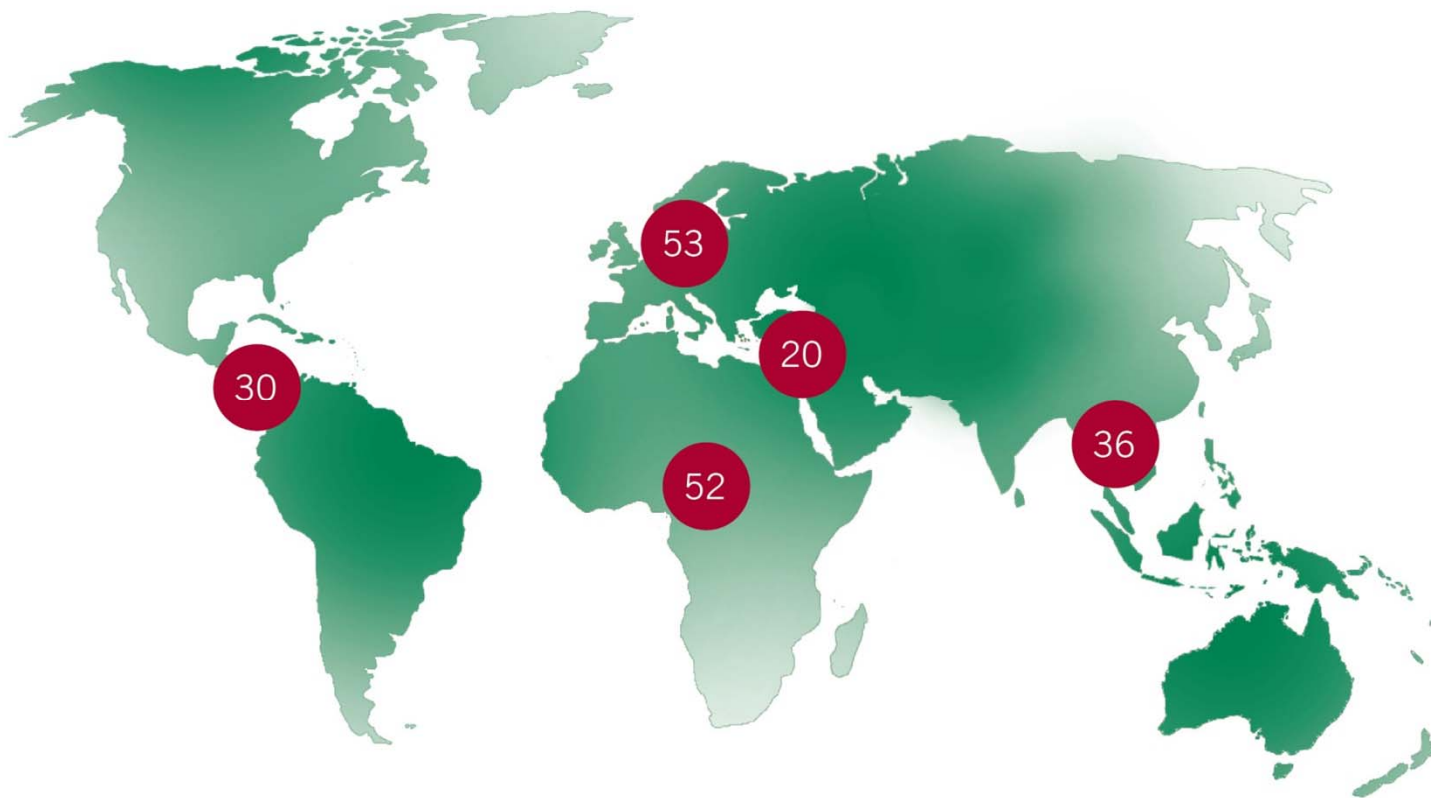


OIE Headquarters
in Paris (France)

