

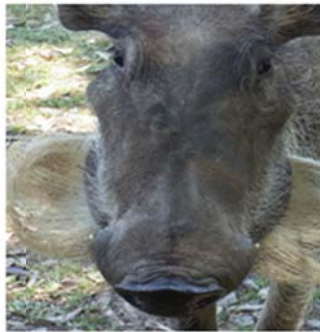


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ACRONYMS

AAHS	Aquatic Animal Health Services	
AAT	African animal trypanosomosis	
AFD	<i>Agence Française de Développement</i>	France
AHS	African horse sickness	
AHVLA	Animal Health Veterinary Laboratories Agency	UK
AITVM	Association of Institutes of Tropical Veterinary Medicine	
ALICE	African Livestock Conference and Exhibition	
APHIS	Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service	USDA
ARIS	Animal Resources Information System	IBAR
ASAL	Arid and Semi-Arid Lands	Kenya
ASF	African swine fever	
AU	African Union	
AUC	AU Commission	AU
AVTA	Association of Veterinary Technicians in Africa	
BMGF	Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	
BTOR	Back-to-office report	
CAHW	Community-based Animal Health Worker	
CBPP	Contagious bovine pleuro-pneumonia	
CEPA	Cambridge Economic Policy Associates	UK
CIRAD	<i>Centre de Coopération Internationale en Recherche Agronomique pour le Développement</i>	France
COMESA	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa	
CVO	Chief Veterinary Officer	
DGD	Directorate – General Development	Belgium
DVS	Department or Directorate of Veterinary Services	
EAC	East African Community	
EAREN	East African Regional Epidemiology Network	
EARLN	East African Regional Laboratory Network	
EC	European Commission	EU
ECTAD	Emergency Centre for TAD	FAO
EMPRES	Emergency Prevention of animal and plant pests and diseases	FAO
ENSV	<i>Ecole Nationale des Services Vétérinaires</i>	France
EPT	Emerging Pandemic Threats	USAID
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organisation (of the United Nations)	
FIGIS	Fisheries Global Information System	FAO
FMD	Foot-and-Mouth Disease	
GALVMed	Global Alliance for Livestock Veterinary Medicines	
GF-TAD	Global Framework for the progressive control of TAD	
GPRA	Global PPR Research Alliance	
IAH	Institute for Animal Health	UK
IBAR	Inter-african Bureau for Animal Resources	AU
ICIPE	International Centre for Insect Pathology and Ecology	
ICPALD	IGAD Centre for Pastoral Areas and Livestock Development	IGAD
IGAD	Inter-Governmental Authority on Development	REC
ILRI	International Livestock Research Institute	
InOC	Indian Ocean Commission	REC
ISID	International Society for Infectious Diseases	
IZS	<i>Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale (dell'Abruzzo e del Molise)</i>	Italy
JKIA	Jomo Kenyatta International Airport	Kenya
KARI	Kenya Agricultural Research Institute	Kenya
KETRI	Kenya Trypanosomosis Research Institute	KARI
KEVRI	Kenya Veterinary Research Institute	KARI
KVA	Kenya Veterinary Association	
LAS	League of Arab States	
MAAIF	Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industries and Fisheries	Uganda
MAAR	Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources	Rwanda
MALF	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries	Kenya
MICCA	Mitigation of Climate Change in Agriculture	FAO
MLFD	Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Development	Tanzania
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding	
NADDEC	National Animal Disease Diagnostics and Epidemiology Centre	Uganda
NAHDIC	National Animal Health Diagnostic Investigation Centre	Ethiopia

NEPAD	New Partnership for Africa's Development	AU
NPCA	NEPAD Planning and Coordination Agency	NEPAD
NVI	<i>National Veterinar Institutet</i>	Sweden
NVL	National Veterinary Laboratory	Eritrea
NVRI	National Veterinary Research Institute	Sudan
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development	
OFFLU	FAO – OIE Network of expertise on animal influenza	FAO / OIE
OIE	World Organisation for Animal Health	
PAAWA	Pan-African Animal Welfare Alliance	
PAN-SPSO	Participation of African Nations in SPS Organisations	IBAR
PANVAC	Pan-African Veterinary Vaccine Centre	AU
PATTEC	Pan-African Tsetse and Trypanosomosis Eradication Campaign	AU
PCP	Progressive Control Pathway	FMD
PPR	<i>Peste des petits ruminants</i>	
PRC	People's Republic of China	
ProMED	Programme for the Monitoring of Emerging Diseases	ISID
PVS	Performance of Veterinary Services	OIE
RAB	Rwanda Agricultural Board	MAAR
REC	Regional Economic Community	
RFI	Request for information	ProMED
RoSS	Republic of South Sudan	
RR	Regional Representation	OIE
SADC	Southern African Development Community	
SC	Steering Committee	LTC
SMP AH	Standard Methods and Procedures / Animal Health	IBAR
SRR	Sub-Regional Representation	OIE
STDF	Standards and Trade Development Facility	WTO
TAD	Transboundary Animal Disease(s)	
TILAPIA	Trade and Improved Livelihoods in Aquaculture Production in Africa	IBAR
ToT	Training of Trainers	
TVLA	Tanzania Veterinary Laboratories Agency	
UK	United Kingdom	
UN	United Nations	
USA	United States (of America)	
USAID	US Agency for International Development	USA
USDA	US Department of Agriculture	
VEE	Veterinary educational establishment(s)	
VETGOV	Veterinary Governance in Africa	IBAR
VISAVET	Centro de Vigilancia Sanitaria Veterinaria	Spain
VLSP	Veterinary Legislation Support Programme	OIE
VSB	Veterinary statutory body(ies)	
VSPA/PPR	Vaccine Standards and Pilot Approach to PPR	BMGF
WAEMU	West African Economic and Monetary Union	
WAHID	World Animal Health Information Database	OIE
WAHIS	World Animal Health Information System	OIE
WFP	World Food Programme	UN
WHO	World Health Organisation	UN
WRD	World Rabies Day	
WSPA	World Society for the Protection of Animals	
WTO	World Trade Organisation	UN

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INTRODUCTION

The OIE *Sub-Regional Representation for Eastern and the Horn of Africa* (SRR-EA) was established in 2010, in Nairobi, Kenya. The SRR-EA covers 13 countries, most of which are Member States of the *East African Community* (EAC) and / or the *Inter-Governmental Authority on Development* (IGAD).

Over the past year, the OIE Sub-Regional Representation has become primarily involved in coordination activities of programme and projects being rolled-out at sub-regional and regional (continental) level. Since most continental organisations are based in Eastern Africa, this office plays a major liaison role between those organisations and institutions, the OIE Regional Representation in Bamako, Mali and the OIE Head Office in Paris, France. In doing so, it has fostered close ties with African Union institutions such as AU-PANVAC, AU-PATTEC, but primarily AU-IBAR and several of its programmes and projects (VETGOV, PAN SPSO, SMP-AH, TILAPIA, Bee health Project etc...), the International Livestock Research Institute, the International Centre for Insect Pathology and Ecology (Bee health Project), the ECTAD Unit for Eastern Africa of the FAO (VETGOV, H7N9,...) and numerous non-governmental organisations, e.g. PAAWA, ANAW, WSPA, The Brooke, etc..., most of which are active in the area of animal welfare. The Office has also consolidated its institutional relationship with the European Commission (External Affairs) and the World Bank. The establishment of functional relationships with the two *Regional Economic Communities* of this region, the *East African Community* (EAC) and the *Inter-Governmental Authority on Development* (IGAD) has not been very successful, but progress is being made.

From January to December, OIE SRR staff have participated in more than 50 assignments (meetings, conferences, seminars and/or workshops), submitted 28 BTOR and drafted 2 term progress reports to the Director General. The country visits conducted in 2013 have been most beneficial for both the countries and the OIE as they allowed for a better mutual understanding of challenges and constraints and enabled to clear some long-standing issues, both financial and technical.

The capacity-building activities (at regional level) were limited to the important continental training of OIE focal points on animal disease notification. Focal points from 48 countries took part in this training, which focused on the second version of WAHIS, launched in late 2012.

