

**REPORT OF THE MEETING
OF THE OIE REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE AMERICAS**

Paris, 27 May 2019

The OIE Regional Commission for the Americas met on 27 May 2019 at the Maison de la Chimie, Paris, at 2:00 p.m. The meeting was attended by 105 participants, including Delegates and observers from 27 Members of the Commission and representatives from 13 international or regional Organisations:

Members of the Commission: Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Curacao, Dominican Rep., Ecuador, France, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, United States of America and Uruguay.

International/regional Organisations: ALA⁷¹, CARICOM⁷², CVP⁷³, EU DG SANTE⁷⁴, FAO, HealthforAnimals, ICFAW⁷⁵, IICA⁷⁶, IMS⁷⁷, OIRSA⁷⁸, PAHO-PANAFTOSA⁷⁹, WAP⁸⁰ and WTO.

The meeting was chaired by Dr Mark Trotman, President of the Bureau of the OIE Regional Commission for the Americas and Delegate of Barbados, seconded by Dr Luis Osvaldo Barcos, OIE Regional Representative for the Americas.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda, described in the Appendix, was unanimously adopted.

2. Outcomes of the 24th Conference of the OIE Regional Commission for the Americas held in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, from 19 to 23 November 2018

Dr Mark Trotman provided a brief overview of the outcomes of the 24th Conference of the OIE Regional Commission for the Americas, held in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, from 19 to 23 November 2018. It was attended by 89 participants, including Delegates from 23 Members, 1 observer country and representatives from regional and international organisations, together with representatives from the private sector and private veterinary organisations from several countries in the region and the host country.

71 ALA: Latin American Poultry Association

72 CARICOM: Caribbean Community

73 CVP: Permanent Veterinary Committee of the Southern Cone

74 EU DG SANTE: Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety of the European Commission

75 ICFAW: International Coalition for Farm Animal Welfare

76 IICA: Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture

77 IMS: International Meat Secretariat

78 OIRSA: *Organismo Internacional Regional de Sanidad Agropecuaria*

79 PAHO: Pan American Health Organization - PANAFTOSA: Pan American Foot and Mouth Disease Center

80 WAP: World Animal Protection

Dr Trotman briefly reviewed the agenda of the Conference, highlighting the different topics presented and outcomes of discussions, including: development of the Seventh Strategic Plan; follow-up of the recommendations adopted at the latest conferences of the Regional Commission; the animal disease situation in the region; and details about African Swine Fever in Europe (situation, measures and policy coordination under the Global Framework for Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases (GF-TADs) for Europe), among other issues of relevance to the region.

Dr Trotman also gave details of the two Technical Items presented: Technical Item 1 on “*The role of private veterinarians in Official Veterinary Service programmes: mechanisms for interaction, accreditation and quality control in a globalised world*” and Technical Item 2 on the “*Sustainability of Veterinary Services: experiences and challenges*”. He explained that, as the two topics were complementary in nature, the OIE Regional Commission for the Americas had decided to formulate a single recommendation to encompass the discussions on both Technical Items. This recommendation will be presented to the World Assembly of Delegates for endorsement at the 87th General Session.

To conclude, he said that the final report, including the recommendation and list of participants, had been sent to Members and was available on the Delegates’ website.

3. Confirmation of the dates and venue of the 25th Conference of the OIE Regional Commission for the Americas to be held in 2020

Dr Mercedes Lucía Flores Cancino, Delegate of Peru to the OIE, reiterated her country’s offer to host the 25th Conference of the OIE Regional Commission for the Americas.

She also confirmed that, this time, the Conference will be held in September 2020 instead of November 2020, the traditional month for holding conferences of the OIE Regional Commission for the Americas. It will be held in Cuzco.

Exact dates will be defined at a later stage in consultation with the OIE Director General.

4. Selection of Technical Item I (with questionnaire) to be included in the agenda of the 25th Conference of the OIE Regional Commission for the Americas

The Regional Commission selected the following technical item (with a questionnaire to Members) for inclusion in the agenda of the 25th Conference of the OIE Regional Commission for the Americas:

- Public-Private Partnerships.

Furthermore, the Regional Commission suggested the following additional Technical Item (without a questionnaire for Members) for inclusion in the Agenda of the Conference:

- Border biosecurity.

5. Selection of Technical Item I (with questionnaire) to be proposed for inclusion in the agenda of the 89th General Session of the OIE World Assembly of Delegates to be held in May 2021

The Regional Commission suggested the following technical item (with a questionnaire to Members) for inclusion in the agenda of the 89th General Session of the OIE World Assembly of Delegates:

- Capacity analysis for the progressive implementation of International Veterinary Electronic Certification e-CVI 2050 at global level.

6. Proposal of a Member of the OIE Regional Commission for the Americas to join the Council

Dr Mark Trotman reminded participants that the Delegate of Mexico had stepped down, leaving vacant his position as representative of the OIE Regional Commission for the Americas on the Council, which required a partial election to be held.

Following a discussion involving several Delegates, Dr Nimia Lissette Gómez Rodríguez, Delegate of the Dominican Republic, was proposed, for a two-year period, until the election for the next three-year mandate of the Council, which will be held in May 2021.

This proposal will be presented to the World Assembly for election.

7. Proposal of Members of the OIE Regional Commission for the Americas to serve on the Bureau of the OIE Regional Commission for the Americas

Following the nomination of Dr Nimia Lissette Gómez Rodríguez to join the OIE Council, the Delegates of the Americas proposed that Dr Jaspinder Komal, current Secretary General of the Bureau of the OIE Regional Commission and Delegate of Canada, take the position of Vice-President left vacant by Dr Nimia Lissette Gómez Rodríguez. Dr Wilmer José Juárez Juárez, Delegate of Nicaragua to the OIE, has been proposed to replace Dr Jaspinder Komal as Secretary General of the Bureau of the OIE Regional Commission for the Americas. The Bureau shall be constituted as follows:

President: Dr Mark Trotman (Barbados)

Vice-President: Dr Javier Ernesto Suárez Hurtado (Bolivia)

Vice-President: Dr Jaspinder Komal (Canada)

Secretary General: Dr Wilmer José Juárez Juárez (Nicaragua)

This proposal will be presented to the World Assembly for election.

8. Regional actions to prevent the entry and spread of African Swine Fever

The Regional Commission decided to address strategies for preventing the entry and spread of African Swine Fever in the Americas under GF-TADs. To this end, the planning of actions in the region was discussed. The results of all these actions will be presented at the forthcoming Conference of the Regional Commission.

9. Developing the OIE Seventh Strategic Plan

In the context of the development of the OIE Seventh Strategic Plan, the Delegates of the Region were presented with the preliminary results of the on-line open consultation undertaken by the OIE earlier this year. The results were presented by Dr François Caya, Head of the OIE Regional Activities Department, through an interactive presentation during which Delegates were invited to actively comment on the preliminary results. The objective of this session was to get a greater understanding of the regional priorities to be taken into account in the development of the next Strategic Plan. Dr Hugo Federico Idoyaga Benítez, Vice-President of the OIE Council and Delegate of Paraguay, as well as Dr Mark Trotman facilitated the discussions. The draft Seventh Strategic plan will be discussed at the 2019 September Council meeting and then circulated to Members for comments.

The meeting officially ended at 6:30 p.m.

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