

Annual meeting of the OIE Regional and Sub-Regional Representations***OIE Headquarters, Paris, 23-26 October 2018***

Around 60 participants attended this annual meeting. The first day was planned as a plenary session with presentations and discussions on the current activities carried out by the OIE under each Strategic Objective and Cross-Cutting Area of the OIE's 6th Strategic Plan.

The second day was divided into two interactive sessions. The morning session focused on a review of the current Strategic Plan. The Regional and Sub-Regional staff and the Heads and Deputy Heads of the OIE Headquarters (HQ) provided their vision in terms of successes and challenges, as well as on the orientation for 2018-2020.

This review allowed participants to step back from their everyday operational work and take a global look at the results achieved.

It also identified both the gaps in the work to date and the constraints of the coming two years in order to better assess and define realistic priorities for the global success of the current Strategic Plan. An interactive activity in the afternoon session allowed participants to start a discussion on how to leverage the organisational structure to drive the 7th Strategic Plan at regional level. Taking into consideration scientific and societal developments, the OIE will need to improve its visibility; ensure the recognition of the significance of the OIE's mandate and the contribution of its expertise to the global health debate; and enhance its credibility and attractiveness among stakeholders as an unavoidable partner in the international scene. To achieve this, the OIE will need to forge deep and valuable connections between its global mandate and Member Countries' expectations at regional level, to ensure delivering strong results. As an organisation, this should be mirrored in the

relationship between HQ and the Regional and Sub-Regional Representations which provides a solid organisational backbone to the delivery of the organisation's missions. This interactive activity allowed participants to express their ideas on the required relationship between HQ and the regions, the organisation of activities, the networks and communication channels to be implemented to support the success of the OIE's mission across the globe, among others.

The last two days were dedicated to specific training sessions and bilateral meetings between the regions and the different HQ Departments and Units.

It was a full week of fruitful deliberation that allowed the OIE Regional and Sub-Regional Representations and the OIE Headquarters to exchange their ideas and concerns so as to improve the daily work and future planning of OIE activities.

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