This report can be downloaded from the OIE Africa website (in Acrobat Reader format – PDF)







<http://www.rr-africa.oie.int/docspdf/en/2013/OIESRREAREPORTANNUAL2013.pdf>



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GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE OF THE REPRESENTATION

The Sub-Regional Representation covers 13 countries of East Africa and the Horn of Africa, most of which are Member States of the *East African Community* (EAC), based in Arusha, Tanzania and / or the *Inter-Governmental Authority on Development* (IGAD), based in Djibouti City, Djibouti. The Seychelles and Tanzania are also Member States of the *Southern African Development Community* (SADC) and are therefore also covered by the OIE Sub-Regional Representation for Southern Africa, based in Gaborone (Botswana). The *Republic of South Sudan* (RoSS) is the last country to join as OIE Member, its application was submitted in September 2013 and endorsed by the OIE Council in October 2013. The Republic will become the 179th Member in May 2014.



- Burundi
- Comoros
- Djibouti
- Eritrea
- Ethiopia
- Kenya
- Rwanda
- Seychelles
- Somalia
- (South Sudan)
- Sudan
- Tanzania
- Uganda

The (sometimes overlapping) Membership of these OIE Members with the two main *Regional Economic Communities* (REC) is presented below :

OIE		East African Community	Inter-Governmental Agency for Development
1	Burundi	●	
2	Comoros		
3	Djibouti		●
4	Eritrea		●
5	Ethiopia		●
6	Kenya	●	●
7	Rwanda	●	
8	Seychelles		
9	Somalia		●
10	South Sudan	◉	●
11	Sudan		●
12	Tanzania	●	
13	Uganda	●	●
Total		6	8
Area		1.8 million km ²	5.2 million km ²

The Union of the Comoros is a Member State of the *Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa* (COMESA), the *Indian Ocean Commission* (InOC) and the *League of Arab States* (LAS).

The Republic of the Seychelles archipelago is a Member State of the *Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa* (COMESA), the *Indian Ocean Commission* (InOC) and the *Southern African Development Community* (SADC).

¹ Application ongoing

PRODUCTION STATISTICS FOR THE SUB-REGION

In terms of terrestrial animals, data are incomplete due to the poor reporting rate of some Member Countries. Nevertheless, it can reliably be concluded that the Region hosts around 155 million head of cattle (with the Federal Republic of Ethiopia having the highest number at 53 million) and 175 million small ruminants (source : OIE-WAHID, 2013, data from the 2012 annual reports).

OIE Members	Cattle (,000)	Sheep (,000)	Goats (,000)	Pigs (,000)	Camelids (,000)	Equines (,000)	Poultry (,000)
Burundi							
<i>Comoros</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>96</i>		-	-		<i>335</i>
Djibouti	40	400	600	-	50	7	
Eritrea	2,200	2,500	4,500	5	300	500	1,500
Ethiopia	53,678	28,410	27,562		2,245		26,640
Kenya	17,495	17,259	29,713	303	2,988		23,304
Rwanda	1,123	631	3,306	716	-		3,890
<i>Seychelles</i>	<i><1</i>	<i><1</i>	<i><1</i>		-		<i>346</i>
<i>Somalia</i>	<i>5,200</i>	<i>13,500</i>	<i>12,500</i>	-	<i>6,200</i>		
South Sudan	(11,814)	(13,000)	(14,000)				
Sudan	29,840	39,483	30,837	-	4,751	8,312	45,500
Tanzania	21,257	3,629	15,243	<i>1,831</i>			
Uganda	12,578	3,747	13,535	3,840		3,840	40,751
Region (2012)	155,289	122,607	151,844				

*Figures in italic are based on previous reports as data for 2012 are missing.
Figures for South Sudan (non-Member) are based on 2010 data from the FAO and WFP
(FAO/WFP crop and food security assessment mission). Totals are presented if deemed reliable.*

In terms of aquatic animals, the FAO statistics provide insight into the aquaculture² production types and volumes of OIE Member Countries (source : FAO FIGIS, 2012 and 2011). Note that Uganda alone produces more than 70% of the region's aquaculture production-value.

OIE Members	fresh and brackish water	
	Quantity (t)	Value (USD)
Burundi	50	75,000
Comoros		
Djibouti		
Eritrea		
Ethiopia	25	60,000
Kenya	22,135	53,984,000
Rwanda	630	992,000
Seychelles	-	-
Somalia		
South Sudan		
Sudan	2,200	7,700,000
Tanzania	648	3,266,000
Uganda	85,713	170,556,000
Region (2012)	111,401	236.6 million

² **Aquaculture** is understood to mean the farming of aquatic organisms including fish, molluscs, crustaceans and aquatic plants. Farming implies some form of intervention in the rearing process to enhance production, such as regular stocking, feeding, protection from predators, etc. Farming also implies individual or corporate ownership of the stock being cultivated. For statistical purposes, aquatic organisms which are harvested by an individual or corporate body which has owned them throughout their rearing period contribute to aquaculture while aquatic organisms which are exploitable by public as a common property resource, with or without appropriate licences, are the harvest of fisheries

DISEASE SITUATION REPORT

The primary objective of the OIE is to prevent the spread of animal diseases in the world. This it does through one of its key missions of guaranteeing transparency of animal diseases situation, hence the purpose of establishing the *World Animal Health information System* (WAHIS). The Sub-Regional Representation strongly emphasises timely and accurate notification obligations of OIE Member Countries and advocates judicious use of available scientific animal health information for decision making for disease prevention and containment. Non-official information e.g. from mass media on animal disease outbreaks or abnormal epidemiological events is followed up for verification with the national veterinary authorities.

Based on the reporting to WAHIS, there has been only one immediate notification from this region in 2013. This is not an indication of reduced outbreak frequency, but merely the fact that most countries in this region either do not report outbreaks or report them through the six-monthly reports, even when the type of outbreak would warrant an immediate notification. As a matter of example, the Sudan reported the presence of bovine babesiosis, brucellosis, sheep and goat pox, lumpy skin disease, foot-and-mouth disease, Newcastle disease, CBPP, PPR, rabies, pasteurellosis and theileriosis in the course of 2013.

Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) was declared on the island of Grande Comore, part of the Union of the Comoros on the 14th of January 2013. The disease was confirmed in 6 outbreaks and the clinical diagnosis was confirmed by the CIRAD OIE Reference Laboratory in Montpellier. No further reports have been submitted to date.

The Havemeyer workshop, held in Addis Ababa in November, highlighted some anomalies in the way African countries report equine diseases to WAHIS, e.g. the reporting by Eritrea of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (2012), the reporting by Eritrea and Mozambique of Western Equine Encephalitis as not reported in the present half-year (both semesters 2012), thus alluding to previous outbreaks/presence of the disease in those countries, not substantiated; and the large number of African countries who referred to Equine Influenza as not reported in the present half-year, without knowledge/publications of earlier outbreaks or notifications to support this.

On the 16th of October, a news release entitled *Outbreak of rift valley fever disease reported in the Republic of South Sudan* (RoSS) reported that there was an outbreak of Rift Valley fever in South Sudan. This was picked up by ProMED (RFI) but turned out to be inaccurate. Those quoted in the news release were participants of a workshop being held in Juba, entitled '*Developing a risk map and decision-support tools for managing Rift Valley fever in South Sudan*'. The workshop was organized by the *International Livestock Research Institute* (ILRI) and the South Sudan Line-Ministry.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

GOOD GOVERNANCE OF VETERINARY SERVICES

In terms of PVS initial and follow – up evaluation missions, all OIE Member States in the region, except for Somalia, have benefited from PVS (initial) evaluation. The situation in Somalia, as witnessed by numerous attacks that took place in recent months against UN and western targets, remains too insecure to warrant a PVS mission at this moment.

The PVS report from the Seychelles (initial PVS, July 2011) remains the only report from the region to be available online. Discussions have been held with the OIE Delegates of Tanzania and Uganda to consider the full disclosure of their reports.

In addition, on July 3rd, 2013, this office launched an appeal to the (English speaking) countries in the region to accept full disclosure of the PVS reports. This yielded no positive responses.

- 12 countries applied for PVS evaluation
- 11 PVS evaluation missions conducted
- 7 PVS gap-analysis missions conducted
- 3 PVS veterinary legislation support missions conducted
- 1 memorandum of understanding on veterinary legislation support signed (Uganda)

http://www.rr-africa.oie.int/en/mandates/en_veterinary_services_pvs.html

In terms of veterinary legislation review(s), only 6 countries have applied (Burundi, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Sudan and Uganda) and 3 have benefited from a mission so far (Burundi, Djibouti, and Uganda).

No new applications (besides Seychelles, done in 2011) have been submitted from this region for the evaluation of *aquatic animal health services* (AAHS).

The Programme Officer participated in the PVS *Veterinary Legislation Support Programme* (VLSP) feedback meeting in Paris, France, on April 16 and 17th, 2013.

