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WEBINAR

Regional Training of National OIE Focal Points for Wildlife

Intermediate cycle training round

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Member experiences: COORDINATING WILDLIFE DISEASE REPORTING BETWEEN COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

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Wildlife disease reporting

- Wildlife disease investigation in Uganda is coordinated by Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA), a statutory government agency mandated to manage and coordinate all activities related to wildlife resources in the country.
- Other partners/stakeholders involved in wildlife disease reporting include the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (National Veterinary Service) in accordance with the Animal Diseases Act, Cap 38. The academia, research institutions, private veterinarians and NGOs
- Other than the National Veterinary Service, the other stakeholders report wildlife diseases to UWA
- Communication is coordinated through emails, automatic notifications, quarterly reporting and annual research symposia
- There is regular and consistent coordination with the OIE Focal Point for disease notification for wildlife disease reporting

Successful aspects of coordination

- Access to conduct surveys, surveillance and health related research in wildlife, both inside and outside wildlife protected areas is with approvals from Uganda Wildlife Authority in accordance with the Wildlife Act, 2019, Wildlife Policy 2014 and Monitoring and Research guidelines 2016. The legal frameworks provide for sharing of data and reports on wildlife health related work in the country with the institution
- There exists frameworks through MoUs between UWA and all stakeholders working on wildlife health in the country and is coordinated through the Communication Strategy developed in 2020
- National One Health Platform established in 2016 also provides a framework for coordination of disease reporting across sectors

Challenges faced in coordinating wildlife disease reporting

- Research and academic institutions undertaking academic research have been non responsive to share/report/notify on their findings prior to publications
- How have you overcome this challenge, or how do you plan to overcome it?
- Regular engagements through meetings to create awareness on the significance and need for timeliness and transparency in animal disease reporting in country and globally, control strategies to guarantee food safety, public health and animal welfare.

Support from OIE

- Development and updating WAHIS-Wild platform with upgraded modules
- Routine training of Wildlife Focal Points on the use of wildlife disease reporting tools
- Timely and consistent provision of global animal health situation and other emerging issues that affect animal health, food safety and global trade

Thank you for your attention!

