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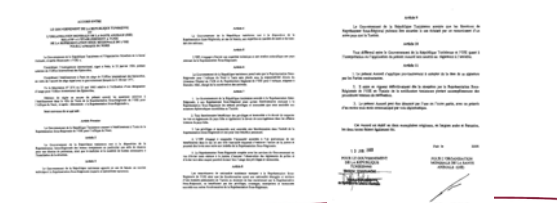

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1- OIE Sub Regional Representation for North Africa

The OIE Sub-Regional Representation for North Africa was established in Tunis (Tunisia) following an agreement signed January 13, 2009 between the OIE and the Government of Tunisia

It sits in a building made available to the OIE by the Ministry of Agriculture of Tunisia.



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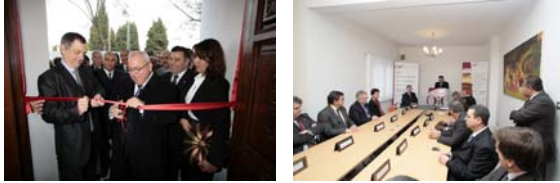


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Inauguration OIE Sub-Regional Representation in Tunis :

On Tuesday, January 26, 2010, the Director General of the OIE, Dr Bernard Vallat and the Tunisian Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources inaugurated the OIE offices in Tunis in the presence of OIE Delegates, Heads of Veterinary Services of countries of North Africa (Algeria, Mauritania, Libya and Tunisia; Morocco was represented by the Director of Animal Health) and of southern Europe (France, Italy, Portugal and Spain).



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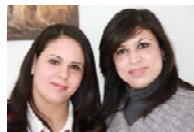


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2- OIE regional stratégies

OIE Sub Regional Representation for North Africa has been established to cover the five member countries of the OIE in the region (Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Mauritania, Tunisia) in conjunction with the OIE Regional Representation for Africa based in Bamako (Mali) and the Arab Maghreb Union (UMA in french) which has its headquarters in Rabat, Morocco.

For certain activities in connection with GF-TADs and the RAHCs (CRSA's), Egypt is also associated.



The specific aim of the OIE Sub-Regional Representation for North Africa is to provide OIE Members in the sub-region with suitably adapted local services in order to strengthen animal disease surveillance and control.

The Representation will thereby help to improve the quality of information on animal diseases and promote the harmonisation of disease control methods, in close collaboration with national and international animal health services in the region.

It will also be involved in implementing, for the North Africa region, recommendations, strategies and action plans validated by the OIE's higher authorities.



OIE – FAO Regional animal health center for North Africa (RAHC-NA)

- North Africa : Document signed in March 2009
- Chart "OIE - FAO complementarities and synergies"



Special areas of intervention for the OIE

- Evaluation of the Veterinary Services to help Governments and donor agencies target their investments in the field of animal health
- Capacity building of OIE Delegates and their staff (focal points for animal health information, wildlife diseases, animal welfare, aquatic animal diseases and veterinary medicinal products and vaccines)
- Actions aimed at improving the disease notification system and animal welfare activities
- Dissemination of animal health information
- Harmonization and technical monitoring of emergency response plans
- Support to regional and international trade of animals and animal products
- Support to national laboratories to become Reference Laboratories whenever relevant



Special areas of intervention for the FAO

- Investigations into the OIE of migratory birds in the spread of avian influenza
- Training in laboratory diagnosis and support for regional networks of laboratories and epidemiological surveillance teams
- Support for feasibility studies for national and regional investment programmes
- Provision of technical assistance, both for the Centre and at a national level to support the implementation of programmes
- Support for the development of national and regional avian influenza and other transboundary animal diseases control strategies.

Common areas of intervention

- Definition of control strategies
- Preparation of investment programmes for sustainable strengthening of the Veterinary Services
- Preparation of a regional avian influenza control programme
- Support for laboratories
- Dissemination of technical information
 - Public awareness and information campaigns
 - Monitoring and evaluation of actions in the field
 - Harmonization of emergency response plans
 - Support for the development of national and regional avian influenza and other transboundary animal diseases control strategies
 - Networking and exchange of data and information with other regions
 - Support for the development of control programmes for transboundary diseases and their sub-regional and regional coordination, and for associated training



The present Agreement will start at the date of the signature by the two parties. It will remain valid until the signature of an FAO/OIE/AU-IBAR Tripartite Agreement related to the Regional Animal Health Centres in Africa. The Tripartite Agreement will replace the bilateral FAO OIE previous agreement in all its articles.

For the OIE,

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Director General
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Done on 4/11/09

For the FAO,

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Done on 13/01/2009



3- OIE Tunis Activities (North Africa)

Among others in 2009 : training workshop on advanced WAHIS, (Tunis, 11-13 November) : 19 participants from 17 African countries participated in this training.



- The 2010 work plan is established **under the authority of the Director General of the OIE.**
- It will enable the Sub-Regional Representation of the OIE for North Africa to gradually confirm its role as a **leader for Animal Health in the Sub - region** (mandate of the OIE).



- The OIE Sub-Regional Representation in Tunisia will be involved as a key actor in all **OIE projects for capacity building of Veterinary Services in North Africa.** This will include the implementation of the **overall process called PVS (Performance of Veterinary Services), the OIE twinning of Collaborating Centres and Reference Laboratories with existing institutions in the sub region, the strengthening of sanitary legislation and the training of OIE Delegates and focal points.**
- Twinning projects will contribute in particular to strengthen the veterinary scientific community in the region to participate in **international arbitration on the preparation and adoption of global health standards** published by the OIE and Codex Alimentarius.



- the work plan will be structured around **4 OIE priorities** :
 - **overall process called PVS (Performance of Veterinary Services)**
 - **Training of OIE Delegates and OIE focal points,**
 - **Development of OIE twinning projects in the region,**
 - **Support for Official OIE sanitary status (FMD in particular).**
- The RSR in Tunisia will also **liaise with OIE headquarters in Paris** for any OIE programs conducted in the sub-region in partnership with other organizations such as FAO (GF-TADS), AU-IBAR, the UMA, WTO, WHO and the World Bank.



Djerba, Tunisia, from 7 to 9 December 2010

The **first World Conference on the modernisation of veterinary legislation and good governance in animal health** will be held in Djerba, Tunisia, from 7 to 9 December 2010.

Approximately 400 participants from around the world are expected to attend this conference



Thank you for your attention



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