CAPACITY BUILDING

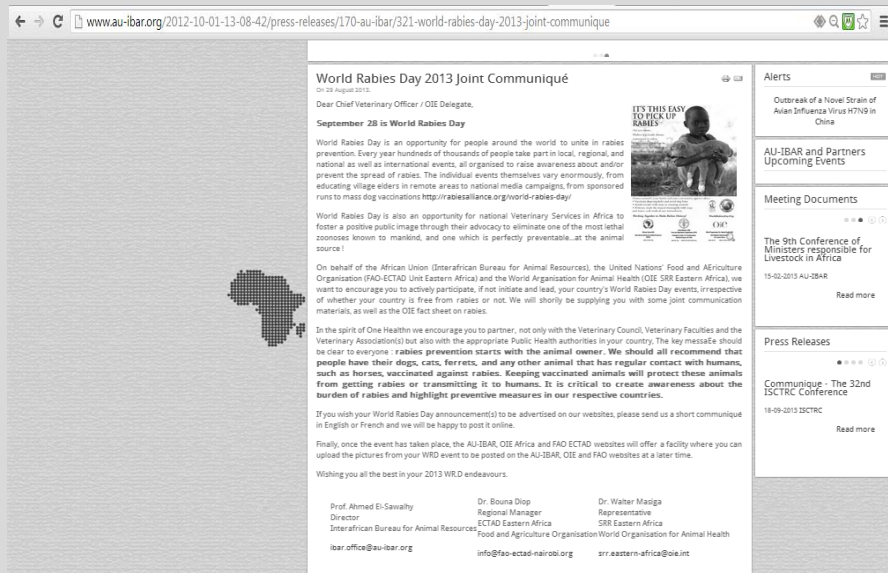
On April 10th and 11th, the Programme Officer participated in a *training of trainers* (ToT) workshop organised by the Kenya Ministry of Livestock Development on the topic of zoning. The Kenya Government in 2008 launched the VISION 2030 programme, a national long-term development blue-print to create a globally competitive and prosperous nation. The vision is anchored on three key pillars; economic, social and political governance. Cross-cutting these three pillars, there are also 120 transformational & cross-sector flagship projects implemented across the country. One of these flagship projects is “*Setting up of Five Livestock Disease-free Zones in the ASAL Regions*”. Hence, the Ministry of Livestock Development started implementing the “zoning for health and wealth” project in the coastal province surrounding the port city of Mombasa. The OIE was therefore called in to provide a group of around 50 district and county veterinary officials in this particular area with the background on the OIE as an international standard-setting body, and with the OIE standards on zoning. The Programme Officer delivered two presentations, based on the general presentation of the OIE and based on a presentation on zoning by Dr Alex Thiermann, President of the OIE Code Commission, respectively.

The new (second) version of the OIE’s *World Animal Health Information System* (WAHIS) and corresponding *Database* (WAHID), launched in August 2012 was on the main menu at the regional training seminar for OIE focal points for the notification of animal diseases, held at the *Multi-Media University* (MMU) in the suburb of Karen, named after *Out of Africa* author, Karen Blixen, south of Nairobi, in Kenya. A record number of 48 countries took part in the three-day course, i.e. Algeria, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo (Dem. Rep.), Congo (Rep.), Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Seychelles, Somalia, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe. In addition, non-Members Liberia and South Sudan were also in attendance and so were representatives from the African Union (*Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources*) with whom the OIE is working closely to achieve inter-operability between WAHIS II and the African *Animal Resource Information System* (ARIS II). From the 8 invited *Regional Economic Communities*, only the *West African Monetary and Economic Union* (WAEMU) was able to attend the training course. The opening ceremony on Tuesday morning was graced with the presence of the Kenya Director of Veterinary Services, Dr Peter Ithondeka, along with the OIE Representative, Dr Walter Masiga. The training course was designed with synchronized plenary sessions in two languages (French and English) with simultaneous interpretation, as well as practical computer training in two IT labs of the MMU, one for English speaking participants and the other for French speaking participants. The OIE’s *Animal Health Information Department* in Paris provided no less than 4 trainers to deliver the course, under the capable guidance of Dr. Manuel Sanchez, Deputy Head of Department. The other trainers were Drs Lina Awada, Paula Cacéres and Simona Forcella. The training covered, of course, the new features of the second version of WAHIS (mainly in respect of wildlife reporting) as well as recaps on the immediate notifications and follow-up reports, monthly and six-monthly reports and the annual reports, for terrestrial and aquatic animal diseases. Although participants were hosted in simple student accommodation, the practical sessions in the high-tech computer-labs were much appreciated. The social programme included a game drive in *Nairobi National Park* and a cultural show and dinner at *Bomas of Kenya*.

<http://www.rr-africa.oie.int/en/news/20130627.html>

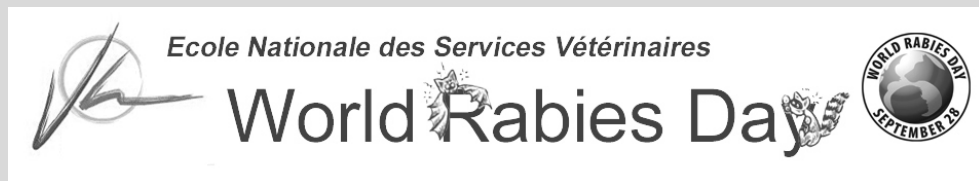
On the occasion of World Rabies Day 2013, the OIE office got involved at various levels, first of all by drafting a joint statement which was endorsed and published by AU-IBAR and FAO-ECTAD (Eastern Africa), in addition to the OIE itself :

<http://www.au-ibar.org/2012-10-01-13-08-42/press-releases/170-au-ibar/321-world-rabies-day-2013-joint-communique>



Screencap of the AU-IBAR website with the posting of the joint communique on World Rabies Day

Furthermore, the office participated in the preparation of the OIE / ENSV (Lyon-based National School of Veterinary Services) webinar on World Rabies Day. Our OIE intern, Miss Eva Musyimi was selected as one of the students featured in the seminar : <http://www.ensv.fr/rabies/>



Question from Eva vet student in Nairobi (Kenya)

How oral vaccines can help controlling rabies ?

Answer from: Dr Charles RUPPRECHT, Rabies alliance (USA)

Duration : 4min27

Miss Eva Musyimi, OIE intern, during the OIE / ENSV Webinar on WRD. Picture © P. Bastiaensen (oie) 2013

Finally, Dr Walter Masiga attended the *Kenya Veterinary Association (KVA) World Rabies Day* celebrations in the county of Kisii, where he delivered a speech, based on the paper which was presented by Dr Marta Martinez at the AITVM Conference in Johannesburg in August.

The day itself was marked by a full page picture dedicated to WRD on the homepage of the OIE Africa website, including links to the statement and webinar mentioned above, as well as the OIE press statement, rabies portal and the relevant videos on the OIE main website.

The screenshot shows the OIE Africa website homepage. At the top, the OIE logo is on the left, and 'Regional Representation for Africa' is centered. A map of Africa is on the right. The main content area features a large image of a young child holding a puppy, with a circular logo for 'WORLD RABIES DAY SEPTEMBER 28'. Below this image is a 'OIE PRESS RELEASE' box containing links to a 'JOINT AU-IBAR, FAO AND OIE STATEMENT', 'RABIES ON THE OIE YOUTUBE CHANNEL', 'OIE / ENSV RABIES WEBINAR', and 'OIE RABIES PORTAL'. To the right of the main image is a 'News' section with a list of recent updates and a 'Calendar of events' section listing upcoming conferences and meetings. A sidebar on the left contains navigation links and utility tools like Office 365 and a staff toolbox. At the bottom, a Facebook widget announces the OIE's new social media presence.

Screenshot of the OIE Africa website homepage on the 28th of September, World Rabies Day

ASSISTANCE WITH REGARD TO DISEASE STATUS

On February 11th and 12th, 2013, the Sub-Regional Representation co-organised the official launch of the OIE project called : “*Vaccine Standards and Pilot Approach to Peste des Petits Ruminants Control in Africa*” at the AU Headquarters in Addis-Ababa (Ethiopia). The project aims to establish a *Peste des Petits Ruminants* (PPR) Regional Vaccine Bank and develop a pilot strategy to control the disease in selected countries in Western Africa. It also intends to strengthen the capacities of the Pan African Veterinary Vaccine Centre of the African Union (AU-PANVAC) to improve the quality control of PPR vaccines produced and used in Africa. The project is funded by the *Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation* (BMGF). The meeting gathered representatives of the OIE, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, AU, AU-PANVAC, AU-IBAR, FAO, a selection of targeted countries in Western and Central Africa, representatives of African PPR vaccine producing laboratories, representatives from OIE PPR Reference Laboratories and several other partners including regional organisations, donor agencies and technical partners.

