

# **BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE OIE VETERINARY LEGISLATION SUPPORT PROGRAMME (VLSP)**

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# Importance of Veterinary Legislation



Good governance is a  
recognised global public good  
of critical importance to  
OIE Member Countries

and

***legislation is a key element in achieving  
good governance!***

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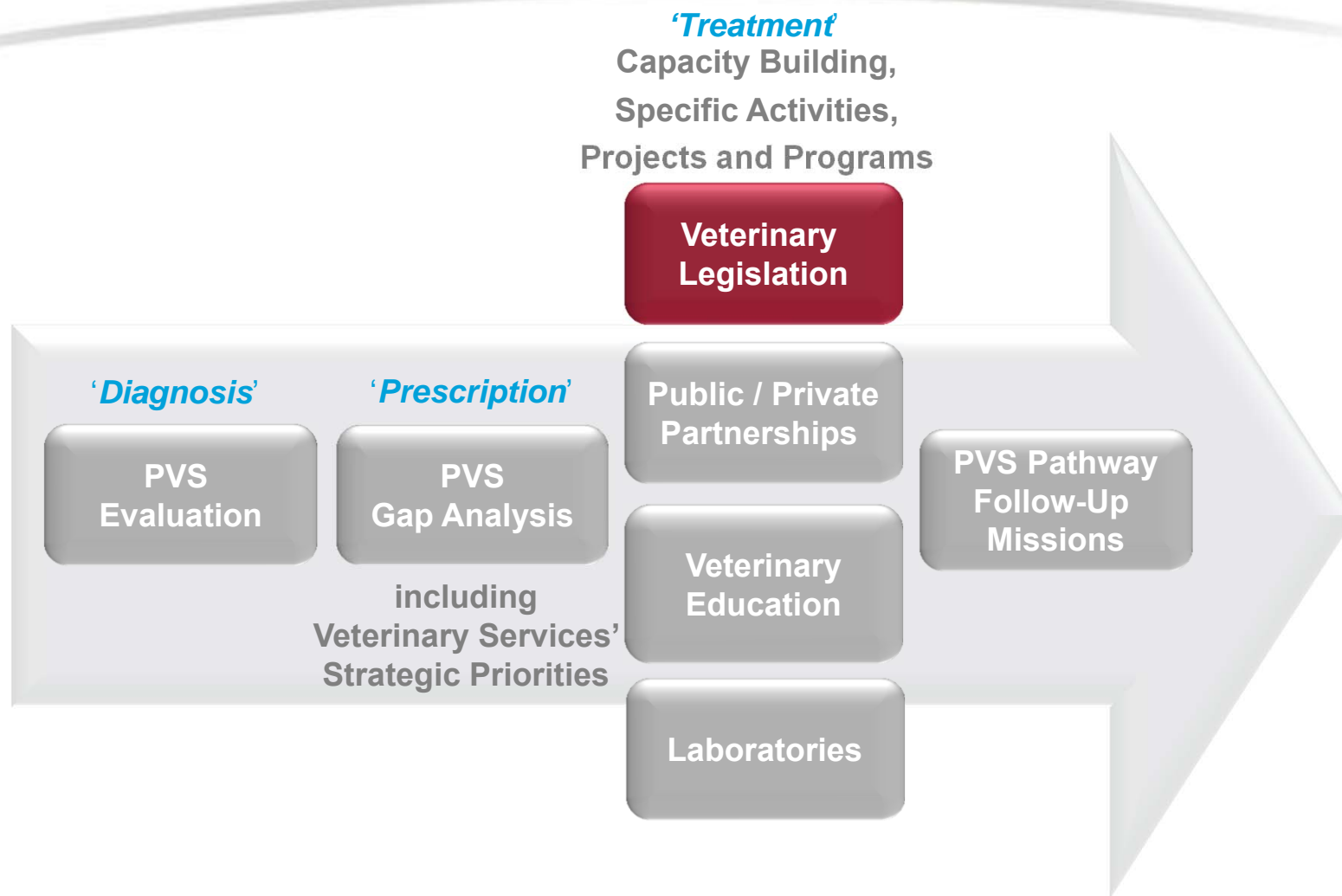
- Veterinary legislation provides the powers and authorities necessary for Veterinary Services to efficiently carry out their key functions to ensure public safety and promote the public good.
- In the face of growing global demand for foods of animal origin, increasing world trade, shifting patterns of disease associated with climate change and the emergence and re-emergence of diseases that can rapidly spread across international borders, ***the Veterinary Services must be supported by effective and modern legislation.***

# Weaknesses in legislation identified during PVS missions



- Legal texts had been prepared in isolation and without consulting stakeholders;
  - the work of legal experts was often found to have been disconnected from the technical design, with no effective collaboration between veterinarians and legal advisors;
  - absence of an overall strategic vision, with the various domains, including the veterinary domain, seen as the property of a particular administrative entity rather than as national provisions;
  - incomplete coverage of the veterinary domain by existing texts; and
  - defects in the quality of existing texts.

