

“LESSON LEARNED FROM THE OTHER OIE REGIONAL ANIMAL WELFARE STRATEGIES”

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BACKGROUND



- Animal welfare was identified as a priority in the OIE Strategic plans of 2001-2005; 2006-10; 2011-15
- Since 2005 OIE Delegates adopted twelve animal welfare standards including three from Aquatic Code;
- These standards are regularly updated;
- During the 76th General Session in May 2008, the importance of focal points was reiterated and delegates were requested to nominate focal points for animal welfare, wildlife, veterinary products, animal production and food safety, communication and aquatic animals.

BACKGROUND cont.



- In 2008, as a key initiative to support implementation of the OIE Animal Welfare Standards, a Regional Animal Welfare Strategy (RAWS) was development for Asia, the Far East and Oceania (AFEEO);
- The aim of the RAWS was to provide a framework and guidance for countries in the Region when implementing the OIE Standards, and serve as the basis for the development of Action Plans;
- OIE organized and managed three OIE Global Animal Welfare Conferences in Paris (2004), Cairo (2008), Kuala Lumpur (2012) as platform for the best implementation of global and regional level.

BACKGROUND cont.



- As part of their Terms of Reference, the OIE Animal Welfare Focal Points are responsible for establishing and maintaining dialogue with the competent authorities for animal welfare in country, facilitate cooperation and communication among authorities in collaboration with Permanent Delegates;
- Complementing these activities was the endorsement by the Regional Commission for AFEO and the OIE GS to the Regional RAWs 1st Edition which led to the development of the 2nd Edition;
- The Director General of the OIE has recommended this document to be used officially as reference by the other Regions in the interest of implementing the OIE Standards.

INTRODUCTION



The development and implementation of OIE Standards on animal welfare:

“complex subject”

- science
- ethics
- culture
- religion
- politics
- economics

INTRODUCTION cont.



The OIE organizes workshops, trainings, seminars, meetings in the regions in order to play a coordinating role and facilitator while member countries implement the standards in their respective countries.

The RAWs AFEO has been approved by the DG of the OIE to be a model to use for implementation of the OIE animal welfare standards

“ The AFE0 RAWs as a model of the implementation of the OIE animal welfare standards”

VISION



“ A region where the welfare of animals is respected, promoted and incrementally advanced, simultaneously with pursuit of progress and socioeconomic development”

PURPOSE



- Provides direction for the development of action plans for member countries to implement existing OIE guidelines and standards
- Provides a roadmap for the development of future animal welfare policies, based on a regional consultative approach
- Facilitates the establishment of priorities that are consistent with agreed strategic goals
- Provides a framework for cooperation among member countries and stakeholders in promoting and advancing animal welfare in the region

GOALS



- The RAWS has four goals with specific objectives and activities aiming at the provision of fundamental achievements;
 1. Provision and achievement of a high level of understanding and awareness of animal welfare in the region through effective coordination, communication, education and training.
 2. Ensuring a coordinated regional approach and ongoing commitment to the implementation of OIE animal welfare standards and guidelines

Goals cont.



- 3. Achievement of sustainable improvements in animal welfare, based on regional and international research and development.
- 4. Development of sustainable mechanisms to coordinate and promote animal welfare programs and priorities

SCOPE OF THE AFEO RAWs (Edition 2)



- The emphasis remains the welfare of farm animals during **handling, transportation** and **slaughter** according to the OIE standards and guidelines.
- **The humane** treatment of animals, including during emergency situations, and provides a framework for sustainable improvements in animal welfare outcomes based on scientific evidence and social, economic and ethical considerations.

KEY ELEMENTS OF THE STRATEGY



- OIE guidelines
- Legislation
- Codes of practice
- Education and training
- Research and development
- Regional and International development
- Regional expectations
- Stakeholders

AREAS ADDRESSED BY THE STRATEGY



- Understanding and behavioural change
- Awareness
- Communication
- Technical skills
- Coordination
- Cooperation
- Sustainable mechanisms

FACTORS DRIVING THE REGION'S APPROACH TO IMPROVING ANIMAL WELFARE



- Science
- Values
- Ethics
- Culture
- Education and awareness
- Economics and livelihood
- Research and development
- Regional and international development

RESPONSIBILITIES



- People in charge of animals
- Animal users
- Veterinary, animal science and agricultural profession
- Livestock producers, processors and transporters
- Animal welfare bodies
- Researchers and animal technicians
- Educational facilities and teachers
- Consumers
- Government agencies and allied entities

RESPONSIBILITIES CONT.



