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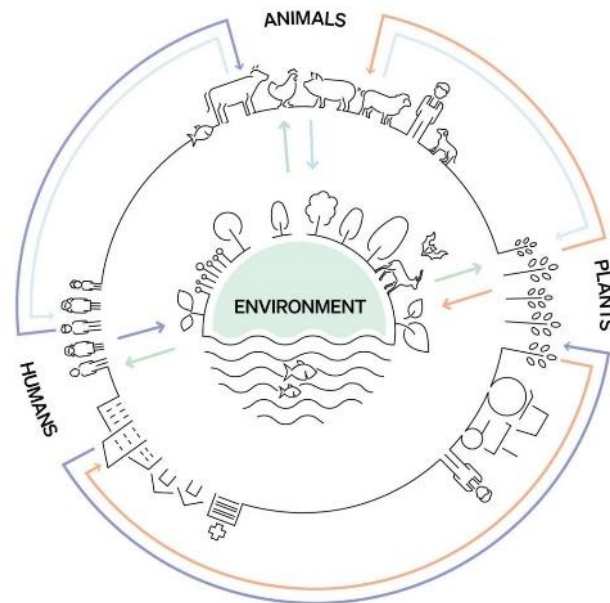
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Welcome!

This newsletter brings you the latest updates on WOA's One Health work, including highlighting collaborations with our partners in the Quadripartite organizations consisting of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Health Organization (WHO) to address shared health challenges.

Let's have a look at WOA's recent and upcoming One Health activities in 2024.

Major Recent One Health Activities



Policy briefs on the One Health Joint Plan of Action (OH JPA) Action Tracks

We are pleased to share six new policy briefs concerning the latest One Health guidance. The purpose of these policy briefs is to explain the action tracks of the OH Joint Plan of Action to national authorities and partners and to highlight the role of the veterinary services and animal health sector in their implementation. The policy briefs also outline examples of initiatives and projects supported by WOAAH that adopt the One Health approach to achieve better outcomes to combat diverse yet interconnected global health threats. Furthermore, the policy briefs provide recommendations to strengthen the implementation of the OH approach within the animal health sector and beyond.

The first policy brief is an overview of the vital role of the animal health sector in combatting health threats at the human-animal-environment interface. The second brief concerns the growing threat to global health from emerging infectious diseases of zoonotic origin. The third policy brief advocates a comprehensive approach to better address endemic zoonotic, vector-borne, and neglected tropical diseases. The fourth brief focuses on the assessment, management, and communication of infectious disease threats to livestock and crops, sources of contamination in the food supply, and sources of antimicrobial resistance. In the fifth brief, WOAAH promotes better practices of antimicrobial use, alternative treatments, and enhanced biosecurity on farms. In the final policy brief, WOAAH advocates ecosystem protection, designing sustainable production systems, and integrating the environmental perspective into One Health.

The English version of all the policy briefs can be found on the [WOAAH website](#) under 'Resources'.

The second Quadripartite Executive Annual Meeting (QEAM)

UNEP Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya

February 29– March 6, 2024

The Quadripartite Executive Annual Meeting (QEAM) provides the opportunity to review the progress achieved within the previous year and set the strategic direction and key actions to be taken moving forward. In March, a significant milestone was achieved as the Quadripartite Secretariat Chair was transferred from UNEP to WOAAH. As Chair, WOAAH has outlined [a detailed agenda](#) focused on implementation of the [One Health Joint Plan of Action](#), monitoring and evaluation of Quadripartite work, global advocacy and leveraging investment for One Health, as well as learning and training coordination.

The Organisation is also championing action against neglected zoonotic diseases and vector borne diseases through a holistic OH approach. The QPT agreed to continue working together to keep One Health high on the political agenda. It was also agreed to better link science, data, and evidence-building work to policy development. Finally, it was agreed to focus on strengthening communication between different stakeholders through regular meetings and workshops. Find more information [here](#).

OHHLEP Term 2- first meeting

Virtual

April 16-17, 2024

The One Health High Level Panel (OHHLEP) in its term 2 met to set the agenda for the current year, share insights, and identify priorities from each perspective. OHHLEP provides guidance and input to the Quadripartite in their efforts to generate knowledge and evidence on One Health. Find more information [here](#).

Launch of Performance of Veterinary Services Information System (PVS IS)

The PVS Information System is a new platform enabling an improved access to Veterinary Services' strengths and weaknesses related to One Health competencies and the recommendations made to improve their quality and capacities. The PVS IS was launched at WOA's 91st General Session in May. Find more information [here](#).

Launch of the ASEAN OH JPA and ASEAN OH Network

The ASEAN One Health Network (AOHN) and the ASEAN One Health Joint Plan of Action (ASEAN OH JPA) are the two deliverables of the ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on OH Initiative. With these two deliverables, the Secretariat shows its commitment to the Quadripartite (QPT) as the ASEAN OH JPA is aligned with the QPT One Health Joint Plan of Action. Find more information [here](#).

