

OIE Laboratory Twinning Process

The main objective

To assist laboratories in developing or in-transition countries to build their capacity and scientific expertise

Easier access to expertise for the rapid detection and diagnosis of disease

To achieve an even geographical distribution of expertise and Reference Laboratories.



Each Twinning Project..

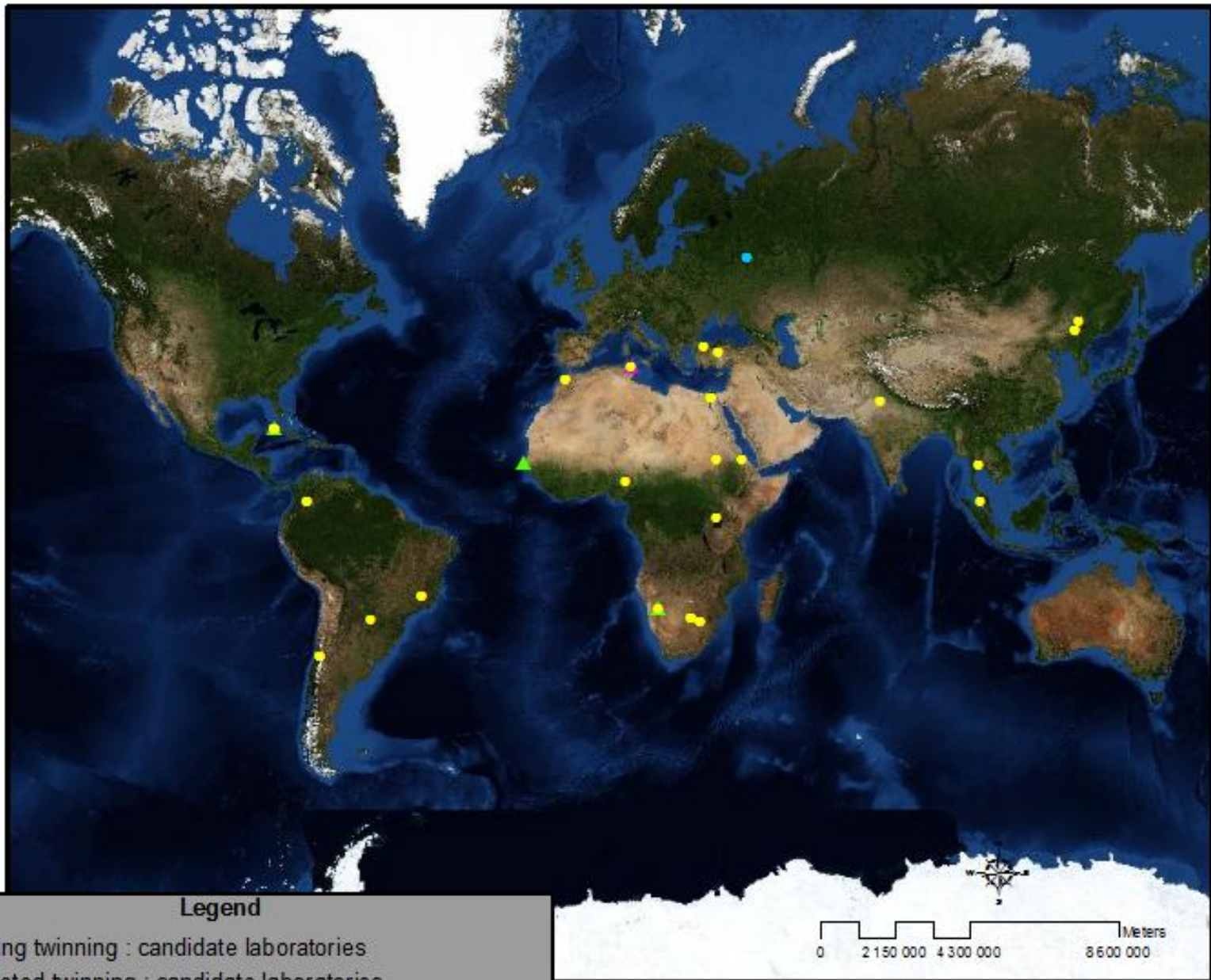
Is a **link** between OIE Reference laboratory or Collaborating Centre (**Parent**) and national laboratory (**Candidate**).

Aims to improve expertise and diagnostic capacity with eventual aim of providing support within the region and reaching OIE standards.

Scope

- Project length is 1-3 years
- For OIE listed diseases or topics
- Focus on expertise
- No funding for hardware or upgrading of facilities
- Ultimate aim to reach OIE reference status

TWINNING : CANDIDATE LABORATORIES AND COLLABORATING CENTERS



Legend

- On going twinning : candidate laboratories
- Completed twinning : candidate laboratories
- ▲ On going twinning : candidate collaborating centers
- ▲ Due to commence twinning : candidate collaborating centers

Laboratory Twinning Projects for Aquatic Animal Diseases

- Underway: Canada and Chile (ISA)
- Approved: Thailand and Zambia (EUS)

OIE members encouraged to consider
opportunities for future laboratory twinning projects

Twinning Guide and Project Template/Contract

- Background
- How to apply/proposal
- Basic project management
- Project plan (objectives, stages)
- Regular monitoring
- Facilitates efficient applications
- Formalises agreement



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