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**26th Conference of the WOA Regional Commission for Africa**  
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 4 - 7 February 2025

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

**SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2025**

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Arrival of participants for the AMR Workshop

**MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2025**

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**Regional Workshop on Advocacy on Commitment Towards  
the UNGA High Level Meeting (UNGA- HLM) on AMR**

8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Arrival and Registration of participants and distribution of Workshop materials

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Africa Regional Workshop on Advocacy on Commitment Towards the UNGA HLM

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Arrival of participants and distribution of materials for the Regional Conference

**TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2025**

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8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Africa Room: Arrival of participants / Conference registration and distribution of materials

8:45 a.m. Arrival of Dignitaries - Africa Room

9:00 a.m. **Opening Session: (Director of Ceremonies - Ethiopia)**

Introductions, Remarks and Official opening

11:00 a.m. Tour of exhibition stalls/Posters session  
Break/Refreshments/ Group Photo

11:30 a.m. Move to Conference room No. 5

11:45 a.m. Approval of the Programme  
Appointment of the Conference Committee  
(Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, General Rapporteur)  
Appointment of session chairpersons and rapporteurs  
(Technical items and Animal Health Situation)

12:00 p.m. Empowering Veterinary Services, Increasing Visibility and Modernising WOA to Face Animal Health Challenges (Dr Emmanuelle Soubeyran, WOA Director General)

12:40 p.m. Discussion

1:00 p.m. Lunch

2:00 p.m. Host country presentation and discussion Ethiopia experience (TBD) (Dr Fikru Regassa (WOAH Delegate of Ethiopia)

2:20 p.m. Discussion

- 2:30 p.m. **Technical item I** (with questionnaire): Control and eradication of CBPP in Africa: Challenges and Strategies for a CBPP Free Africa (Dr Musa Mulongo, Senior Scientist & TAHSSL Platform Coordinator. ILRI)
- 3:00 p.m. Discussions
- 3:30 p.m. Outcomes of the second SGE CBPP (Lusaka, Zambia)  
(Viola Chemis, WOAHA Regional Activities Department) (virtual)
- 3:50 p.m. Discussion
- 4:00 p.m. Break  
*(Preparation of Recommendation No.1 by designated small group)*
- 4:30 p.m. Wildlife framework: Engaging discussions and collecting feedback for a wildlife strategy and health programme adapted to Members needs - Interactive Session (Dr Sophie Muset, WOAHA Preparedness and Resilience Department)
- 5:30 p.m. Elevating International Animal Welfare Standards in Africa (Dr Patrick Bastiaensen, Regional Programmes Coordinator, WOAHA Sub-Regional Representation for Eastern Africa)
- 6:00 p.m. End of the session  
  
Official dinner offered by Ethiopia

### **WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2025**

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- 8:00 a.m. Arrival of participants (Conference room 5)
- 8:30 a.m. **Technical item II** (without questionnaire): Veterinary Services and food safety: challenges and perspectives for policy development in the context of market unification on a continental scale. (Prof. Malek Zrelli, Tunisia)
- 9:00 a.m. Discussion
- 9:30 a.m. WOAHA Standards, SPS, Trade and the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA)  
(Dr Moetapele Letshwenyo, WOAHA Sub-Regional Representative for Southern Africa)
- 9:50 a.m. Discussion
- 10:00 a.m. Break  
*Preparation of Recommendation No. 2 by designated small group*
- 10:30 p.m. WOAHA Standards Setting Process panel discussion: Aquatic Code and Manual, Terrestrial Code and Manual and feedback on the standards training
- 11:30 a.m. Increasing the Adoption of Quality Vaccines for Livestock Diseases in Africa (Dr Charles Bodjo, Director AU PANVAC)
- 12:00 a.m. Emergency Preparedness and Health Security Threats (Ian Busuulwa, WOAHA Sub Regional Representation Eastern Africa and Dr Francesco. Valentini, WOAHA Sub Regional Representation for North Africa)
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. Eradication of *Peste des petits ruminants* (PPR) in Africa (panel discussion followed by open Q&A session)
- 3:30 p.m. Africa Public Private Partnership Forum in the Veterinary Domain (Dr Rahul Shrivastava, WOAHA Capacity-Building Department)
- 4:00 p.m. Break

- 4:30 p.m. Eradicating Rabies in Gambia: A Journey Towards Zero by 2030 (Dr Abdou Ceesay Delegate of Gambia)
- 5:00 p.m. Discussion of recommendations Nos. 1 and 2
- 6:00 p.m. End of the day
- Official dinner offered by WOAH

#### **THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2025**

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- 8:00 a.m. Arrival of participants
- 8:30 a.m. Establishing and strengthening aquatic animal health networks in Africa (Dr Patrick Bastiaensen, Sub-Regional Representation for Eastern Africa)
- 8:50 a.m. Discussion
- 9:00 a.m. Ensuring a More Resilient Veterinary Workforce for Africa: Outcomes of the second Regional Veterinary WFD Conference, Nairobi, Kenya. (Dr Neo Mapitse, Sub Regional Representative for Eastern Africa)
- 9:20 a.m. Discussion
- 9:30 a.m. WAHIS: what has changed, and what is in it for you (presentation and panel discussion) (Dr Jenny Hutchison, Head of World Animal Health Information and Analysis Department)
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 11:00 a.m. The PVS Information System: Objectives, access to, and use of PVS data (Ms Jennifer Lasley, WOAH Capacity Building Department) (all participants should bring their computer/tablet to this session)
- 12:30 p.m. The New WOAH Standards Navigation tool (Dr Ronald Mora, WOAH Standards Department)
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. WOAH Africa Workplan 2025-26 (Dr Karim Tounkara, WOAH Regional Representative for Africa)
- 2:20 p.m. Discussion
- 3:30 p.m. Follow up of the last Conference recommendations (Dr Emmanuelle Soubeyran)
- 4:30 p.m. Conference conclusions and Adoption of Recommendations
- 5:30 p.m. Proposal of date and venue of the 27th Conference of the Regional Commission for Africa
- 5:45 p.m. Closing ceremony

#### **FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2025**

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Technical/Cultural visit

Organised by Ethiopia

- 1:00 p.m. End of the Conference/Lunch