Launch of Competencies for One Health Field Epidemiology (COHFE)

The Competencies for One Health Field Epidemiology (COHFE) webinar explored multisectoral collaboration for field epidemiology training, explored case studies, and discussed framework implementation. First, the COHFE framework will be piloted in select countries. Then, digital tools for prioritization, customizing program curriculums and competencies, and costing projects will be developed and implemented. The next goal is to create a repository for OH field epidemiology training resources and develop a community of practice for OH field epidemiology. Finally, they will promote widespread implementation of the COHFE framework to comply with the OH JPA. Find more information [here](#).

Launch of Antimicrobial Resistance Toolkit for Media Engagement

Virtual from WOA HQ

July 15, 2024

The Quadripartite has developed this practical toolkit for engaging the media in discussing antimicrobial resistance. Media engagement was identified as a priority to engage target audiences in a participatory approach, helping shape public discourse and combat misinformation. Find the toolkit and more information [here](#).

Regional Activities

Wildlife Health Network for Europe and Central Asia- 2nd Webinar

Virtual, Europe

April 10, 2024

Guest speaker Ilaria Di Silvestre (IFAW) presented the current situation and challenges of wildlife trade in the region, the role of the cyber-enabled wildlife trade, EU actions and legal resources to act against wildlife trafficking, the loopholes in the EU legislation, and policy solutions. The second guest speaker, Sophie Gryseels, researcher at the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences, shared a multisectoral work success story at country level through the presentation of the INTERCEPT project. INTERCEPT aims to increase the knowledge on the overall wildlife trade exchange and the national market in Belgium to later develop proper recommendations to the ministers to develop policies accordingly. Find more information [here](#).



One Health Seminar for the European Region

Vienna, Austria

June 11-13, 2024

This seminar was a pivotal event convening representatives from public health, animal health, and environmental health sectors across Europe and Central Asia. Using the OH JPA and its Implementation Guide, the event underlined the central role of the QPT in promoting and coordinating a regional OH approach, and the key role of national health authorities in leading the operationalization of the OH approach. At this event, participants agreed to advocate for the OH approach, OH collaboration across borders, OH education, and policy and resource mobilization. Find more information [here](#).

One Health Partner Platform Meeting- Europe and Central Asia

Vienna, Austria

June 12, 2024

During this meeting of the Partner Platform of the Regional One Health Coordination Mechanism (ROHCM), 30 partners from different sectors exchanged information on ongoing regional activities and discussed coordination of technical assistance to countries. They discussed criteria for selecting priority countries, including countries facing significant health challenges with limited capacity, as well as high levels of political support and geopolitical influence. Next steps include continuing to enhance cooperation and coordination using existing partner networks to exchange plans, expertise, and information. Find more information [here](#).

Asia Pacific Rabies Meeting

Bangkok, Thailand

July 16-18, 2024

WOAH Regional and Sub-Regional Offices in Asia jointly organised the meeting with Regional Tripartite (FAO RAP Bangkok, WHO SEARO New Delhi and WHO WPRO Manila) in which 41 government representatives from 14 rabies-endemic countries from the human and animal health sectors across the Asia Pacific Region, including Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam participated. Recommendations were made for countries to follow up to expedite actions on rabies control to reach the global goal of elimination of dog-mediated human rabies by 2030. Find more information [here](#).

Quadripartite One Health Joint Plan of Action Workshop for the Pacific

Fiji

August 6-8, 2024

This workshop was preceded by ADB workshop on Biosecurity and followed by SPC event on climate change and health.

National Activities



One Health Zoonotic Disease Prioritization (OHZDP) and Joint Risk Assessment (JRA) Workshops

Bhutan

April 29- May 4, 2024

WOAH Regional office in Tokyo facilitated this Tripartite-led national workshop in which Bhutan prioritised 55 zoonotic diseases of greatest importance using the US CDC's tool on [OHZDP](#), as well as joint activities for six priority diseases demanding urgent attention. Using four case scenarios (HPAI, rabies, anthrax, brucellosis), the participants were introduced to the Tripartite Joint Risk Assessment Operation Tool ([JRA-OT](#)). Using this tool, they learned how to develop scope, purpose, and objectives, and analyse risk pathways, risk characterisation, and risk management. The Regional Tripartite (FAORAP Bangkok, WHO SEARO New Delhi and WOAHRAP Tokyo) organised this workshop jointly with the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock and Ministry of Health, Royal Government of Bhutan.