<http://www.rr-africa.oie.int/en/news/20130212.html>

The proceedings of the November 2012 *GF-TADs inter-regional conference on Rift Valley Fever (challenges, prevention and control)* have been published in electronic version on the OIE Africa website and are currently in the process of being printed as well. One will recall, that some 70 veterinary professionals and scientists met in Mombasa, Kenya, from November 13 – 15th, 2012 to reassess the situation of RVF in the area around the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean : it's challenges and options for prevention and control. The seminar, under the auspices of the FAO & OIE Global Framework for the progressive control of Trans-boundary Animal Diseases (GF-TADs), was attended by representatives from 18 countries including Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Madagascar, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia (FAO), South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Yemen.

The report may be downloaded from this URL :

www.rr-africa.oie.int/en/mandates/en_scientific_information.html

Finally, this office facilitated, along with the Gaborone office, and with financial assistance of the OIE World Animal Health and Welfare Fund, the translation into French of the “*Peste des petits ruminants manual for samples collection and transportation and bio-security during clinical field investigation in the SADC region*”

The protocol may be downloaded from this URL :

www.rr-africa.oie.int/en/mandates/en_scientific_information.html



A first country visit to Rwanda took place from May 14 – 16, by invitation of the OIE Delegate of Rwanda. In the course of the two-day visit, the OIE staff members were received by the Rwandan *Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources* (MAAR), the Hon. Agnès Mathilda Kalibata. Dr. Theogen Rutagwenda, OIE Delegate for Rwanda and Vice-President of the OIE Regional Commission for Africa was also present. Dr Masiga presented the current state of affairs with regard to the PVS Pathway in Rwanda (PVS evaluation conducted in 2008 and PVS gap-analysis conducted in 2010) and reiterated the need for Rwanda to consider a donor round-table, for which the OIE could provide assistance. He also emphasized the option of OIE veterinary legislation support missions. Dr Masiga also briefly discussed the request of Rwanda to host the third FAO – OIE Global Conference of Foot-and-Mouth Disease in 2015. The mission further met with the staff of the *Rwanda Agricultural Board* (RAB), the new government body hosting the Veterinary Services of Rwanda, along with the various OIE Focal Points and senior officials, as well as with the Chairman of the *Rwanda Veterinary Association*. The issue pertaining to the outbreaks of FMD in the eastern province, reported in ProMED in February 2013 was also discussed.



A second country visit took place from October 15 – 18th, by invitation of the OIE Delegate of Tanzania, Dr Gopray Nsengwa. In the course of the three-day visit, the OIE staff members were received by the Deputy Minister of Livestock and Fisheries Development (MLFD), the Hon. Benedikt Ole Nangoro. Present were also Dr. Abdu Hayghaimo and Dr. Peter Njau, Deputy-Directors of Veterinary Services. Dr Masiga presented the current state of affairs with regard to the PVS Pathway in Tanzania and highlighted some of the ongoing programmes of the OIE in the sub-region, including the twinning programme for laboratories. Dr Masiga also discussed the problem of the broken chain of command within the Veterinary Services as a result of the devolution of powers to the regions and the districts in Tanzania. The visit was continued in the northern town of Arusha, where the team paid a visit to the *Zonal Veterinary Centre*.



A third country visit took place on November 11 and 12th. In the course of this two-day visit to Uganda, the OIE Sub-Regional Representative for Eastern Africa, Dr. Walter Masiga, was received by the Minister of Agriculture, Animal Industries and Fisheries (MAAIF), the Hon. Rwamirama K. Bright. Present were also Dr. Patrick Bastiaensen (OIE Programme Officer) and Dr. Nicholas Kauta, Director of Animal Resources (OIE Delegate). Dr Masiga raised the issue of shortage of staff at the national laboratory facility (NADDEC) and suggested that the Ministry be allowed to urgently recruit scientific staff. He also raised the possibility that OIE assists with the organisation of a donor-round table (as a result of the previous PVS stages that have been completed) in close partnership with the GoU i.e. the line-Ministry and the Ministry of Finance. The visit was concluded with meetings held in Kampala and Entebbe, enabling national VS staff, OIE focal points and stakeholders, amongst which the *Uganda Veterinary Board*, Veterinary Association and industry representatives, to raise issues pertaining to the scope of activities of the OIE

Regarding the official recognition of disease freedom by the OIE (pathway principle), none of the Members are recognised as free from any of the six diseases. It is expected that the Seychelles will be declared free from FMD On historical grounds, in May 2014.

- ASF Freedom
- BSE Freedom
- CBPP Freedom
- CSF Freedom
- FMD Freedom
- PPR Freedom

TRANSPARENCY ON DISEASE NOTIFICATION

The Sub-Regional Representation actively insists on the notification requirements of OIE member countries and will contact OIE delegates when rumours of important new outbreaks or epidemiological events are not followed by official notifications to OIE in a reasonable lapse of time. The following table combines the reporting status of OIE Member Countries for 2011, 2012 and 2013 (as recorded on January 23rd, 2014).

Country	2011		2012		2013	
	6-monthly reports	Annual reports	6-monthly reports	Annual reports	6-monthly reports	Annual reports
<i>Burundi</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Comoros</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
Djibouti	2	1	2	1	2	0
Eritrea	4	1	2	1	1	0
Ethiopia	2	1	4	1	1	0
Kenya	2	1	4	1	2	0
Rwanda	4	1	4	1	0	0
Seychelles	2	1	4	1	1	0
<i>Somalia</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
South Sudan	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sudan	2	1	6	1	2	0
Tanzania	2	1	2	1	0	0
Uganda	2	1	2	1	0	0

WAHID © Reporting summary on January 23, 2014. Member Countries have until the 31 January to submit their second half-year report (July – December 2013) and until the 31 March to submit their annual report 2013. Data in bold/italic are considered problematic.

In terms of immediate notifications, as pointed out in the first section of this report (disease situation report), only one immediate notification was submitted to the OIE in the course of 2013 (submitted by the Comoros on January 14th, 2013, PPR).

Reporting rate 2011	
• 6-month reports	80%
• annual reports	92%
Reporting rate 2012	
• 6-month reports	52%
• annual reports	75%
Reporting rate 2013 (to date)	
• 6-month reports	37%
• annual reports	N/A



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The website enjoys increasing numbers of visitors. The website clocked 80,497 visits (hits) on December 31st, 2013. A total of 182 countries have now visited the website, for a total of 27,292 individual visitors (since 2008). Daily visits over the year 2013 averaged 57 hits and 9 individual visitors.

On October 31st, the OIE launched the mobile version of the OIE Africa website :

m.africa.oie.int

This has had an immediate impact on visits and visitors browsing the webpages, with substantial increases measured since this date. Measured over the last months (after the mobile website was launched) the numbers increased to 70 hits and 22 individual visitors per day. A record number of 823 hits were logged on November 25th.

Year	Visits	Growth %	Individual visitors	Countries of origin
2010	31364	-	11534	166
2011	43960	40%	17314	169
2012	59,829	36%	23,911	176
2013	80,497	35%	27,292	182
<i>Average</i>	<i>57 p. day</i>	-	<i>9 p. day</i>	--

Visitors mostly originate from the (Sub-) Regional Representations' host countries, as well as the headquarters (Botswana, Mali, Tunisia, Kenya and France, but also Lebanon) and from developed nations such as Belgium (included the European Commission), Canada, Italy, the United Kingdom, and the USA. Prominent African visitors are from Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, Senegal, Seychelles, South Africa and Sudan.

Three newsletters, highlighting new postings on the OIE website, were sent out on May 20th , on September 2nd , and on December 20th , 2013.

TWINNING AND REFERENCE LABORATORIES

The Sub-Regional Representation is actively lobbying for the recognition of a first reference centre in eastern Africa. Candidates are laboratories and centres of expertise which are currently benefiting (or have benefited) from the OIE twinning programme.

In addition, the office supports the initiatives of the *International Livestock Research Institute* (ILRI) and the *International Centre for Insect Pathology and Ecology* (ICIPE), both based in Nairobi and Addis Ababa, to apply for recognition as Collaborating Centres in their respective fields of expertise.