5 Regional
Representations

6 Sub-Regional
Representations

178 Member Countries in 2012

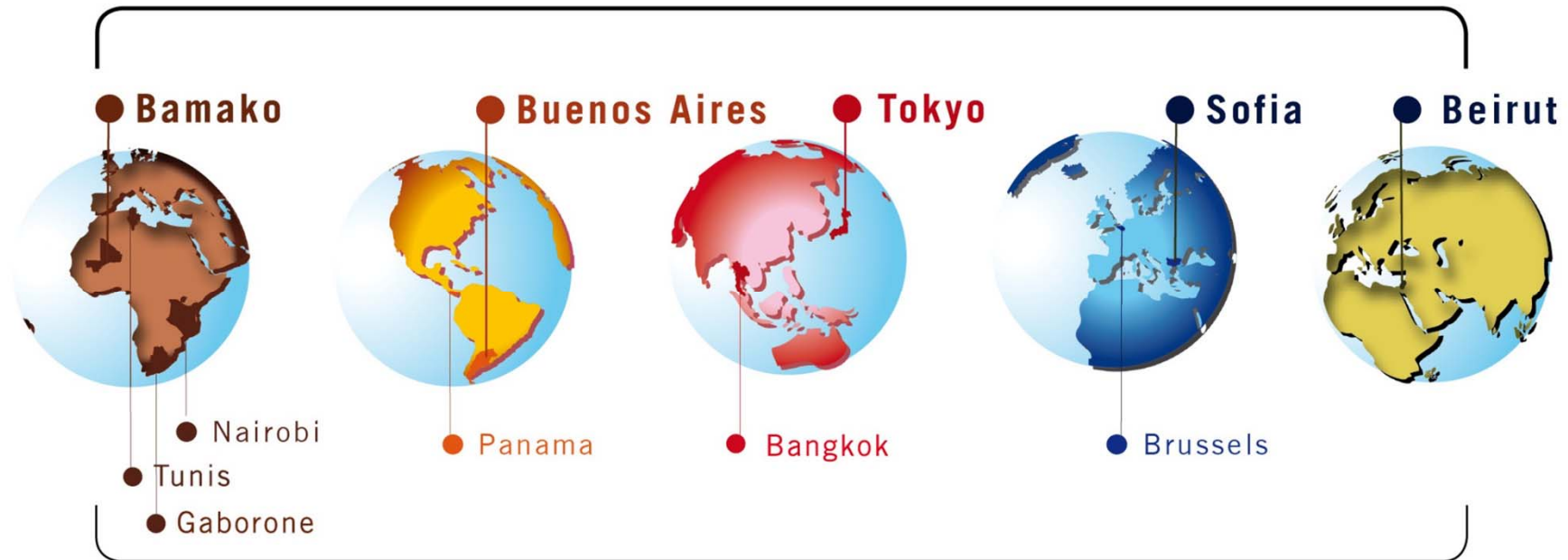


Africa 52 – Americas 30 – Asia, the Far East and Oceania 36
Europe 53 – Middle-East 20

Some countries belong to more than one region

Governance structure of the OIE 10/13

Regional Representations



Sub-Regional Representations

These representations closely collaborate with Regional Commissions and are directly under the Director General's authority.

OIE 5th Strategic Plan: Key concepts

- **To improve animal health and welfare worldwide**
 - 'Public Good' concept
 - 'One Health' concept
 - Good Veterinary Governance
 - Global, regional and national animal health strategies and programs

OIE 5th Strategic Plan: Key concepts (2)

➤ **Standard Setting**

- OIE is the WTO reference organisation for science-based standards in international trade, disease surveillance and control methods, and quality of Veterinary Services;
- **Animal welfare: OIE leadership since 2002**
- Animal production food safety (liaison with Codex Alimentarius Commission)

Why animal welfare intergovernmental standards

- Animal health is a key component of animal welfare
- Veterinarians cannot ignore animal welfare. They must be key players

OIE 5th Strategic Plan: Key concepts (3)