- Animal industry groups
- Animal welfare NGOs (eg WSPA)
- National and Regional Veterinary Associations (eg FAVA)
- Regional groupings (ASEAN, SAARC, SPC etc)
- International Organizations (OIE, FAO, WVA, WB-IFC, ADB, CVA etc)

RAWS TERMS OF REFERENCE



- To provide strategic advice and guidance to the OIE through the Regional Commission for Asia, the Far East and Oceania on the further development and implementation of the RAWS
- To review the performance of the RAWS, to enable assessment of improvements in animal welfare in the region
- To identify issues/news/research scientific knowledge of independent scientific advice as necessary

RAWS GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- The chairperson and members of the CG will be appointed by the Director General of the OIE.
- The CG will operate predominantly by email and/or teleconference. It is envisaged that one face-to-face meeting a year will be required.
- The CG will invite observers when appropriate to participate in the activities of the group, for the purpose of informing and engaging other stakeholders, including OIE regional representatives, EU,FAO and World Bank

RAWS GUIDING PRINCIPLES cont.

- Australian Government Department of Agriculture , Fisheries and Forestry will provide secretariat support for the Coordination Group for the initial period of two years.
- The CG is initially established for the two years, followed by a review at the end of period

RAWS AFEO PROGRESS



PROGRESS OF THE RAWS FOR THE AFEO



- First Region to implement the OIE standards in animal welfare since 2008 with the production of the 1st RAWS Edition
- Establishment of the RAWS Coordination Group (RAWs CG) in 2011 through the approval of the Director General of the OIE
- Members of the CG included OIE Regional representatives, industry, and an animal welfare international non-governmental organization

PROGRESS OF THE RAWS FOR THE AFEO cont.



1st CG meeting in Bangkok, Thailand in April 2011

- **Representatives** from Bhutan, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Republic of Korea and Thailand, Australia and Thailand Industry and World Animal Protection representing de NGOs, the OIE representatives from the Regional Representation (Tokyo), the Sub-Regional Representation (Bangkok) and the OIE Animal Working Group

Members of the Coordinating Group



PROGRSS OF THE RAWs IN AFEo cont.



- The CG has been supported by the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

RAWS-AFEO COORDINATING GROUP ACHIEVEMENTS



- Development and monitoring of the RAWS implementation in consultation with key stakeholders
- Strengthening of constructive working relationships with regional groupings such as ASEAN
- Provision of regular reports on meetings and activities to the AFEO Regional Commission with Regional Commission report being subsequently tabled at the OIE's World Assembly of Delegates

RAWS-AFEO COORDINATING GROUP ACHIEVEMENTS cont.



- Since being established in 2011, the CG has held four (4) meetings resulting in a number of recommendations being provided to the OIE World Assembly of Delegates for endorsement through the Regional Commission



OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS



- Translation of RAWs in other languages
- Ensuring the RAWs available on websites
- Quarterly News letter on RAWs
- Development of Action Plan on RAWs activities
- Actively working with the OIE National Focal Points to improve the RAWs initiatives
- Networking with OIE collaborating centres and supporting initiatives relating to the twinning of regional universities and research





RAWS- AMERICAS



PROGRESS





PROGRESS OF THE RAWS FOR THE AMERICAS



- Final version of the RAWS for the Americas completed in November 2012 for adoption during the GS in May 2013
- Animal welfare standards very much advanced in other countries in region





RAWS- MIDDLE EAST PROGRESS





PROGRESS OF THE RAWs FOR THE MIDDLE EAST



Submission of the proposal to the Regional Commission at the OIE 82nd General Session in 2014 for formal endorsement.