The twinning programmes currently approved and / or being conducted in the region are :

Parent laboratory	Candidate laboratory	Disease / syndrome
IZS, Teramo (Italy)	NVL (Asmara) Eritrea	Brucellosis
VISAVET, Madrid (Spain)	KARI (Muguga) Kenya	African swine fever
AHVLA, Weybridge (UK)	NVRI (Khartoum) Sudan	Brucellosis
CIRAD, Montpellier (France)	CVL (Temeke) Tanzania	Peste des petits ruminants
Institute for Animal Health, Pirbright (UK)	NADDIC (Entebbe) Uganda (closed in the course of 2013)	Diagnosis of diseases (multi disease twinning)
National Veterinary Institute (NVI) Uppsala (Sweden)	NADDIC (Entebbe) Uganda	Biotechnology based detection of African swine fever and foot and mouth disease.

Expressions of interest for twinning on Rift valley fever and foot and mouth disease have been received from NAHDIC in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and the FMD Laboratory in Embakasi, Nairobi, Kenya, as well as for *Trichinella* spp. from the TVLA in Temeke, Tanzania.

As of present, there are no OIE Reference Laboratories or Collaborating Centres recognized in this Region.

The Sub-Regional Representation participated in the second meeting of *the Global PPR Research Alliance* (GPRA), a loose conglomerate of national and international research institutions sharing a common interest in research and development with respect to *Peste des Petits Ruminants* (PPR). The meeting took place in Nairobi on April 29 and 30th. The OIE was further represented by Dr Jemi Domenech, officer-in-charge of the PPR portfolio at the *Scientific and Technical Department*. Along with several FAO representatives (amongst which Dr Vincent Martin from the EMPRES Unit in Rome) attempts were made to convince participants to align their initiative with the ongoing establishment of the FAO – OIE Global Network of PPR Reference Centres, an initiative similar to the OFFLU platform for influenza viruses in animals.

ISSUES OF GROWING IMPORTANCE IN THE REGION

The major and growing concerns in the region are: the continuous menace of disease outbreaks represented by Rift Valley fever amid ongoing concern at the progressive effect of global warming; deteriorating laboratory capacities; the need for facilitation of the livestock export trade; and the inadequate governance and financing of Veterinary Services.

A lot of attention is also focused on the control of *Peste des Petits Ruminants*, especially in the arid and semi-arid lands of Somalia, Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan and Uganda. These areas are typically characterised by military conflicts and widespread insecurity for civilians. It is in these areas that the debate about the value of *community-based animal health workers* (CAHWs) has been reignited, given stringent legislation in some countries (Kenya) and the fact that many of these areas have been abandoned by 'traditional' public and private veterinary services.

Other issues of growing importance in the region are listed below and are being addressed by this office through strategic partnerships and the development of targeted programmes and projects :

- Animal welfare
- Aquatic biosecurity
- The validation of diagnostic tests for wildlife
- Alternative approaches to geographical freedom from disease (commodities)
- Veterinary statutory bodies and veterinary education
- Veterinary para-professionals
- Anti-microbial resistance in farm animal production
- Regional approaches to FMD control (PCP Roadmaps)
- Rabies prevention
- Regulatory and normative aspects of *African animal trypanosomosis* (AAT)

MEETINGS & CONFERENCES

Throughout the year, the OIE Sub-Regional Representation for Eastern Africa participated actively in various coordination platforms, together with our partner organisations, AU-IBAR and the FAO. The OIE SRR takes advantage of regional conferences and seminars organised by partner organisations and institutions to promote the OIE and its missions depending on the subject of discussion.

The table below provides an overview of the main conferences, seminars, workshops and other meetings in which the Sub-Regional Representation participated in 2013. Official *back-to-office-reports* (BTOR) from these missions, meetings and conferences are available on request.

Meetings and events organised by the Sub-Regional Representation :

Capacity building		
Date	Title	Country
Jun. 25 - 27	Regional training of OIE focal points for animal diseases notification on the second version of WAHIS. Organised and attended by all SRR staff.	Nairobi, Kenya

Coordination meetings		
Date	Title	Country
Feb. 5	Coordination meeting with VETGOV staff (AU-IBAR). Attended by Dr Masiga and Dr Bastiaensen.	Nairobi, Kenya
Feb. 11 - 12	Official launch of the OIE VSPA PPR project at the AU Headquarters. Attended by Dr Masiga, Dr Bastiaensen, Dr Vallat, Dr Bourzat, Dr Mapitse, Dr Samaké, Dr Bouguedour, Dr Dehove and Mrs. Omwega.	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Mar. 11	First coordination meeting between FAO-ECTAD and OIE-SRR. Attended by Dr Masiga and Dr Bastiaensen.	Nairobi, Kenya
Apr. 12	Planning meeting with VETGOV staff. Attended by Dr Bastiaensen.	Nairobi, Kenya
May 24	First informal coordination meeting between AU (IBAR), FAO (ECTAD) and OIE (SRR), hosted by the OIE and also attended by a representative of the EC Delegation. The main technical theme of the meeting was the progress of the VETGOV project. Attended by Dr Masiga and Dr Bastiaensen.	Nairobi, Kenya

Coordination meetings

Date	Title	Country
Jul. 8	Meeting on the OIE/AU-IBAR/NPCA/FAO proposal on aquatic biosafety in aquaculture systems. The main objectives of the meeting was to establish a taskforce to finalise the concept note and to review the STDF <i>Project Preparation Grant</i> (PPG) for a technical stakeholders meeting and donor-round table towards implementation of the proposed project: “ <i>Trade and Improved Livelihoods in Aquatic Production in Africa</i> ” (TILAPIA). Attended by Dr Maitse.	Nairobi, Kenya
Aug. 1	Second coordination meeting between AU-IBAR, FAO and OIE. Represented were AU-IBAR, FAO ECTAD, FAO Somalia, FAO Kenya, FAO Emergency Operations, OIE, World Bank, EC Delegation and USAID. Attended by Dr Bastiaensen	Nairobi, Kenya
Aug. 1	Brainstorming session with AU-IBAR and ICIPE with regard to the role of the OIE in the forthcoming Bee Health Project. Attended by Dr Bastiaensen	Nairobi, Kenya
Aug. 2	Coordination meeting regarding the joint organisation of two veterinary legislation seminars with the VETGOV project. Attended by Dr Bastiaensen	Nairobi, Kenya
Aug. 19	Meeting on the OIE/AU-IBAR/NPCA/FAO proposal on aquatic biosafety in aquaculture systems. The main objective of the meeting was to reply to the queries of the STDF regarding the <i>Project Preparation Grant</i> (PPG) for a technical stakeholders meeting and donor-round table towards implementation of the proposed TILAPIA project. Attended by Dr Bastiaensen	Nairobi, Kenya
Oct. 2	Coordination meeting convened by the OIE office to discuss possible approaches to the strengthening of veterinary services delivery in the pastoral areas and the role the OIE may play in this respect. The meeting was related to the World bank funding made available to IGAD (through the IGAD <i>Centre for Pastoral Areas and Livestock Development</i>) for several countries in the Horn of Africa. Attended by Dr Masiga and Dr Bastiaensen.	Nairobi, Kenya

Coordination meetings		
Date	Title	Country
Oct. 11	Task force meetings on the development of an updated Cooperation Agreement between OIE and AU-IBAR. Attended by Dr Bastiaensen	Nairobi, Kenya
Nov. 14	Task force meetings on the development of an updated Cooperation Agreement between OIE and AU-IBAR. Attended by Dr Bastiaensen	Nairobi, Kenya

Meetings and events attended by the Sub-Regional Representation :

Capacity building		
Date	Title	Country
Apr. 10 - 11	National training-of-trainers workshop of the Kenya Ministry of Livestock Development on zoning ' <i>for wealth and health</i> ' (Kenya Vision 2030 flagship project). Attended by Dr P. Bastiaensen.	Mombasa, Kenya
Jul. 08 – 11	Technical backstopping by the Head of the OIE <i>Administration, Logistics and Publications Department</i> , Dr Daniel Chaise-martin to AU-IBAR in order to further the process of achieving inter-operability between WAHIS and ARIS II. Attended by Dr Masiga.	Westlands, Kenya

Certification of OIE Experts		
Date	Title	Country
Apr. 16 - 17	OIE PVS Veterinary Legislation Support Programme (VLSP) missions feedback session	Paris, France

Coordination meetings		
Date	Title	Country
Nov. 7 - 8	Selection of VETGOV innovation policy project proposals (grants programme). The selection committee consisted of the EC-Delegation, AU-IBAR, FAO-ECTAD and OIE-SRR.	Nairobi, Kenya
Oct. 31	Meeting with representatives of the Belgian <i>Directorate General for Development (DGD)</i> of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign trade and Development Cooperation. Attended by Dr Leboucq and Dr Bastiaensen.	Brussels, Belgium