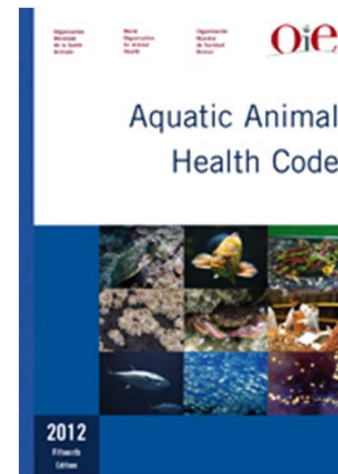
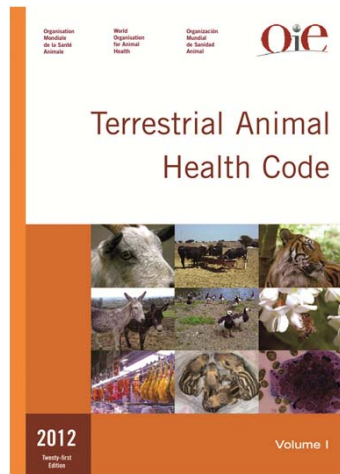
➤ **Quality of veterinarians**

- Veterinarians play an essential role in public good activities
- Good governance of public and private components
 - Veterinary Services
 - Aquatic Animal Health Services
- Guidelines for quality of veterinary education
- Capacity building
- Role of Veterinary Statutory Body
- Public-private partnerships.

OIE Strategic partnerships

- **The OIE has agreements with many international organisations that are active in animal welfare e.g:**
 - Commonwealth Veterinary Association (CVA)
 - Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI)
 - International Dairy Federation (IDF)
 - International Meat Secretariat (IMS)
 - International Council for Laboratory Animal Science (ICLAS)
 - International Egg Commission (IEC)
 - International Poultry Council (IPC)
 - International Air Transport Association (IATA)
 - Safe Supply of Affordable Food Everywhere (SSAFE)
 - World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA)
 - World Veterinary Association

Animal welfare in the global trade context



Global issues and trends relevant to animal production

There is a massive increase in demand for high quality animal protein, influenced by:

- World population growth: +1 billion people by 2050;
- Focus on developing and transition countries.
- Shift from poverty to middle-class (1 billion by 2050);
- Increase in the number of daily meals and the protein intake of individuals;

Projections indicate that demand for animal protein (milk, eggs, meat)

may increase by more than 60% in a near future

Animal health issues

- Globalisation, climate change and human intervention are driving the expansion of pathogens and vectors into new geographic areas and animal production sectors
- It is estimated that animal diseases cause the loss of up to 20% of animal production globally
- High food prices and food shortages are of global concern
- With more than one billion poor livestock producers, improving animal health and food production are key tools in the struggle to alleviate poverty, while livestock represent their only capital.

Multilateral trade policy framework

- Under the World Trade Organization 'SPS' Agreement, the health measures in the Terrestrial and Aquatic Animal Health Codes are legally based references for international trade in animals and animal products
- The SPS Agreement does not include animal welfare – rather, some measures could be covered by the WTO Technical Barriers to Trade ('TBT') Agreement and some provisions of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)

Multilateral trade policy framework

- The consistency of animal welfare measures with the TBT and GATT provisions has not yet been fully tested (one dispute is pending in WTO)
- In the past decade, measures relating to animal welfare (e.g. on livestock production, slaughter and transport) have had increasing influence on trade in animal products
 - ✓ Including in bilateral trade agreements
 - ✓ And in some cases drawing on the WTO SPS principle of equivalence

Multilateral trade policy framework

- Private sector animal welfare specifications (especially on livestock production systems) have increasingly come to bear
- Driven by the concerns of consumers and food companies in wealthy countries
- With little reference to WTO SPS principles
- Causing concerns about science-base, fairness, transparency and certification costs, especially for developing countries.

OIE Achievements



Global standards - Terrestrial Code

Since 2001, when Members mandated the OIE as the global leader on animal welfare, many global standards have been adopted:

- Guiding Principles for animal welfare (2004);
- Transport of animals by land, sea and air (2005);
- Slaughter for human consumption (2005)
- Killing for disease control (2005)
- Control of stray dog populations (2009)
- Animals used in research and education (2010)
- General provisions for animal production systems
- Beef cattle production systems (2012).

