

28th Conference of the Regional Commission for the Americas
Asuncion, Paraguay, 2-6 November 2026

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2026

Arrival of participants

MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2026

- 7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Arrival of participants / Conference registration
- 9:00 a.m. Opening ceremony
- 9:45 a.m. Official photograph
- 10:00 a.m. High level round table: Investing in Animal Health to Secure Everyone's Future
1) Ministerial panel
- 11:00 a.m. Break
- 11:30 a.m. 2) Panel with International Organisations
- 12:30a.m. Approval of the Programme
(Dr Rafael Rodriguez Alvarado, President of the Regional Commission)

Appointment of the Conference Committee
(Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and General Rapporteur)

Appointment of session chairpersons and rapporteurs
(Technical items)
- 12:45 p.m. Lunch break
- 2:00 p.m. Keynote speech (Dr Emmanuelle Soubeyran, WOAHD Director General)
- 2:45 p.m. Regional activities and follow up of the last Conference recommendations
(Dr Francisco D'Alessio, Regional Representative for the Americas)
- 3:15 p.m. State of animal health and reporting capacities in the Americas:
 - Regional animal health situation;
 - Reporting status (early warning, six-monthly and annual)
 - Wildepi reporting
 - Benefits of Reporting
 - How to improve disease reporting: interactive session
(Dr Jenny Hutchison, Head of the World Animal Health Information Department)
- 4:15 p.m. Break
- 4:45 p.m. 30 years of WOAHD official status recognition (Dr Montserrat Arroyo Kuribreña, Deputy Director General – Standard Setting and Implementation)
- 5:30 p.m. Current situation, national and regional challenges and opportunities in animal health and welfare (Dr José Carlos Martín Camperchioli, SENACSA President)
- 6:00 p.m. End of the day
- 6:30 p.m. Historical visit and dinner hosted by SENACSA Paraguay



TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2026

- 9:00 a.m. Technical Item I: Use of epidemiological models to support decision-making in Veterinary Services (Dr Maria Victoria Iriarte Barbosa, DGSG-MGAP Uruguay)
- 9:45 a.m. Discussion
- 10:15 a.m. Break
(*Preparation of Recommendation No. 1 by designated small group*)
- 10:45 a.m. Strengthening emergency preparedness and response in the Americas (including ASF preparedness exercise and regional experiences)
- 12: 30 p.m. Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. The WOAHPVS Process: Involvement of Members from the Americas region. Experiences and future prospects (Capacity Building Department)
- 3:00 p.m. WOAHP Reference Centres: Regional Capacities, Perspectives and Future Needs
- 3:45 p.m. Activity report of the Regional Secretariat of the Global Framework for the Control of Transboundary Diseases (GF-TADs)
(Dr Catya Martinez Rivas, Sub-Regional Representative for Central America and the Caribbean)
- 4:15 p.m. Break
- 4: 45 p.m. Round Table on GF-TADs priority diseases, sub-regional and regional coordination (Chair: Dr Conrad Estrada, President of the GF-TADs Regional Steering Committee)
- Screwworm - OIRSA
 - Swine Diseases - IICA
 - Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza – FAO
 - Foot and mouth disease – OPS/OMS Panafiosa
- 5:45 p.m. Discussion: Regional priorities for disease prevention and control
(Dr Francisco D'Alessio)
- 6:30 p.m. End of the day
- 7:30 p.m. Dinner hosted by WOAHP

WEDNESDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2026

- 09:00 a.m. Technical Item II: Economic aspects of effective and sustainable animal health surveillance systems.
(Prof. Vítor Salvador Picão Gonçalves, Universidad de Brasilia)
- 09:45 a.m. Discussion
- 10.15 a.m. Break
(*Preparation of Recommendation No. 2 by designated small group*)
- 10:45 a.m. One Health in the Americas and Quadripartite Collaboration: Current Status and Regional Work Plan
(Dr María Mesplet, One Health Regional Officer, RR Americas)



- 11:15 a.m. The economic impact of AMR in animal health: facts, figures and cost-effective interventions Implementation of the 2024 UN Political Declaration on AMR – Targets & Opportunities
(Dr Javier Yugueros-Marcos, Head of the Veterinary Products and Drug Resistance Department)
- 11:45 p.m. Animal Welfare : Update on the regional strategy
(Dr Lucía Escati, Regional Communications and Technical Officer, RR Americas)
- 12:15 p.m. Aquatic Animal Health: Proposed regional strategy
(Drs Alicia Gallardo Lagno, President of the Aquatic Animals Health Commission and Marcela Lara, Regional Aquatic Animal Health Officer, RR Americas)
- 1: 00 p.m. Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. Wildlife: Priorities and regional action plan
(Dr María Mesplet)
- 2:30 p.m. Animal movements and international trade. Progress report and regional work plan
(Dr Martín Minassian, Technical Assistant, RR Americas)
- 3:00 p.m. WOAHS Standard setting process and facilitated discussion on regional initiatives and the work plans for the development and revision of:
- Terrestrial Code
 - Terrestrial Manual
 - Aquatic Code and Manual
- (Regional Members of the Specialist commissions)
- 4:30 p.m. Progress on the work of the WOAHS Community of Practice on Standards
(Dr Martín Minassian, Technical Assistant, RR Americas)
- 4:50 p.m. Break
- 5:30 p.m. Presentation of draft recommendations and discussion
- 6:30 p.m. End of the day
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner hosted by SENACSA Paraguay

THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2026

Cultural visit organised by Paraguay

FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2026

- 09:00 a.m. Update on the activities of the WOAHS Governance Review Committee (GRC)
(Dr Carlos Orellana Vaquero, Delegate of Chile and Americas GRC Member)
- 10:00 a.m. From Global Strategy to Regional Action:
- Development of the Regional Work Plan Framework for the implementation of the WOAHS 8th Strategic Plan
 - Identification of regional priorities and future needs for WOAHS support
- (Ms Nathaly Monsalve, Head Regional Coordination Department and Dr Francisco D'Alessio)



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11:30 a.m.	Break
12:00 p.m.	Administrative session
12:30 p.m.	Committee of the Americas on Veterinary Medicines (CAMEVET): Review of the Committee and future outlook (RR Americas)
1:00 p.m.	Conference conclusions and adoption of Recommendations
1:30 p.m.	Proposal of date and venue of the 29th Conference of the WOAH Regional Commission for the Americas
1:45 p.m.	Closing ceremony
2:00 p.m.	End of the Conference