



25th Conference of the OIE Regional Commission for the Americas

22-23 September 2020

(09:45 a.m. Buenos Aires, via Zoom)

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

| TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2020 | | | |
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| Time | Theme | Speakers | Objective |
| 09:45 a.m. | Zoom check-in, connecting and warm up | | Projection of technical instructions. |
| 10:00 a.m. | Opening - Technical instructions, programme details and process, quick introductions | Facilitator | |
| 10:05 a.m. | Welcome | Dr Luis Barcos OIE Regional Representative for the Americas Dr Mark Schipp President of the OIE World Assembly of Delegates | |
| SESSION 1: IMPACTS AND LESSONS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC | | | |
| OIE strategy and the COVID-19 pandemic – the wider picture | | | |
| 10:15 a.m. | Challenges for the development and implementation of the 7th OIE Strategic Plan in the post-pandemic world of COVID-19 | Dr Monique Eloit OIE Director General | This presentation aims to inform participants about the adaptations of the 7 th OIE Strategic Plan to the “new world”. How the OIE sees the planning and implementation of its activities for the five coming years. |

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| 10:25 a.m. | Adaptation of the activities of the OIE Regional Commission for the Americas during the COVID-19 pandemic, lessons learnt and future proposals on the functioning of the OIE in crisis situations | Dr Mark Trotman President of the OIE Regional Commission for the Americas and OIE Delegate of Barbados | This presentation aims to inform participants on how the Regional Commission coordinated the activities during the pandemic and to provide proposals for future work based on the lessons learnt, including follow up of activities through electronic meetings. |
| 10:35 a.m. | OIE and the pandemic – group exercise | Facilitators | Informal participant exercise on how the pandemic is influencing OIE's work. |
| The pandemic and the Veterinary Services – country lessons | | | |
| 10:45 a.m. | Country insights and lessons: How Veterinary Services are managing the COVID-19 crisis: surveillance, international certification for trade, and evolution of trade of animal products during the pandemic | Dr Eva Martinez OIE Delegate of Peru Dr Yobani Gutiérrez Ravelo OIE Delegate of Cuba Dr Néstor Avendaño OIE Delegate of El Salvador Dr Mark Davidson OIE Delegate of the United States of America Dr Eduardo Barre OIE Delegate of Uruguay | Summary experiences from 5 countries sharing lessons on providing Veterinary Services during the pandemic, including reflections on best practices. In preparation, please listen to the recorded presentations available in the Conference website under “working material”. |
| 11:15 a.m. | The pandemic and the Veterinary Services – group exercise | Facilitators | Group work with support from OIE staff for interactions and documentation: How Veterinary Services are managing the crisis? – what works? what did not work? recommendations and conclusions. |
| 11:40 a.m. | The pandemic and the Veterinary Services – plenary feedback and key conclusions | Facilitator | |
| 11:50 a.m. | Break (10') | | |

| Responding to future pandemics | | | |
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| 12:00 p.m. | OIE strategy to reduce risk and future disease-spill over events (wildlife health management) | Mr François Diaz Chargé de mission OIE Preparedness and Resilience Department | This presentation will serve as a short discussion starter to inform participants about the importance of wildlife health management (why should we care?), the key issues and challenges for Veterinary Services in this field as well as the emerging directions and priorities for OIE. |
| 12:10 p.m. | Wildlife health management - group discussion | Facilitators | Group work with support from OIE staff for interactions and documentation: The implications of these issues for Veterinary Services in the region. |
| 12:25 p.m. | The potential for a longstanding and sustainable partnership under "One Health" and its impact on Member Countries. FAO, WHO and OIE actions in the framework of the COVID-19 pandemic | Mrs Tianna Brand Advisor – Foresight OIE | This presentation will serve as a short discussion starter. It will introduce and illustrate how the tripartite FAO- WHO-OIE agreement can engage Veterinary Services at regional and at country levels. |
| 12:35 p.m. | The One Health Tripartite Agreement - group discussion | Facilitators | Group work with support from OIE staff for interactions and documentation: Ways to engage with the 'One Health' agenda in the region. |
| 12:55 p.m. | Responding to future pandemics – plenary feedback and key conclusions | Facilitator | |
| 1:00 p.m. | Close | | |

WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2020**SESSION 2: TECHNICAL TOPICS**

| Time | Theme | Speakers | Objective |
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| 09:45 a.m. | Zoom check-in, connecting and warm up | | Projection of technical instructions. |
| 10:00 a.m. | Reminder - Technical instructions, programme, and process update; brief reflections from day 1 | Facilitator | |
| 10:10 a.m. | Global Framework for the Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases (GF-TADs) / Presentation of Regional Projects: Classical Swine Fever and Avian Influenza | <p>Dr Jaspinder Komal OIE Delegate of Canada and Chairman of the GF-TADs Regional Steering Committee</p> <p>Dr Efrain Medina OIRSA Executive Director</p> <p>Dr Manuel Otero IICA Director General and Dr Jaime Romero, International Specialist in Agricultural Health and Food Safety, IICA</p> | <p>This presentation introduces GF-TADs activities in the region including a brief update on the regional actions and plan regarding ASF, CSF and AI.</p> <p>Organisations that are part of this framework in the Americas will present the projects of Standing Groups of Experts to address CSF (OIRSA) and Avian Influenza (IICA).</p> <p>In preparation, please listen to the recorded presentations available in the Conference website under “working material”.</p> |
| 10:25 a.m. | TADs (Transboundary Animal Diseases)- Group discussion, recommendations, and conclusions | Facilitators | Group work with support from OIE staff for interactions and documentation: Priority follow-up actions on TADs. |

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| 10:40 a.m. | Antimicrobial Resistance and its impact on trade | <p>Dr Maria Mesplet European Union Regional RAM Project Officer from the OIE Regional Representation for the Americas</p> <p>Dr Koen Van Dyck Head of Unit for Bilateral international relations European Union</p> | <p>This presentation will provide a brief overview of the AMR activities in the region and the OIE/EC AMR Project and its four main pillars.</p> <p>The approach to Antimicrobial Resistance beyond its impact on animal and public health will be also presented, focusing on its potential impact on international trade in animals and their products.</p> <p>In preparation, please listen to the recorded presentation available in the Conference website under “working material”.</p> |
| 10:50 a.m. | AMR - Group discussion, recommendations, and conclusions | Facilitators | Group work with support from OIE staff for interactions and documentation: Priority follow-up actions on AMR. |
| 11:10 a.m. | Regional strategic issues – quick plenary feedback and key conclusions (chat) | Facilitator | |
| 11:20 a.m. | Break | | |
| 11:30 a.m. | OIE Strategy for Aquatic Animal Health | <p>Dr Alicia Gallardo Lagno Vice President of the OIE Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission</p> | This presentation will introduce the key components of the strategy and their specific relevance for the region as well as the planned next steps and actions. |
| 11:40 a.m. | Plenary interaction exercise | Facilitator | Plenary interaction on country priorities in this area and what they need from OIE. |

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| 11:50 a.m. | Progress in the implementation of the new OIE-WAHIS system and summary of the disease situation in the Region | <p>Dr Paula Cáceres Head OIE World Animal Health Information and Analysis Department</p> <p>Dr Peter Melens Deputy Head OIE World Animal Health Information and Analysis Department</p> | <p>This session will first use WAHIS data to quickly cover the animal health situation in the region, then it will introduce the new OIE-WAHIS platform and what it can provide thanks to the good reporting by countries.</p> <p>In preparation, please listen to the recorded presentation and video, both available in the Conference website under “working material”.</p> |
| 12:00 p.m. | Plenary interaction exercise | Facilitator | Plenary interaction on what countries can do to exploit the information in WAHIS, i.e. what information could Delegates use to assist them in risk-based decisions on particular animal health (and public health) issues. |
| 12:10 p.m. | Required competencies of Veterinary Services in the context of international trade: opportunities and challenges | Dr Francisco D’Alessio Deputy Head of Standards Department | A very brief introduction to the work done for the OIE 2020 Technical Item. |
| 12:15 p.m. | Reflections exercise | Facilitator | Short reflection on technical aspects of the meeting. |

| SESSION 3: REGIONAL COMMISSION INTERNAL DISCUSSIONS | | | |
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| 12:20 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Technical Items next Regional Conference - Venue for the 26th Conference of the OIE Regional Commission in 2022 - Elections | Dr Hugo Idoyaga Vice-President of the OIE Council and Delegate of Paraguay | |
| 12:45 p.m. | Reflections on the meeting – visual exercise | Facilitator | |
| 12:50 p.m. | Closing remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Monique Eloit, OIE Director General - Dr Mark Trotman, President of the Regional Commission for the Americas and OIE Delegate of Barbados | | |
| 1:00 p.m. | Close | | |