Global standards - Terrestrial Code

2012 saw progress on standards for animal welfare in livestock production systems

- Article 7.1.4 General Provision for Production Systems
- Chapter 7.9 on Beef cattle production systems

..and further work completed on the important topic of animals used in research and education:

- Article 7.8.10 Transportation of laboratory animals (2012).



Global standards - Aquatic Code

Standard setting for aquatic animals has been slower and to date has focused on farmed fish:

- Guiding Principles (2008);
- Transport (2009);
- Slaughter for human consumption (2010)
- Killing for disease control (2010).

Guidelines and recommendations

In addition to publishing standards, which are formally adopted using the OIE democratic and transparent procedures, the OIE also produces guidance and recommendations for the implementation of standards, e.g.:

- The OIE Discussion paper on the animal welfare related provisions of Islamic Law encourages National Veterinary Services to enter into dialogue with relevant religious authorities with the objective of improving animal welfare globally for the implementation of standards

http://www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/eng/Animal_Welfare/docs/pdf/Others/Religious_Slaughter/A_Religious_slaughter.pdf

Laboratory animal welfare

- The use of laboratory animals makes a significant contribution to medical and veterinary research contributing to human and animal health and welfare.
- The OIE supports such use under appropriate conditions of animal health and welfare management and respect of the internationally accepted Three 'Rs', as outlined in the *Terrestrial Code*.
- In 2009, the OIE published a discussion paper on air transport of laboratory animals –

http://www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/eng/Animal_Welfare/docs/pdf/Others/IATA/ENG_IATA_paper_2009.pdf

Private standards and specifications

- GS 2008 featured a Technical Item on the implications of private standards for trade and a Resolution calling on the OIE to work with relevant public and private international organisations to help ensure the consistency of private standards (health and welfare) with those of the OIE
- In 2011 the OIE signed an agreement with the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) and exchanged letters with GlobalGAP, setting out terms of cooperation.
- In 2012, the OIE agreed to provide input to the International Organisation for Standardization (ISO)'s development of animal welfare Technical Specifications
 - ✓ On the basis that this activity should promote and not conflict with OIE standards

OIE Global conferences

- 10 years ago, animal welfare was a new topic for the OIE
 - ..Member countries had widely varying perspectives and experience, based on their individual economic, legal, cultural, religious and social circumstances
- The First OIE Global Conference on Animal Welfare (Paris, 2004) helped to raise awareness and improve understanding of the benefits of global standards on the part of OIE Member countries
- Leading to the adoption of three new standards in 2005.



- The Second OIE Global Conference on Animal Welfare “Putting the Standards to Work” (Cairo, 2008) resulted in strong endorsement of the OIE’s work on animal welfare
- and the fundamental role of national Veterinary Services (public and private sector) and of the veterinary profession in improving animal welfare.
- This is reflected in the OIE PVS Tool which, since 2010, includes specific critical competencies of Veterinary Services on animal welfare.



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- The theme “Implementing the OIE standards - addressing regional expectations” highlights the value of coordination and collaboration with and between Member countries
- The objective is to support the implementation of the OIE standards, with particular attention to relevant strategies and tools, including at the regional level.
- The OIE also aims to raise the profile of the standards in general and
- To encourage Veterinary Services and the veterinary profession to take a lead role in improving animal welfare.

Strengthening Veterinary Services

Capacity building – focus on OIE Delegates, designated Focal Points, and technical capacity

- Regular seminars for newly assigned OIE Delegates;
- Establishment of topic-specific national Focal Points in each OIE Member country – ongoing seminars;
- Network of OIE Reference Centres, including animal welfare collaborating centres in three regions
- Twinning initiative to enhance technical capacity in regions where there are few or no such centres
- OIE Scientific and normative publications.