# Position of the Veterinary Legislation Support Programme in the PVS Pathway



The purpose of the VLSP is to help governments that wish to modernise their national veterinary legislation and thereby help the Veterinary Services to meet the OIE standards

# Components of the VLSP for OIE Member Countries



- Veterinary legislation identification mission
- Veterinary legislation Agreement
  - Preparatory phase
  - Implementation phase

# Objectives of identification missions



- Raise awareness of the importance of veterinary legislation for modern, effective operation of the Veterinary Services
- Review the current status of the Member's legislation relative to the OIE standards for veterinary legislation presented in Chapter 3.4
- Review principles for developing high quality veterinary legislation
- Review resources available for production of high quality legislation

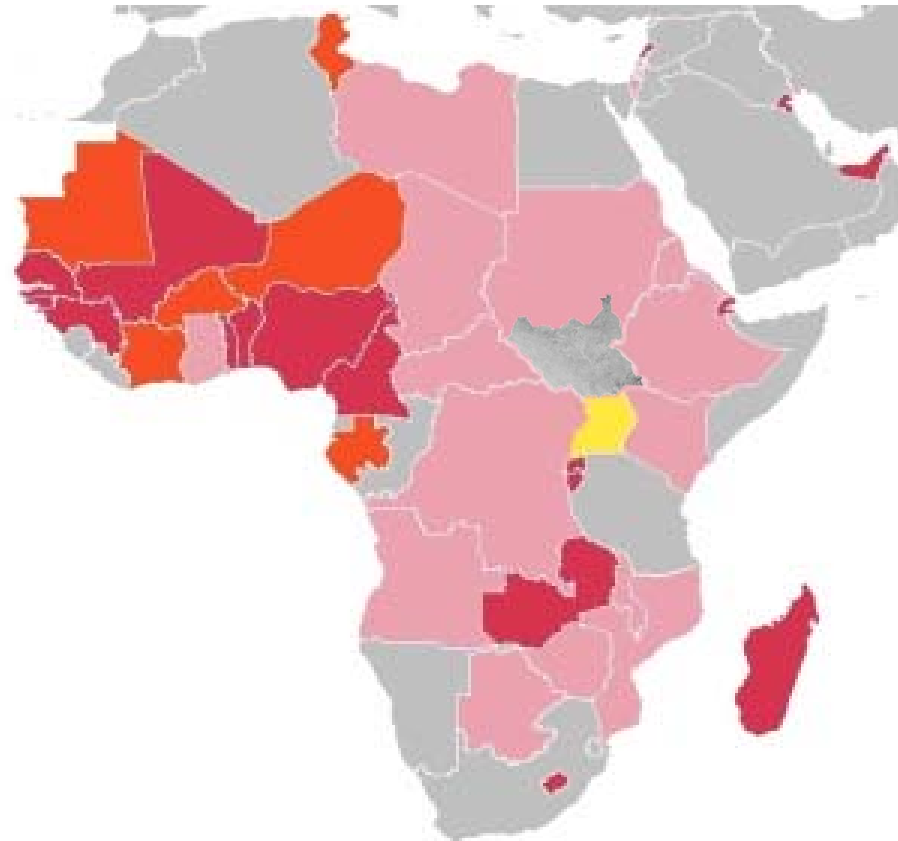
# Objectives of the VLSP Agreement



- To establish specific objectives of legislative reform/modernization
- To build capacity and sharpen skills in legislative drafting
- To develop specific new laws and regulations according to the Member's priority needs



# VLSP State of Play



VLSP Identification  
Mission requested

VLSP Identification  
Mission completed

VLSP Agreement  
Preparatory Phase

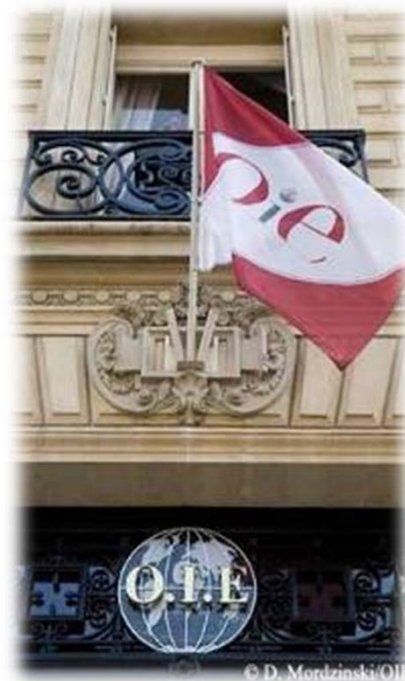
VLSP Agreement  
Implementation Phase

# Ongoing and future VLSP activities



- Training for new VLSP experts including lawyers and veterinarians, March 2015
- Complete requested VLSP identification missions
- Respond to growing requests for Agreements
- Seminars in collaboration with AU-IBAR through VET-GOV on regional harmonisation of veterinary legislation
  - Organized around selected RECs
  - ECCAS and IGAD seminars held in 2014 on animal disease control legislation
  - UMA and SADC scheduled for 2015
  - ECOWAS and EAC proposed for 2016
  - COMESA proposed in 2017

# Thank you for your attention!



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