Coordination of regional position regarding OIE standards

Date	Title	Country
Feb. 18 – 22	20 th Conference of the OIE Regional Commission for Africa. Attended by all senior OIE regional staff.	Lomé, Togo
Apr. 16 – 17	African Union (AU) Ministerial Conference on Animal Resources. Preparatory experts' meeting. Attended by Dr Masiga.	Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire
Apr. 18 – 19	African Union (AU) Ministerial Conference on Animal Resources. Attended by Dr Masiga.	Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire
Apr. 23 – 24	SMP-AH technical workshop for PPR and FMD (AU-IBAR) Attended by Dr Masiga.	Arusha, Tanzania
Jun. 27 - 29	First OIE Global Conference on antimicrobial resistance. Attended by Dr Masiga.	Paris, France
Dec. 4 - 6	Third OIE Global Conference on veterinary educational establishments. Attended by Dr Masiga and Dr Bastiaensen.	Foz do Iguaçó, Brasil

Representation of OIE in other events not previously mentioned

Date	Title	Country
Apr. 25 - 28	World Veterinary Day / 47th Annual Conference of the <i>Kenya Veterinary Association</i> (KVA). Attended by Dr Masiga and Dr Bastiaensen	Mombasa, Kenya
Apr. 29 – 30	Second meeting of the Global PPR Research Alliance (GPRA). Attended by Dr Masiga, Dr Bastiaensen, and Dr Domenech	Nairobi, Kenya
May 21 – 23	Workshop organized by the COMESA Secretariat with financial and technical support of the STDF Secretariat of the WTO on the further development of the “ <i>green pass</i> ” certification system. Attended by Dr Bastiaensen.	Nairobi, Kenya
Jun. 3 - 4	OECD Meeting : <i>Livestock disease policies: building bridges between animal sciences and economics</i> - OECD Conference Centre, Attended by Dr Bastiaensen, Dr Vallat, Dr Dehove, Dr Mapitse, Dr Bouguedour, Dr Ishibashi, Dr Barcos and other senior regional staff.	Paris, France.

Representation of OIE in other events not previously mentioned

Date	Title	Country
Jun. 10 – 12	First International Forum on <i>Health Surveillance and Response in Insular Territories : surveillance, investigation and vector-control</i> . Attended by Dr Bastiaensen.	St. Denis, Réunion island
Jun. 17 – 18	8 th meeting of the GF-TADs Regional Steering Committee for Africa (SC8) in Attended by Dr Masiga.	Accra, Ghana
Jun. 19 – 20	World Bank Seminar on <i>Pastoralism and Conflicts in the Dry lands :experience from World Bank supported projects and others</i> . Attended by Dr Bastiaensen.	Nairobi, Kenya
Jun. 26	Opening session of the <i>African Livestock Conference and Exhibition (ALiCE)</i> in Nairobi. Attended by Dr Masiga	Nairobi, Kenya
Jul. 3	Launch of the East Africa Regional Office in Nairobi of the Brooke Hospital for Animals (<i>The Brooke</i> www.thebrooke.org). The launch was attended by Dr Masiga, Dr Bastiaensen, and Miss Eva Musyimi.	Nairobi, Kenya
Jul. 4 - 5	2nd Steering Committee Meeting of the AU-IBAR “ <i>Standard Methods and Procedures in Animal Health (SMP-AH)</i> ” Project (USAID funding). Attended by Dr Masiga.	Juba, South Sudan.
Jul. 15 – 16	Government of Burundi international donor conference/round table. Attended by Dr Bastiaensen	Bujumbura, Burundi
Jul. 16 – 19	<i>Eastern Africa Joint Epidemiology and Laboratory Network</i> Coordination Meeting (FAO-ECTAD, under VETGOV funding). Attended by Dr Bastiaensen.	Bujumbura, Burundi
Jul. 24	Opening ceremony of the first <i>African regulatory forum on medical diagnostics</i> (In vitro diagnostic medical devices or IVDMD) and establishment of the <i>Pan-African Harmonisation Working Party</i> . Attended by Dr Bastiaensen	Nairobi, Kenya
Aug. 25 – 28	<i>Association of Institutions of Tropical Veterinary Medicine (AITVM)</i> 2013 Congress. Attended by Dr Bastiaensen.	Johannesburg, S. Africa

Representation of OIE in other events not previously mentioned

Date	Title	Country
Sep. 2 – 3	First International <i>Pan-African Animal Welfare Alliance</i> (PAAWA) Conference. Attended by Dr Masiga and Dr Bastiaensen.	Karen, Kenya
Sep. 23 - 24	First Steering Committee meeting of the EC funded <i>Bee Health Project</i> , implemented by ICIPE and AU-IBAR. Attended by Dr Bastiaensen.	Kasarani, Kenya
Sep. 26 – 27	Board meeting and general assembly of the <i>Global Alliance for Livestock Veterinary Medicines</i> (GALVMed). Attended by Dr Bastiaensen.	Kabete, Kenya
Sep. 28	World Rabies Day / KVA Scientific Symposium on rabies.	Kisii, Kenya
Oct. 3	Kenya Veterinary Board meeting on the management of animal health delivery services in the <i>Arid and Semi-Arid Lands</i> (ASALs) with particular reference to the role played by <i>Community-based Animal Health Workers</i> or CAHWs. Attended by Dr Masiga.	Nairobi, Kenya
Oct. 22 – 24	Web-seminar (webinar) on <i>Tackling climate change through livestock – global assessment and multi-stakeholder initiatives</i> , organised by the <i>Mitigation of Climate Change in Agriculture</i> (MICCA) Programme and the Livestock Information, Sector Analysis and Policy Branch within the Community of practice for climate change mitigation in agriculture (FAO). Attended by Dr Bastiaensen.	Internet
Nov. 4	21st ALIVE Steering Committee meeting. Attended by Drs Samaké, Masiga and Bastiaensen.	Westlands, Kenya
Nov. 25	Meeting with the consultant, conducting the midterm review of the AU-IBAR project PAN-SPSO Phase II : Dr. Chris Daborn. Attended by Dr Masiga and Dr Bastiaensen.	Nairobi, Kenya
Nov. 18 – 22	International Havemeyer Foundation Workshop on Infectious Diseases of Working Horses and Donkeys. Attended by Dr Bastiaensen.	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Nov. 27 - 28	4 th Steering Committee meeting of the EC funded VETGOV Project, implemented by OIE, FAO and AU-IBAR. Attended by Dr Mapiitse and Dr Bastiaensen.	Gaborone, Botswana

Visits to country authorities

Date	Country	Outcomes
May 15	Rwanda	Courtesy visit with the Minister in charge of Animal Health
Aug. 15 - 16	Kenya	Courtesy visit with the Minister in charge of Animal Health
Oct. 15	Tanzania	Courtesy visit with the Minister in charge of Animal Health
Nov. 12	Uganda	Courtesy visit with the Minister in charge of Animal Health

Relevant OIE meetings

Date	Title
May 26 - 30	81 th OIE General Session, attended by Dr Masiga and Dr Bastiaensen, Paris, France
May 26 - 30	81 th OIE General Session, attended by Dr Masiga and Dr Bastiaensen, Paris, France
Oct. 22 - 25	Annual meeting of OIE Regional and Sub-Regional Representations, attended by Dr Masiga and Dr Bastiaensen, Paris, France

The SRR-EA began its activities in January 2010, with the appointment of a Sub-Regional Representative and later that year a Secretary and an Administrative and Financial Assistant.

A Programme Officer was seconded to the OIE by the French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs (*France Cooperation*) in June 2010. The Programme Officer ended his assignment with the French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs (*France Cooperation*) in July 2012. A second Programme Officer was appointed in January 2013, an OIE position supported by the *Agence Française de Développement* (AFD) or French Development Agency.

The OIE Sub-Regional Representation was officially inaugurated on June 6th, 2011 in the presence of the OIE Director General, Dr. Bernard Vallat.

In the course of 2013, taking advantage of the new Programme Officer who needed to be introduced, the SRR organised courtesy visits and coordination meetings in view of possible (sub) regional partnerships (technical and financial) with AVTA, AU-IBAR, the Brooke Foundation, DVS (Kabete), the EAC, the EC Delegation in Kenya, FAO-ECTAD Eastern Africa, ICIPE, IGAD/ICPALD, ILRI, KARI (Muguga), PAAWA, the VET-GOV project (AU-IBAR), VSF-Germany and the World Bank. Please refer to the list of abbreviation on page 4 of this report.

