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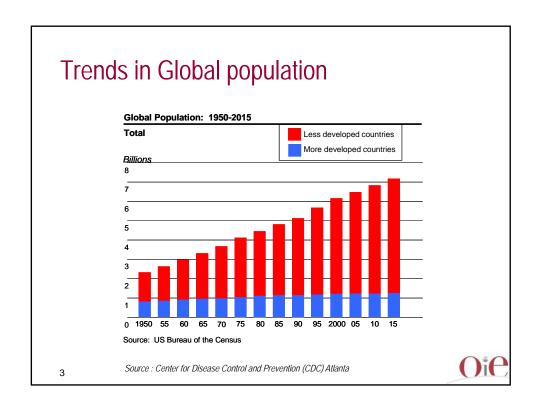
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Key factors





Globalisation

Unprecedented movement of commodities and people are used by pathogens to colonise the entire planet



- Nowadays pathogens are transported around the world faster than the average incubation time of most epizootics.
- Climate changes and human behaviour allow colonisation of new territories by vectors and pathogens (e.g. bluetongue in Europe)



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The growing importance of the zoonotic potential of animal pathogens

- 60% of human pathogens are zoonotic
- 75% of emerging diseases are zoonotic
- 80% of agents with potential bioterrorist use are zoonotic pathogens





Trends in animal protein consumption

Some projections towards 2030 indicate that the demand for animal proteins, in particular milk and eggs, will increase by 50%, especially in developing countries

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Trends in animal protein consumption

- Shift from poverty to middle-class (+1 billion people expected)
- Increase in the number of daily meals
- More milk, eggs and meat in meals



Which concepts to promote in order to protect countries and regions from emerging and re-emerging diseases

- > The Global Public Good concept
- ➤ The «One Health » concept
- ➤ The Good Governance of Veterinary Services

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The Global Public Good Concept

Global public goods are goods whose benefits extend to all countries, people and generations.



The Global Public Good Concept

- In relation to the control and eradication of infectious diseases, the benefits are international and inter-generational in scope.
- > Countries depend on each other
- Animal health systems are not a commercial nor a strictly agricultural good. They are fully eligible for national and global public resources

Failure of one country may endanger the entire planet

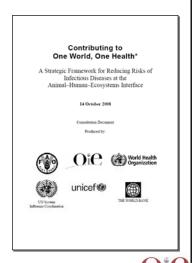
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The concept of "One Health"

A global strategy for preventing and managing risks at the human-animal interface





Food security (within "One Health" concept)

- Food shortages are also a public health problem, just like food safety
- ➤ Impact of animal diseases on animal production/losses of animal products (20% worldwide)
- > It is probably impossible to prevent the intensification of animal production worldwide
- ➤ Environmental cost/benefit studies are to be completed: milk versus meat, work, fertilisation, natural pastoral resources ...

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The public and private components of Veterinary Services are in the front line regarding these matters in all countries of the world



The Good Governance

Requirements for all countries

Need for appropriate legislation and its efficient implementation through appropriate human and financial resources allowing national animal health systems to provide for:

- > Appropriate surveillance, early detection, transparency
- > Rapid response to animal disease outbreaks
- ➤ Biosecurity measures
- > Compensation
- > Vaccination when appropriate

Deregulation can be source of biological disasters

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Good Governance

Key elements:

Building and maintaining efficient epidemiosurveillance networks and territorial meshing in the entire national territory, potentially for all of terrestrial and aquatic diseases

Supervision of all Governments

- > Alliances between public and private sectors
- Use of the concept and standards of « Quality of Services » democratically adopted by all the OIE Members
- > Veterinary education and research
- National chain of command



Arguments to be used

The control of animal diseases contributes to:

- Public health: zoonoses, food safety and food security, "One Health" concept
- Market Access: local, regional and international
- Poverty alleviation (1 billion poor livestock producers)
 - Protection of goods (productive livestock = capital)
 - Increasing productivity and capital security
- Animal welfare

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Principles guiding the OIE in animal welfare

