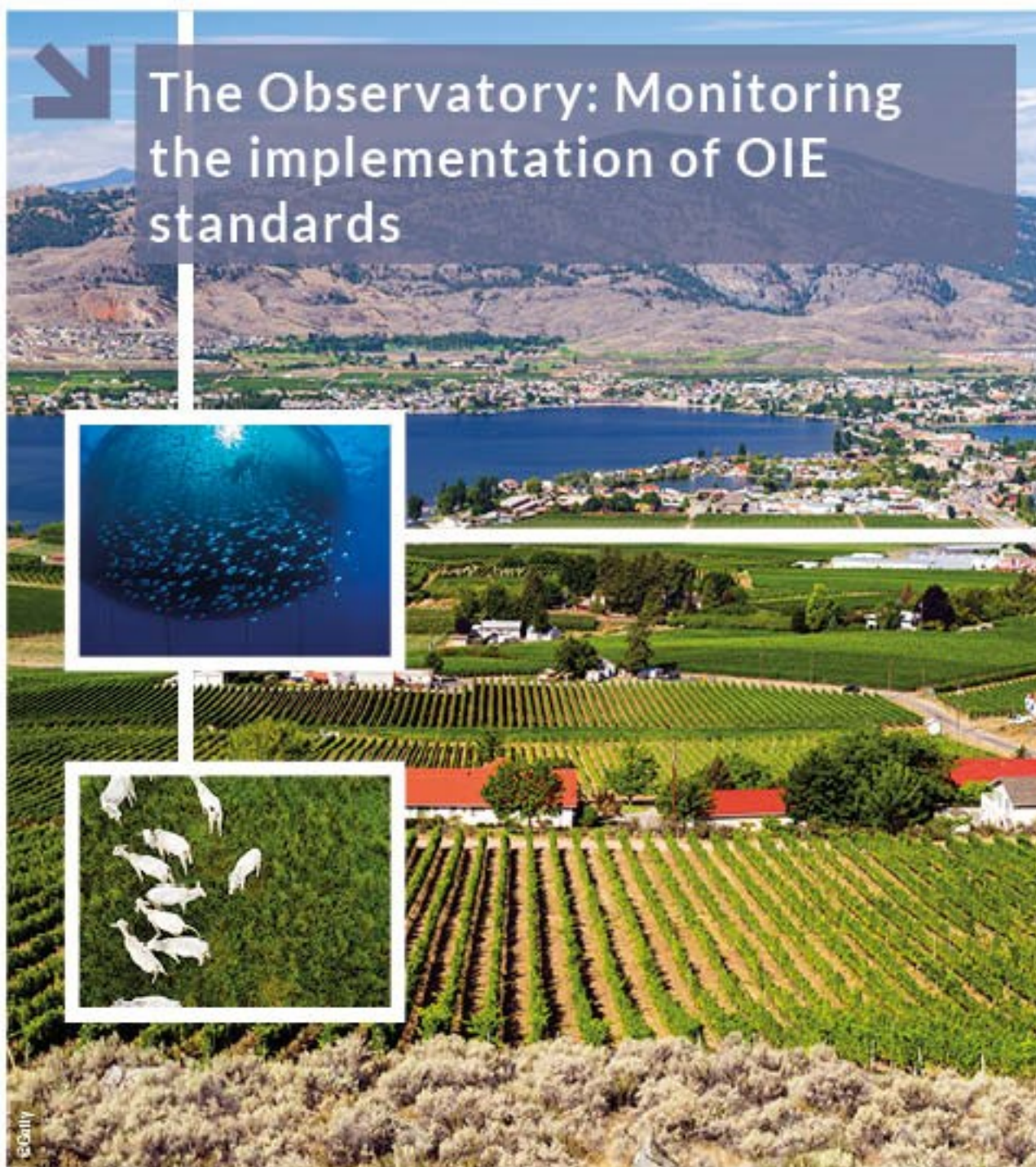


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Thematic portfolio



The Observatory: Monitoring the implementation of OIE standards



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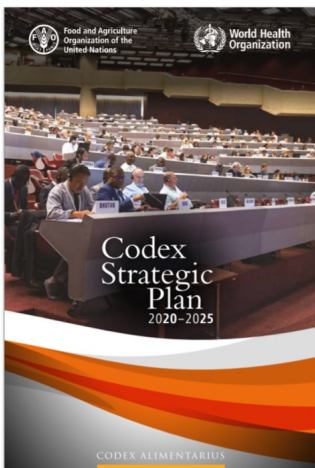
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The Codex Strategic Plan 2020–2025 includes a goal to ‘increase impact through the recognition and use of Codex standards’. By improving monitoring of the use of Codex standards, the overall effectiveness of Codex will ultimately be strengthened.

The mission of [the Codex Alimentarius Commission \(Codex\)](#), established by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1963, is to set out international food standards, guidelines and codes of practice to protect the health of consumers and ensure fair practices in food trade. The Commission also promotes the coordination of all food standards work undertaken by international governmental and non-governmental organisations.

Animal food production can affect food safety and quality. Hence, the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and Codex have many common interests, particularly with regard to such topics as veterinary drug residues, food hygiene and antimicrobial resistance.



In 2019, the Commission adopted the Codex Strategic Plan 2020–2025, which includes an ambitious new goal to ‘increase impact through the recognition and use of Codex standards’ and provides indicators to help measure the effects of these standards. Improved monitoring of the use of Codex standards will provide more accurate information to help in identifying the most useful standards, as well as assist the Commission to better understand the challenges encountered by Members when applying these standards. The ultimate objective is to strengthen the overall effectiveness of Codex.

The experiences of the OIE Observatory, and lessons learned, will be invaluable to Codex as it builds its own monitoring system.

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► NETWORK INITIATIVES

Improving monitoring of the use of Codex standards

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