Both the Secretary and the Administrative and Financial Assistant have successfully concluded DELF level A1 cycle of French language courses, availed by the Alliance Française in the OIE offices, and are now undertaking DELF level A2. Meanwhile, the Representative benefited from a one-on-one computer course from August 1st to the end of the year 2013.

The Administrative and Financial Assistant completed the labeling of office assets, such as furniture and equipment for inventory and insurance purposes. The drafting of a manual of procedures for the management of the OIE Africa website by the Programme Officer is ongoing and will be completed in 2014.

The allocation by the Government of Kenya of a one acre (approximately 1,200 m²) plot to the OIE in the suburb of Kabete, east of Nairobi led the OIE Office to commission building plans and budgetary estimates for the building of a new sub-regional representation in Kabete. In order to secure funds for the construction of the building, the OIE SRR/EA held a meeting at the Embassy of the People's Republic of China (PRC) on September 18th, 2013. Drs W. Masiga and P. Bastiaensen met with Mr. Jiang Peng, Attaché and Mr. Qian Jin, the Chief of the Political Section at the PRC Embassy to Kenya (and Somalia). This appointment was the result of the submission, in May 2013 and again in July of a written request to the Embassy, as well as the support of the OIE Delegate of the PRC, Dr Zhang Zhongqiu who facilitated the appointment. The OIE request will be converted into a recommendation from the Embassy which will be sent back to Beijing for processing and the Representative expects some feedback in a few months. During the Conference of the OIE Regional Commission for Asia and the Pacific, which took place in the Philippines, from 18 to 22nd of November, the Director-General again discussed the matter with Dr. Zhongqiu.

INTERVENTIONS ON OIE CONTRIBUTIONS

The *Republic of South Sudan* (RoSS) submitted an application to become a Member of the OIE on August 30th and the application was accepted by the OIE Council in October. The RoSS will become the 179th Member of the OIE and will contribute in category VI. The OIE Delegate will be the current CVO, Dr. Jacob Korok.

During the Joint *Eastern Africa Regional Epidemiology Network* (EAREN) and *Eastern Africa Regional Laboratory Network* (EARLN) Annual Coordination Meeting, in Bujumbura in July, the Programme Officer took the liberty to have a short discussion with the Assistant to the line-Minister, Mr. Boniface Mwikomo, regarding the accumulated debts for Burundi to the OIE and hand-delivered copies of the various letters and statements recently sent to Burundi to this effect. Likewise, in the course of the two-day visit to Uganda, the OIE staff members were received by the Minister of *Agriculture, Animal Industries and Fisheries* (MAAIF), the Hon. Rwamirama K. Bright. During this courtesy visit, Dr Masiga raised the issue of arrears of the contributions to the OIE since 2008 (except for two payments made in 2012).

AGREEMENTS & HOSTING

The revision of the Agreement with the African Union's *Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources* (AU-IBAR) is in progress and a joint taskforce has already met twice to develop the text. The document will be circulated within IBAR and the OIE before being submitted for approval by the OIE Council.

An Agreement with the *Inter-Governmental Agency on Development* (IGAD) was approved by the OIE Council in October and exchange of signatures is expected to take place at the next General Session in Paris, in May 2014.

Regarding a similar Agreement with the *East African Community* (EAC), little progress has been made since 2010, despite a recent visit to the EAC Head Office in Arusha, Tanzania during which the OIE staff were received by the Head of the Agricultural Development Department, Mr. Moses Marwa and the AU-IBAR seconded veterinary officer Dr William Olaho-Mukani.

Agreement	Signatories	Starting date
MoU IGAD Secretariat	OIE & IGAD	(2014)
Hosting Agreement	OIE & Gov. of Kenya	2011

OFFICIAL VISITS, COURTESY VISITS

Designation	Organisation / Country	Month
Dr Peter M. Ithondeka, Director of Veterinary Services	Kenya Department of Veterinary Services (DVS), Kabete, Nairobi.	February
Mr. Jimmy Smith, Director General of ILRI, Dr. Suzanne Bertrand, Deputy Director General Biosciences and Ms. Shirley Tarawali, Director of Institutional Planning.	International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI). Kabete, Nairobi	February
Prof. Ahmed El-Sawalhy, Director of AU-IBAR.	AU-IBAR, Westlands, Nairobi	March
Mr. Tozie Zokufa , Chairman of the <i>Pan-African Animal Welfare Alliance</i> (PAAWA)	PAAWA, Cape Town	April
Dr. Stéphane Forman, Regional livestock officer of the World Bank	World Bank, Upper Hill, Nairobi	April
M. Hugo Pierrel, Attaché, Agence Française de Développement (AFD).	Agence Française de Développement, Nairobi	April
Mr. Dominique Davoux, Head of the Rural Development Section	European Commission (Delegation) in Nairobi	April
Mr. Benson Ameda, ag. Chairman of the <i>Africa Veterinary Technicians Association</i> (AVTA).	AVTA, Nairobi	May
Ms. Agnès Mathilda Kalibata, Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources (MAAR).	Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources (MAAR)	May
Mr. Charles Groom and Michael Obanubi from <i>Cambridge Economic Policy Associates</i> (CEPA),	CEPA, London	July
Prof. Christian Borgermeister Director General, and Prof. Suresh Kumar Raina, Principal Director of Science/Research	<i>International Centre for Insect Pathology and Ecology</i> (ICIPE), Duduville Campus, Kasarani, Nairobi	July
Mr. Felix Kosgey, Minister, and Dr (Mrs) Khadijah Kassachoon, Principal Secretary of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries of Kenya.	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries of Kenya, Kilimo House, Nairobi	August
Mr. Jiang Peng, Attaché and Mr. Qian Jin, Chief of the Political Section	Embassy of the People's Republic of China (PRC), Nairobi.	September
Dr Mrs Grace Morela, Director of the Kenya Trypanosomosis Research Institute (KETRI) and Dr K. Mugambi, Director of the Kenya Veterinary Research Institute (KEVRI).	Kenya Agricultural Research Institute (KARI), Muguga, Nairobi.	September
Mr. Benedikt Ole Nangoro, Deputy Minister of Livestock and Fisheries Development (MLFD).	Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Development (MLFD), Dar es Salaam.	October
Mr. Rwamirama K. Bright, Minister of Agriculture, Animal Industries and Fisheries (MAAIF)	Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industries and Fisheries (MAAIF), Kampala	November

REGIONAL COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

The 20th Conference of the OIE regional Commission for Africa took place from February 18 – 22th at the Mercure - Sarakawa Hotel in Lome, Togo. Attended in part by the OIE Director-General, Dr Bernard Vallat and in part by the OIE Deputy Director-General, Dr Monique Eliot, the Conference was co-chaired by the President of the Regional Commission for Africa, Dr. Marosi Molomo, OIE Delegate for Lesotho, and the host, Dr. Komla Daniel Batawui, OIE Delegate for Togo. Also present was the President of the OIE World Assembly of Delegates, Dr. Karin Schwabenbauer (Germany).

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The meeting was attended by 26 OIE Member Countries (50%) but only four from the eastern Africa region, i.e. Kenya, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda. Also in attendance were the following regional and international organisations : AU – IBAR, AU – PANVAC, AU – PATTEC, CIRAD / FVI, European Commission, FAO, ILRI, USDA – APHIS, WAEMU, WHO, World Bank and WSPA.

The OIE Sub-Regional Representative for Eastern Africa, Dr Walter Masiga made a presentation on the activities carried out from the last meeting in Rwanda in February 2011. Dr. Patrick Bastiaensen, Programme Officer made a presentation on the new standards that have been introduced in the Terrestrial Code (on behalf of Dr. Alex Thiermann, President of the OIE Code Commission who could not attend the Conference). Dr. Patrick Bastiaensen was also part of the Conference secretariat involved in the drafting of the proceedings and the final report.

A report of the Conference including the recommendations and the presentations is available online on this link:

http://www.rr-africa.oie.int/docspdf/en/RC/20conf_Lome2013RAPFIN.pdf

The next Conference will be held in Morocco, in February 2015.