Strengthening Veterinary Services

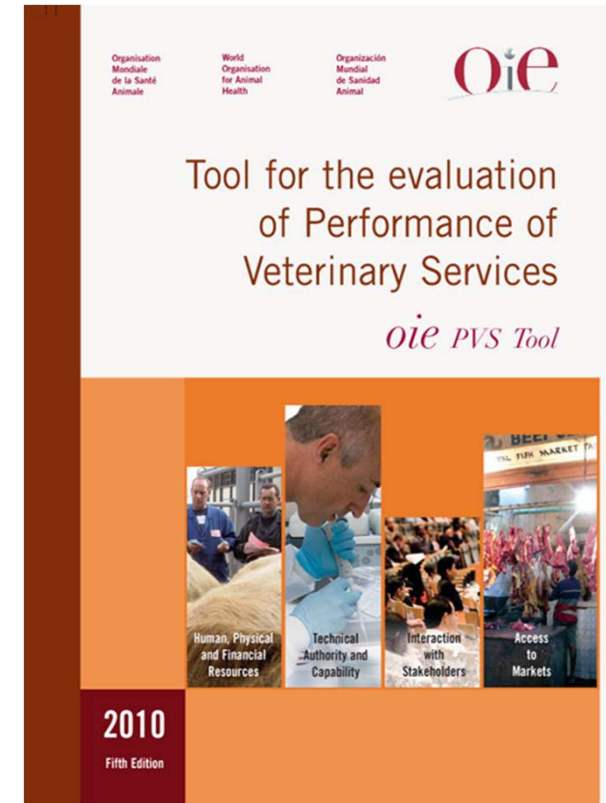
The **OIE PVS Pathway**

is a continuous process that aims for sustainable improvement in Veterinary Services' and Aquatic Animal Health Services' capacity to meet international standards, providing long term efficiency and effectiveness