- > Animal health is a key component of animal welfare
- > Scientific basis in any standard
- Democratic adoption of standards
- Key role of Veterinary Services in applying the OIE standards







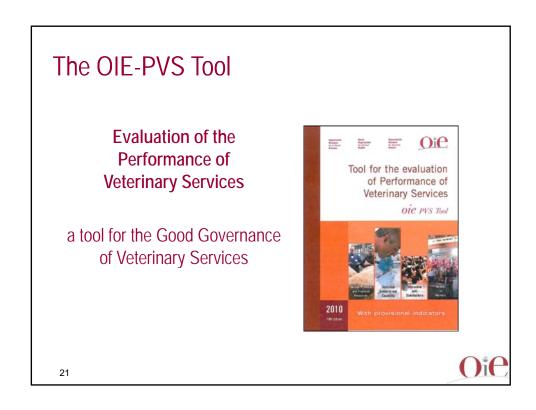
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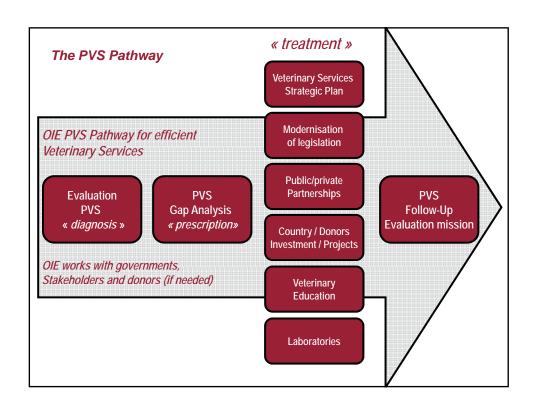
- To ensure transparency in the global animal disease and zoonosis situation
- 2. To collect, analyse and disseminate scientific veterinary information
- 3. To provide expertise and encourage international solidarity in the control of animal diseases
- 4. Within its mandate under the WTO SPS Agreement, to safeguard world trade by publishing **health standards** for international trade in animals and animal products
- 5. To improve the legal framework and resources of **national Veterinary**Services
- 6. To provide a better guarantee of the **safety of food of animal origin** and to promote **animal welfare** through a science-based approach

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Governance support tools used by the OIE







Legal and financial basis of the PVS tool

Terrestrial Animal Health Code

- Chapter 3.1: Quality of Veterinary Services (public and private components)
- ➤ Chapter 3.2: Guidelines for the evaluation of Veterinary Services

OIE World Animal Health and Welfare Fund

- ➤ Development of the world fund to help finance the OIE in the application of the PVS tool and the setting up of regional capabilities.
- ➤ Participation of France alongside the European Commission, the World Bank, Canada, the USA, Australia, Italy, Switzerland and the United Kingdom

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Voluntary official procedure - PVS evaluation

- > Training and certification of OIE experts
- Mission under the auspices of the OIE
- > PVS preliminary draft report by country
- OIE peer review
- > PVS final report by country
- Acceptance by the country +/- public dissemination
- Gap analysis and shortcoming and investment proposals (national and international donors)

100 countries already involved





- Priority diseases and regions
- Geographical coverage (special effort for developing countries and countries in transition)
- > Better global disease surveillance
- Improvement in compliance with international standards (OIE)
- Access for more countries to carry out high-level diagnoses and expert valuations > high detection / rapid response
- Build and maintain a scientific community in beneficiary countries

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Initial veterinary training

- Consideration of the priority components of Global Public Good
- National meshing
- Adaptation to market demand
- World Conference of Deans
- National report on initial training



OIE focal points

National Specialist focal points:

- > Aquatic animal diseases
- > Wildlife
- > Sanitary information systems
- > Veterinary medicinal products
- > Animal Welfare
- > Animal production food safety

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Conclusions

- Dangers of deregulation
- > Public and private alliances
- Chain of commands / networks
- territorial meshing Incentives (training, income, medicinal products …)
- > Initial and continuous training
- > Applied research



Thank you for your attention



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