The 81st OIE World Assembly of Delegates was held in Paris between the 26th and the 31st of May 2013. The OIE had the honour of welcoming Her Royal Highness Princess Haya, OIE Goodwill Ambassador. Many Ministers of OIE Member Countries also honoured the Assembly with their presence at the Opening Ceremony which was held on Sunday May 26st at the Conference Centre of the

OIE Regional Commission for Africa :

- President : Dre Marosi Molomo (Lesotho)
- 1st Vice-President : Dr. Theogen Rutagwenda (Rwanda)
- 2nd Vice-President : Dr. Komla Daniel Batawui (Togo)
- Secretary General : Dr. Ahmed Chawky K. Boughalem (Algeria)

OIE Council :

- Member : Dr Botlhe Michael Modisane (South Africa)

OIE Specialist Commissions :

- Code Commission : Dr Salah Hammami (Tunisia)
- Scientific Commission : Dr. Gideon Bruckner (South Africa)

Marriott Hotel 'Rive Gauche'. Speeches were delivered, amongst others, by 2 African Ministers, H.E. Saramady Touré from Guinea and H.E. Diané Mariam Koné from Mali. Over 800 participants, representing Member Countries and several international, intergovernmental, regional and national organisations (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, World Health Organization, World Bank, World Trade Organization, European Commission etc.) took part in the event. The Representative of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation announced an important contribution to support the strengthening of Veterinary Services worldwide.

During the OIE Regional Commission for Africa meeting on Monday May 21st, chaired by Dr Theogen Rutagwenda, Delegate of Rwanda, and Vice-President of the Commission, the Commission's progress report of activities was presented, followed by the report by Dr. Yacouba Samaké, the OIE Regional Representative for Africa. The Regional Commission for Africa, also elected a new Vice - President to replace the Vice - President and former Delegate of Chad. It is the OIE Delegate from Togo, Dr Komla Batasse Daniel Batawui. The meeting was attended by around 90 participants, including delegations from 38 African Member Countries. East Africa was represented by Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and South Sudan as an observer country.

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NEW APPOINTMENTS

On April 18th, the Government of Tanzania nominated Dr. Gopray Nsengwa as new OIE Delegate, following the retirement of Dr. Win Mleche in 2012. Dr Nsengwa is one of three Deputy Directors of Veterinary Services who are acting Directors on a three-months' rotational basis until a suitable Director (and new OIE Delegate) will have been appointed.

The OIE Delegate and Director of Veterinary Services of Kenya, Dr Peter Maina Ithondeka, was moved to the Ministry's headquarters on September 30th and Dr. Kisa Juma Ngeiywa is now the acting Director. Dr Ngeiywa was designated as OIE Delegate on October 10th. The OIE Sub-Regional Representation wishes to express its gratitude for the important role Dr Ithondeka has played since the inception of this office in assuring the necessary political and financial support to the OIE, including the recent allocation of a plot of land in Kabete.

On December 8th, the Provisional Government of Somalia nominated Dr Sowda Roble as new OIE Delegate, in replacement of Dr Habiba Hamud who had been the OIE Delegate since March 2009.

Country	Position	Institution	Name	Surname
Burundi	<i>Directeur de la Santé Animale</i>	<i>Ministère de l'Agriculture et de l'Elevage (MAE)</i>	Déogratias	Nsanganiyumwami
Comoros	<i>Chef de Service Santé Animale et Vétérinaire</i>	<i>Ministère de la Production, de l'Environnement, de l'Energie, de l'Industrie et de l'Artisanat (MPEEIA).</i>	Soulé	Miradji
Djibouti	<i>Directeur de l'Agriculture, de l'Elevage et des Services Vétérinaires</i>	<i>Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Elevage et de la Mer</i>	Moussa	Ibrahim Cheick
Eritrea	Director Technical Services Division	Ministry of Agriculture (MoA)	Ghebrehiwet	Teame Mahru
Ethiopia	Director Animal and Plant Health Regulatory Directorate	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD)	Bewket	Siraw
Kenya	acting Director Department of Veterinary Services	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries (MALF)	Kisa Juma	Ngeiywa
Rwanda	Director General of Animal Resources (Rwanda Agricultural Board)	Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources (MAAR)	Theogen	Rutagwenda
Seychelles	Principal Veterinary Officer	Ministry of Environment , Natural Resources & Transport	Jimmy	Melanie
Somalia	Director of Animal Health	Ministry of National Resources (MNR)	Sowda	Roble
South Sudan	[pending Membership]	-	Jacob	Korok [CVO]
Sudan	Undersecretary and Chief Veterinary Officer	Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rangelands (MLFR)	Kamal	Tagelsir Elsheikh
Tanzania	Director of Veterinary Services	Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Development (MLFD)	Gopray	Nsengwa
Uganda	Commissioner Department of Livestock Health and Entomology	Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF)	Nicholas	Kauta

OIE Delegates from the east African Member States as per December 31, 2013.

FINANCIAL REPORT

In 2013, all of the funding of the Sub-Regional Representation was sourced from the OIE through the *World Animal Health and Welfare Fund*. This provision included some contributions of the IDENTIFY project (under the EPT programme, funded by USAID, and implemented jointly by FAO, OIE and WHO) and the VET-GOV project (funded by the EC, and implemented jointly by AU-IBAR, FAO and OIE). The Sub-Regional Representation's 2013 annual work plan and budget stood at EUR 297,940.

Cost Item	Total
	2013
STAFF EXPENSES	93 140 €
MISSION EXPENSES	28 800 €
OPERATING COSTS	36 000 €
WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES	140 000 €
TOTAL (EUR)	297 940 €

Extra-budgetary funding was provided by the *French Development Agency* through the appointment of a Programme Officer to OIE and a EUR 10,000 operational budget (from Jan – December 2013).

From December 9 to 10th, 2013, the OIE Administrative and Financial Assistant, Mrs Grace Omwega, benefitted from an in-house training on OIE accounting procedures, considering the procedure for evaluating administrative and accounting staff of the OIE Representations sent early December 2013 by the OIE Head Office. The training was delivered by the Head of the OIE Accounting Unit, Mr. Gilles Seigneurin.

By December 30th, 2013, the (estimated) state of disbursements, as compared to the previous years, was as follows :

Year	2011	2012	2013
Approved budget	373 681	372 409	297 940
Disbursements	356 436	277 790	266 962
Uptake	95 %	75 %	90%

CONCLUSIONS AND 2014 OUTLOOK

The year 2013 has been a challenging year with limited financial and human resources and an overwhelming number of solicitations for OIE to partake in national, regional and international fora, programmes, projects and conferences. Only one –nevertheless major- capacity building seminar was organised, dealing with the second version of the WAHIS information system.

We hope that our efforts to establish cordial and smooth relationships with a large number of institutions and stakeholders in the course of 2013 will eventually –directly or indirectly- generate new income at regional and sub-regional level for critical technical challenges to animal health and welfare in the region. The OIE office expects a lot from the now AU-IBAR-led “TILAPIA” project on aquatic biosecurity (for which STDF support has been secured to organise a stakeholders’ meeting and a donor round table, to be organised in the first quarter of 2014). Likewise, the VETGOV project may lead to better and more in-depth cooperation with AU-IBAR and FAO, in particular in the area of veterinary legislation.

As far as the host country, Kenya is concerned, 2013 has also been a memorable year. Relatively calm, free and fair elections on March 4th led to the designation on April 9th of President Uhuru Kenyatta, the son of the founding President of Kenya. Whilst elected by the people of Kenya, his election poses a problem for many foreign nations as Uhuru Kenyatta and his deputy William Ruto have been indicted by the International Criminal Court in The Hague. Both men are wanted in connection with the 2007 violence. Indeed, the 2013 vote not only enabled the election of a new Head of State, but also a parliament and the first-time appointment of 47 Governors of Counties, with their executive, a new administrative division established in 2011. This was the first election held under the new Constitution which was promulgated under the previous government of national unity to avoid the tribal fuelled post-election violence which erupted after the 2007 elections. 2013 will unfortunately also be remembered for the partial destruction on August 9th, of *Jomo Kenyatta International Airport* (JKIA) in Nairobi, after a fire broke out at the international arrival terminal. September 21st will be remembered as Kenya’s own “911” as at least 61 civilians lost their lives in the Westgate Mall attack by an Al-Shabaab commando.

From an institutional point of view, the allocation of land to the OIE poses a challenge in terms of mobilisation of resources to establish, i.e. build new premises for the Representation in the foreseeable future. Ongoing negotiations with the People’s Republic of China are promising but not conclusive and may require considering other partner organisations and donors.

With again limited financial and human resources (provisionally) earmarked for 2014, the Representation will focus on the further development of its portfolio of activities, engaging as much as possible in smart and strategic partnerships to save funds and avoid duplication of efforts with other organisations. The above mentioned constraints will not prevent this office to contribute considerably to the celebrations of 90 years of OIE, for which activities and events are planned throughout the year 2014.



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