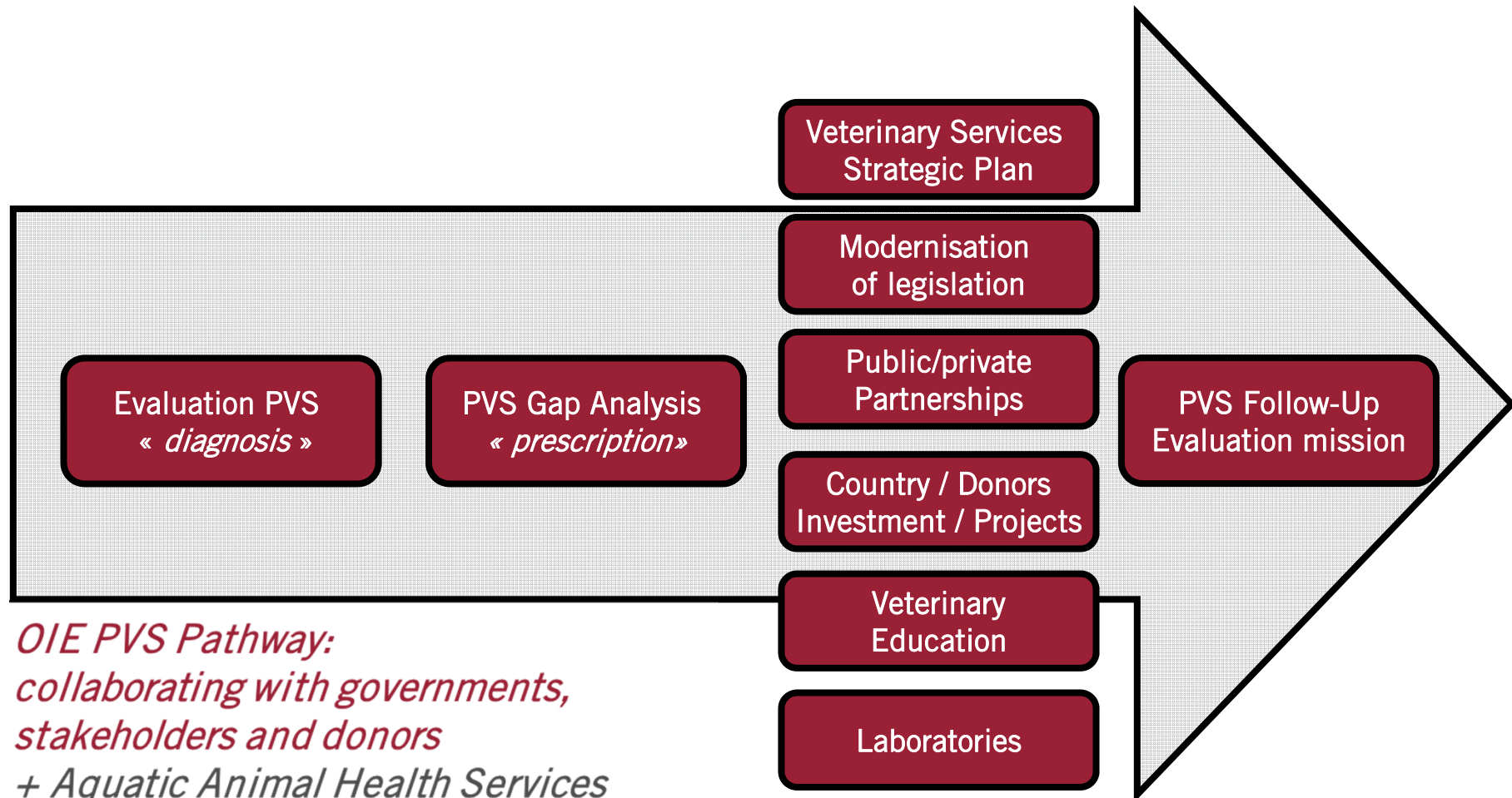
Strengthening Veterinary Services

The OIE PVS Tool

- Strengthening VS and AAHS through the conduct of missions and follow up activities, including official agreements and twinnings
- Building support from international donors including Foundations
- Promoting consensus between governments and donors
- Advocacy for the key role of veterinarians in society.



Capacity building for VS



*OIE PVS Pathway:
collaborating with governments,
stakeholders and donors
+ Aquatic Animal Health Services*

OIE PVS Pathway – State of play

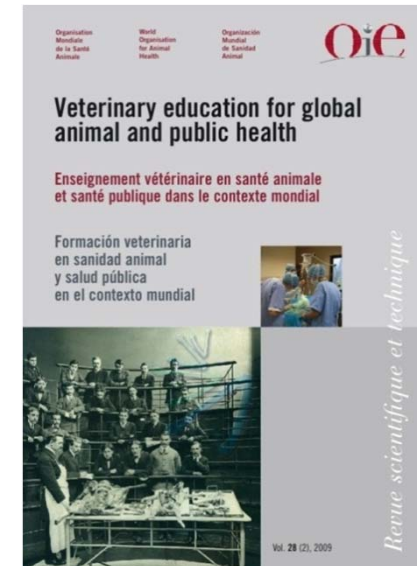
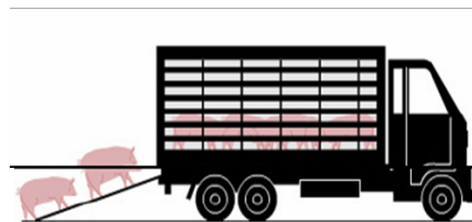
		OIE PVS Evaluation		PVS Gap Analysis		Legislation		PVS Pathway Follow-up	
OIE Members		Requests	Missions done	Requests	Missions done	Requests	Missions done	Requests	Missions done
Africa	52	51	47	37	33	22	15	14	5
Americas	29	23	21	13	9	5	3	4	3
Asia & Pacific	32	18	18	12	10	5	4	8	4
Europe	53	15	14	7	6	3	2	6	5
Middle East	12	12	11	8	4	4	4	0	0
TOTAL	178	119	111	77	62	39	28	32	17

15 October 2012

OIE initiatives on veterinary education and good governance of the profession

- To provide leadership on animal welfare, veterinarians in the public and private sector need a sound education that provides both technical knowledge and an appropriate ethical framework
- OIE global initiatives aim to support improved quality of education and, through strengthening the role of the Veterinary Statutory Body, good governance of the profession.
- In addition to holding two Global Conferences on Veterinary Education, the OIE has produced recommendations on 'Core competencies of day 1 veterinary graduates' which include animal welfare

2012-2013 priorities



2012-2013 priorities

- The OIE will continue to show global leadership on animal welfare
 - ... working to set up and update standards to convince countries and private sector organisations to respect the OIE standards
 - and other activities that reflect the priorities of Member countries
- 2012-2013 standard setting priorities include production systems for broiler chickens, dairy cattle and pigs
 - and subsequently a standard for working animals.