Surveillance and Information Sharing operational tool (SIS OT) Workshop

Romania

May 21, 2024

WHO Romania convened representatives from the NIPH, ANVSA and MoE to identify necessary steps required for implementation of the coordinated [Surveillance and Information Sharing Operational Tool](#) to establish areas where WHO had a strategic advantage to offer technical and material support. The specific objectives of the workshop were to review outcomes of the 2022 SIS OT workshop, revise the SIS OT Development Plan, assess challenges and gaps

facing implementation, and set up the timeline, scope, focal points, roles and responsibilities for SIS OT Development Plan Implementation.

Workshop on the Scale and Risks of Import of Animals and Animal Products into Belgium

Belgium

May 31, 2024

Hosted by the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences, the workshop aimed to bring together researchers, conservationists, public health agents, government agents and other stakeholders invested in wildlife conservation and/or public health issues related to the trade in animals and animal products, and interested in seeking solutions to enhance monitoring and data collection of this trade. WOAHS-RSS-Brussels moderated the Panel discussion: Challenges in monitoring and combatting wildlife and animal product trafficking.

Launching Ceremony of the AMR Communication Strategy and AMU Monitoring Workshop

Dhaka, Bangladesh

June 24-25, 2024

The Department of Livestock Services (DLS) of Bangladesh with the technical support of WOAHS RRAP launched the "Multisectoral Communication Strategy to Tackle Antimicrobial Resistance in Bangladesh". The third National Workshop on Monitoring of Antimicrobial Agents Intended for Use in Animals was held in Dhaka with around 57 representatives from government authorities and private sectors dealing with import, manufacture, and sale of veterinary medicinal products (VMPs). The key objective was to enhance coordination and collaboration between government and private sector for submission of quality AMU data to WOAHS.

Community of Practice on the Return on Investment (ROI CoP) Webinar

Virtual

June 28, 2024

WOAHS moderated this webinar, designed to discuss the importance of good OH governance and how it leads to efficient implementation of the OH approach at all levels, and to better societal, ecological, and economic outcomes. This webinar also informed about the different OH governance structures and approaches in Eastern and Southern Africa, as well as tools used for baseline assessment and stakeholder net mapping exercises. Find more information [here](#).

Upcoming One Health Events in Q3 2024



8th World One Health Congress

Cape Town, South Africa September 20-23, 2024

The **8th World One Health Congress (WOHC)** foresees four days of an outstanding, exceptional and forward-thinking agenda, which includes parallel tracks addressing One Health science, antimicrobial agents and resistance, and the science-policy interface, amongst others. The OHHLEP Term 2- second meeting will also occur at this event. Find more information [here](#).



High-level Meeting on Antimicrobial Resistance, UN General Assembly

New York City, USA September 26, 2024

This high-level meeting will be an opportunity to commit to clear targets and practical steps to address AMR. Find more information [here](#).

Launch of EcoAMR Reports

Virtual September 4, 2024

This cross-sectoral initiative has produced human and animal sector reports looking at the health and economic impact of AMR and a collaborative evidence-based policy brief.

Regional Events

One Health Zoonotic Disease Prioritization Workshop

Sri Lanka

August 21-23, 2024

This workshop will be led by US CDC with support from QPT.

Training for AMR Laboratory Experts, Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency

South Korea

September 4-11, 2024

One Health

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September 9th-13th, Stralsund, Germany

**Challenges and Opportunities for the
Surveillance and Management of Wildlife**



15th Conference of the European Wildlife Disease Association

Stralsund, Germany

September 9-13, 2024

This conference will be focused on One Health–Challenges and Opportunities for the Surveillance and Management of Wildlife. Sessions will be focused on: the Wildlife-Livestock-Human Interface; One Health, ecosystem health and disease surveillance; Disease ecology, emerging and re-emerging wildlife diseases; Wildlife population health and management, conservation

and policy; Host-pathogen interactions, among others. Find more information [here](#).

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SEAOHUN Southeast Asia One Health University Network

ISAH and SEAOHUN 2024 International Conference

ONE HEALTH IN ACTION

18-19 September 2024 | Shangri-La Hotel, Chiang Mai Thailand

SEAOHUN 2024 International Conference

Chiang Mai, Thailand

September 16-20, 2024

This conference will be held in collaboration with the International Society for Animal Hygiene (ISAH). Find more information [here](#).

Regional Workshop on Zoonotic Tuberculosis and Brucellosis for Asia Pacific Region

Qingdao, China

September 24-26, 2024

WOAH RRAP in Tokyo will organise this workshop jointly with the China Animal Health and Epidemiology Centre inviting 32 Members from the Asia Pacific region to share the latest updates and advances in disease epidemiology, diagnostics and vaccines, and best practices. This workshop provided an opportunity for international networking experts working on zTB and brucellosis.

Essential reading:

- [QEAM Strategic priorities](#)
 - [One Health Operational Tools](#)
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We hope you find this newsletter informative. We encourage you to visit WOA's One Health website for in-depth coverage of these initiatives. Please share and stay tuned for more updates on WOA's One Health work.

Thank you for joining us on this journey toward a healthier, more interconnected world.



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