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OIE SUB-REGIONAL TRAINING SEMINAR ON VETERINARY LEGISLATION FOR OIE FOCAL POINTS

The OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Quality of
Veterinary Services, PVS Pathway and
Global Veterinary Legislation Initiative

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Programme d'appui pour la législation vétérinaire



Basic principles...

...must be applied irrespective of the technical topic covered

...are not to be forgotten

...determine the further methodology



Basic principles...

WTO SPS agreement (1995)

- Legal framework for international trade
- recognises OIE as a reference organisation for international standards (one of the “3 sisters”)



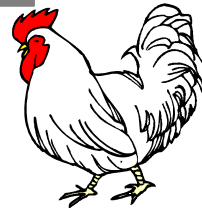
Basic principles...

Standard-setting organisations

food safety
CODEX



*animal health and
zoonoses*
OIE



plant health
IPPC



Codex = Codex Alimentarius Commission (FAO/WHO)
OIE = World Organisation for Animal Health
IPPC = International Plant Protection Convention (FAO)



OIE International Standards

Terrestrial Animal Health Code – mammals,
birds and bees

Aquatic Animal Health Code – fish, molluscs,
crustaceans and amphibians

Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for
Terrestrial Animals

Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic
Animals

*available on the
OIE website (www.oie.int)*



Terminology

- The OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code :
 - (*Terrestrial Code*): A publication that sets out standards for the improvement of animal health and welfare and veterinary public health worldwide, to assure sanitary safety of international trade in terrestrial animals and their products.
 - The health measures in the *Terrestrial Code* should be used by the Vet authorities of importing and exporting countries to provide for early detection, reporting and control agents pathogenic, and to prevent their transfer via international trade in animals and animal products, while avoiding unjustified sanitary barriers to trade.



health measures in the *Terrestrial Code* have been formally adopted by the World Assembly of the Delegates of the OIE Members

Terrestrial Animal Health Code

Terrestrial Animal Health Code (2011)

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Evaluation of Veterinary Services

- Assessment of legislation and functional capabilities:
 - **Animal health, animal welfare and veterinary public health**
 - appropriate legislation, to exercise control over all animal health matters.
 - The scope of the legislative controls: [animals](#) , animal products, recognise and regulate transboundary activities. appropriately qualified personnel, responsibilities may be also considered in the evaluation.
 - **Export/import inspection**
 - prescribe the methods for control and to exercise systematic control over the import and export processes
 - Admin processes and enforcement, certification for exports etc



Terrestrial Animal Health Code

- Adopted measures include:
 - revised chapters on Veterinary Services; evaluation of Veterinary Services etc;
 - OIE procedures relevant to the World Trade Organization Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and
 - 2011 edition includes a new chapter on communication
- The result of consensus among the veterinary authorities of OIE Members, and

Constitutes a reference within the WTO SPS Agreement as an international standard for animal health and zoonoses