2012-2013 priorities

- Advising and supporting Members in implementing the standards is a top priority.
- Advocating for VS and AAHS to secure political support and commitment by decision makers
- Solidarity by providing mechanisms to help on request secure financial and technical support to Members
- Promoting appropriate alliances between the public and private sector, eg SSAFE, ISO, GFSI.

2012-2013 priorities

Veterinary education and the role of the national Veterinary Statutory Body (VSB)

- Following the recommendations of OIE global conferences held in 2009 and 2011, the OIE is
- Developing a basic minimum curriculum for veterinarians (to be finalised by May 2013)
- Providing a Twinning framework for veterinary education establishments, and for Veterinary Statutory Bodies, based on the successful OIE Laboratory Twinning model



2012-2013 priorities

Veterinary education and the role of the national
Veterinary Statutory Body (VSB)

- **Convening a 3rd Global Conference on Veterinary Education and the role of the Veterinary Statutory Body -**
"Ensuring excellence and ethics of the veterinary profession« (Fos do Iguaçu, Brazil, 3-5 December 2013)

2012-2013 priorities

- Recognising the value of collaboration and networking at the regional level, the OIE has an ongoing programme of National Focal Point seminars, including interaction with private sector and regional organisations

the next animal welfare seminars will take place in Beirut, December 2012, and Korea, August 2013.

- The OIE supports the development of regional animal welfare strategies as appropriate to each region.

Objectives of this conference



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Objectives of this conference

- Evaluate the status of implementation by Members of OIE animal welfare standards;
- Discuss the implications of animal welfare for international trade, including the legal trade policy framework and private specifications;
- Provide up to date information on relevant scientific research;

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- Promote the role and responsibility of national Veterinary Services in the field of animal welfare;
- Give practical information and technical advice on developing and implementing standards;
- Advise on strategies and tools to strengthen veterinary education to improve animal welfare;
- Provide practical examples of designing appropriate veterinary legislation on animal welfare;

Objectives of this conference

- Discuss strategies and tools for good governance of the veterinary profession, including through strengthening Veterinary Statutory Bodies;
- Provide practical advice on involving stakeholders, decision makers, donors and the global community in programmes to improve animal welfare;
- Increased support from governments and donors for the conduct of applied research needed for efficient aquatic animal health programmes.

Objectives of this conference

- Review current knowledge about the use of regional strategies to support implementation of the OIE animal welfare standards;
- Members contribute more actively to the OIE standard setting process;
- All Members nominate Focal Points for Animal Welfare and support their participation in OIE regional capacity building activities;

Conclusions



Conclusions

The OIE role in setting global animal welfare standards is well established and we have achieved much progress.

However, more needs to be done to improve the welfare of animals globally.

All governments and donor organisations are urged to strongly support the OIE standards and guidelines and Veterinary Services in relation to animal welfare.

Conclusions

All Delegates are encouraged to take steps towards the implementation of adopted standards,

..acknowledging that Member countries' circumstances vary greatly and, in some cases, the Government's top priority is food security.

Engagement in the OIE PVS Pathway and other SPS capacity building activities is of critical importance for Members that intend to implement OIE standards, including those for quality veterinary services.

Conclusions

The recommendations adopted at the end of this conference will be of critical importance in shaping the future involvement of the OIE in animal welfare

...and the capacity of Veterinary Services to play their appropriate leadership role.

I therefore encourage you to participate actively in the conference – and to bring YOUR IDEAS and SUGGESTIONS to the table.

Welcome to the conference!

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