RAWS-EUROPE PROGRESS



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PROGRESS OF THE OIE REGIONAL PLATFORM ON ANIMAL WELFARE FOR EUROPE



- The mechanism in Europe is different due to different levels of development between the European countries
- Priorities of the Eastern Europe countries are;
transport, slaughter and dog population management
- Final version of the RAWs endorsed during the 81st GS in May 2013 for Eastern Europe



STATUS IN AFRICA



Initiatives at country level, sub-regional level and regional level. What remains is to join efforts towards the RAWS in Africa



CONCLUSIONS



- In general the progress for the RAWs is very slow from other regions considering the initiative by the OIE to support the implementation of these standards
- Lesson learned from the RAWs-AFEO indicated high level of commitment, coordination, understanding and knowledge of the Animal welfare aspects by the Region under the guidance of the DG of the OIE

CONCLUSIONS cont.

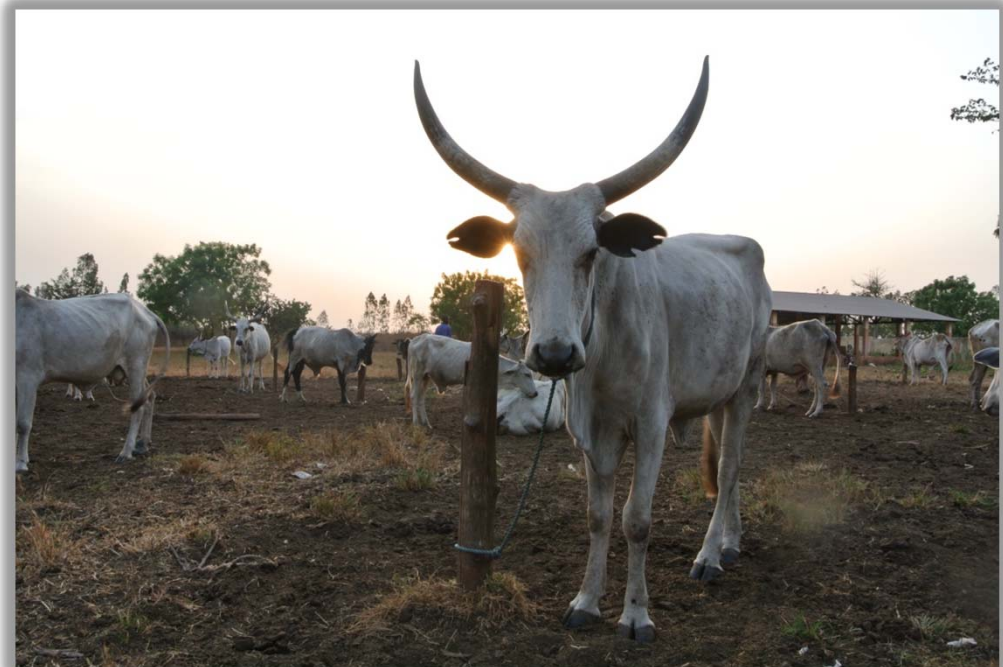


- Opportunity for African Regional Commission to have for the first time the issues of Animal welfare included in the agenda of the regional conference hence a good move to include it in the recommendations of the conference for way forward towards implementation of the RAWs in African Region.
- The RAWs has taken the global picture and therefore OIE Regional Commission for Africa is urged to initiate the implementation

CONCLUSION cont.



- The OIE Regional Commission for Africa takes this opportunity to learn from other RAWS is very important tool to apply in preparation for the RAWS in Africa as a result, the recommendations of this conference should look into the way forward towards RAWS in Africa



RAWS WEB RESOURCES



AFEO

- www.oie.int, www.rr-asia.oie.int,
www.australiananimalwelfare.com.au/news/regional-strategy-asia-the-far-east

AMERICAS

- <http://www.rr-america.oie.int/in/docs/ANIMAL%20WELFEARE%20STRATEGY.pdf>

EUROPE

- http://web.oie.int/RR-Europe/eng/aw_platform/en_oie_awf.htm
http://web.oie.int/RR-Europe/eng/aw_platform/en_oie_awf.htm
- http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/health_consumer/information_source/ahw_events_en.htm

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