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## The role of Aquatic Animal Focal Points

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**WHY?**

**WHAT'S THE ROLE  
OF THE FP?**

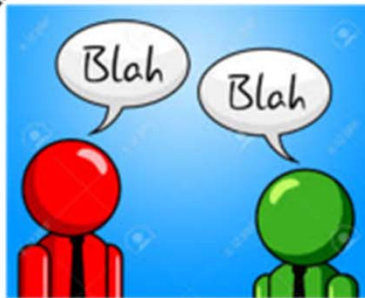


# **TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE OIE NATIONAL FOCAL POINT FOR AQUATIC ANIMALS**

Establish a network of aquatic animal health experts or communicate with existing



Establish and maintain a dialogue with the Competent Authority for aquatic animal health




**TRANSPARENCY**  
of the world  
animal disease  
situation

**Support the optimal collection and submission of aquatic animal disease information to the OIE through WAHIS**

Conduct the in-country consultation process



Contact point with the OIE Animal Health Information Department




**Prepare comments for the Delegate on relevant meeting reports**



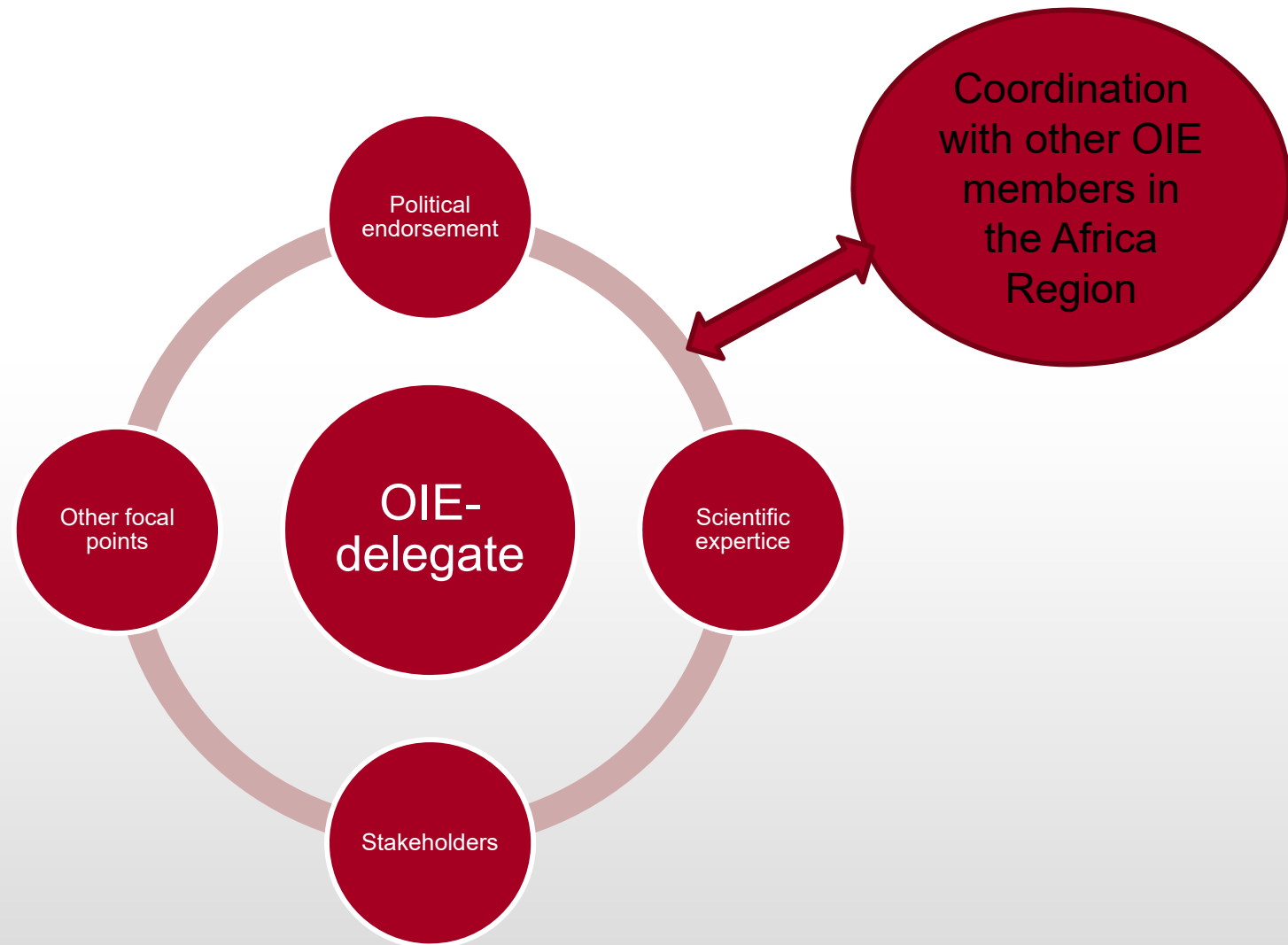
To establish a network of aquatic animal health experts within her/his country or to communicate with the existing network;



Who should be part of the network?

How to communicate?

## Standard setting process - Commenting



# Support the optimal collection and submission of aquatic animal disease information to the OIE through WAHIS

- How involved are you in the notification of aquatic animal diseases in your country?
- Do you have direct access to WAHIS?
- How close do you work with the FP for notification?

# Take active part in the OIE standard setting process

- Do you receive copies of the reports of the Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission and other relevant reports from OIE Headquarters?
- Do you conduct the in-country consultation process with recognised aquatic animal health experts on draft texts of standards proposed in those reports?
- Do you prepare comments for the Delegate on relevant meeting reports reflecting the scientific view and position of the individual OIE Member and/or the region, including comments on the proposals for new or revised OIE standards related to aquatic animals?
- Do you talk with the other FPs of you country?



# How is it done?

- The Delegate gathers all FPs 2-4 times per year to share information, align their work, discuss and solve challenges and to strengthen the FPs as a team
- Established OIE contacts; other authorities, scientific institutions, industry and stakeholders
- Focal point for Aquatic Animals is located within the Competent Authority
- Direct access to the delegate
- FP's responsibilities:
  - To support the optimal collection and submission of aquatic animal disease information to the OIE through WAHIS – be contact point for the OIE Animal Health Information Department
  - Receive copies of the reports of the Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission and other relevant reports, and conduct the in-country consultation process with recognised aquatic animal health experts on draft texts of standards proposed in those reports
  - Prepare comments on relevant meeting reports reflecting the scientific view and position
  - Coordinate comments with focal points of other Member Countries
  - Support delegate/Competent Authority in trade issues
  - Keep the Ministry informed

# Commenting process



- The FP receives copies of the reports of the Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission and other relevant reports
- Discuss and align horizontal issues with other FPs
- Sum up the most important points and send report for commenting to other authorities, scientific institutions (CCs), industry, stakeholders
- The Delegate invites the FPs other authorities, relevant Ministries, scientific institutions (CCs), industry, stakeholders to a meeting before the GS to discuss speaking notes, comments etc.



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# Thank you for your attention

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