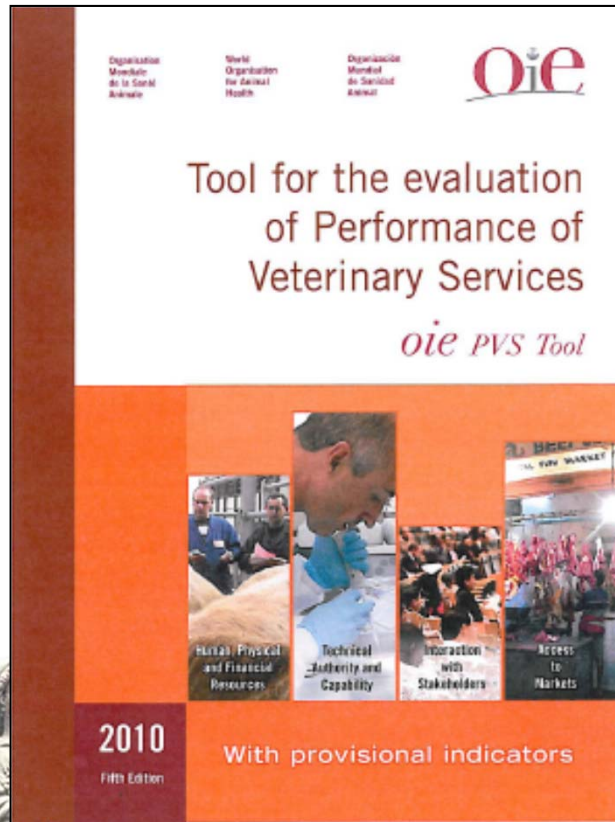


The PVS Pathway

a continuing process



The OIE PVS Tool



Evaluation of the Performance of Veterinary Services

a tool for Good Governance
of Veterinary Services

The PVS Pathway

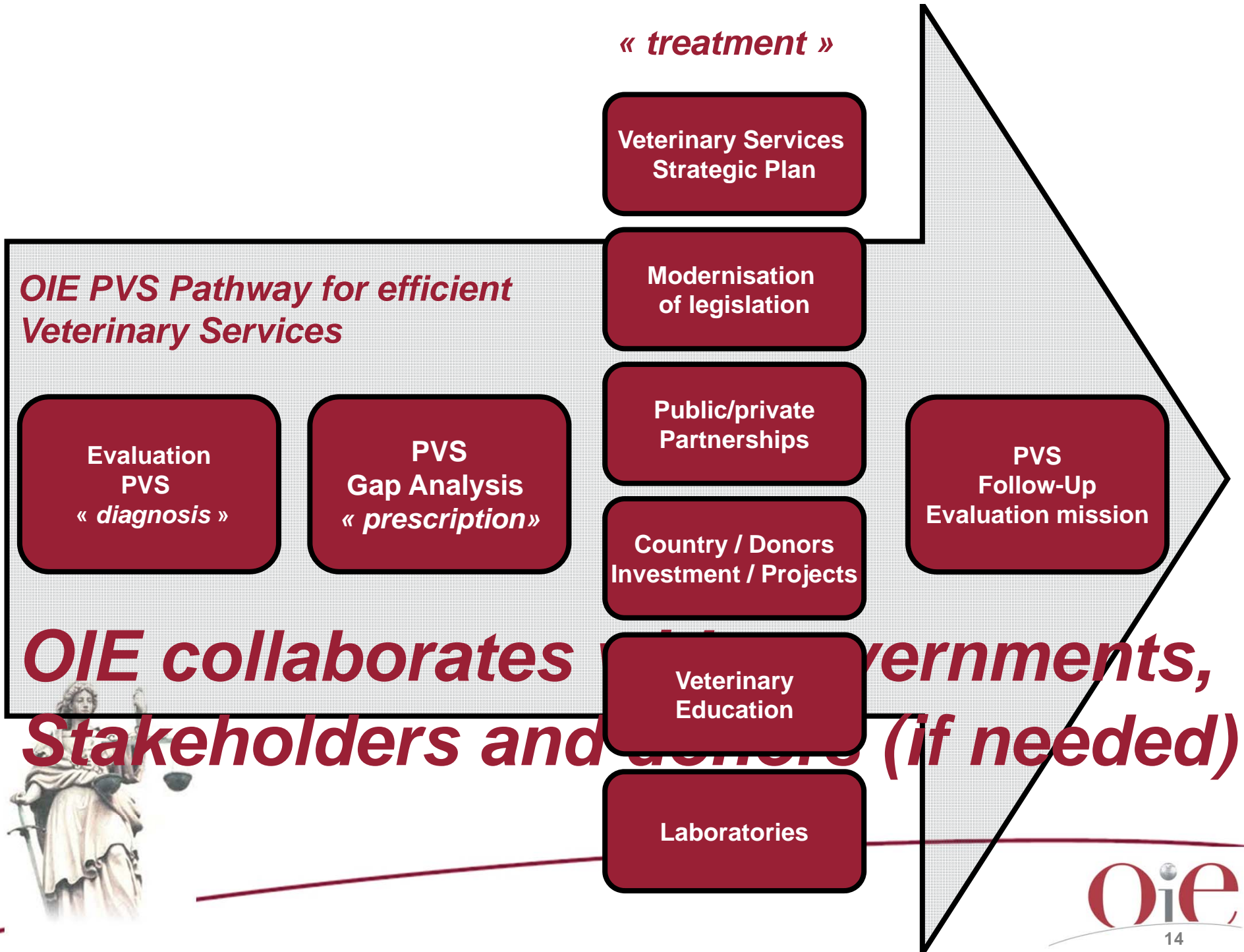
- The OIE PVS Pathway is a global programme for the sustainable improvement of a country's VS compliance with OIE standards on the quality of Veterinary Services
- Important foundation for improving animal and public health and enhancing compliance with SPS standards, at the national, regional and international level



The PVS Pathway

- To help ensure effective performance of the VS, the OIE has dedicated three Chapters (3.1-3) of the OIE TAHC to the Quality of Veterinary Services.
- The OIE international standards and guidelines are the basis for country evaluations of the quality of the Veterinary Services and Animal Health Systems
- OIE PVS Pathway (PVS Evaluation and PVS Gap Analysis): first steps and integrated into a comprehensive, staged approach providing targeted support for the systematic strengthening of VS based on international standards.





PVS Tool

- 5th edition of OIE PVS Tool 2010
- Four thematic fundamental components
 - I - Human, Physical and Financial Resources; II - Technical Authority and Capability; III - Interaction with Stakeholders, and IV - Access to Markets
- Several critical competencies in each fundamental component
- The fifth edition (released in 2010) includes 46 critical competencies for:
 - management systems; animal welfare; and
 - evaluation of the performance of Aquatic Animal Health Services (as part of a PVS evaluation of VS, or as an independent exercise)



PVS Tool

- **PVS Evaluation mission:** should be conducted by OIE PVS certified experts at the request of the country;
- **OIE PVS indicators:** Evidence on which to objectively determine the level of advancement of the VS for each critical competency
- **Level of advancement:** For each Critical Competency, 5 possible levels of advancement: from level 1 (“basic”, no compliance) to level 5 (“well advanced”, in compliance with OIE standards). A higher level assumes compliance with all preceding levels.
- **PVS follow-up missions:** Periodic and provide a measure of progress countries made in sustainably improving their compliance



OIE on Veterinary Legislation

- Development and implementation of legislation is included among the 46 critical competencies in OIE PVS Tool.
- Many developing countries` veterinary legislation is outdated and inadequate
- OIE has developed **Guidelines on Veterinary Legislation**
- The guidelines are used to update their legislation where gaps are identified in the course of an OIE PVS Evaluation
- At Member`s request, OIE conducts missions to help governments that wish to modernise their national veterinary legislation
- Country may request a longer term collaboration with the OIE, under a formal agreement on modernising the national veterinary legislation



OIE on Veterinary Legislation

- Update to the Terrestrial Code: Proposals for a chapter on Veterinary Legislation (Chapter 3.4)
- Fate of the Guidelines on Veterinary Legislation?
- Revision of the OIE Manual on Veterinary Legislation Support Programme (VLSP) for guidance of experts
- Revision of the chapter 3.2 on Evaluation of VS
- All experts will use the same OIE Veterinary Legislation

Manual



Thank you for your attention



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