



The Director General

Paris, 6 September 2022

Dr Carolin Schumacher
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Dear Dr Schumacher,

We have the honor to refer to the recent discussions between the representatives of the World Organisation for Animal Health, whose statutory name is *Office International des Epizooties* (WOAH) and the Global Alliance for Livestock Veterinary Medicines (GALVmed) with respect to collaboration in the areas of our mutual interests, namely supporting provision of quality veterinary services and products to small-scale livestock producers in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia, thereby contributing to ensure animal health and related food security and safety in these geographical areas.

Following these conversations, two key areas of immediate collaboration were identified:

- Sharing expertise and data, in the context of the GBADs project, with the objective to improve the knowledge of the burden of animal diseases and assess and compare potential impacts of various control measures, in order to support increased public and private investments. This collaboration will benefit both entities and reduce overlap of work in the following agreed ways: (i) data from GBADs will improve global and national prioritisation work in GALVmed, and (ii) data from GALVmed on veterinary products and services inputs to small scale producers will improve GBADs animal health burden estimations.
- Collaborating on advocacy and resource mobilization, including by the private sector through Public-Private Partnerships (PPP), to support programmes for the effective and sustainable control of transboundary animal diseases, with a focus on Africa and Asia. This collaboration will materialize with the chairing of the GF-TADs Partnerships and Financing Panel (PFP) by GALVmed CEO, starting in July 2022.

Beyond these specific identified topics, which could evolve upon mutual written agreement, the envisaged collaboration will be based on the following general principles:

1. GALVmed and WOAH agree that, with a view to facilitating the accomplishment of their respective tasks, they will act in collaboration and keep one another informed concerning matters of common interest through regular exchanges as necessary and a partnership meeting at least every year.
2. Unless agreed otherwise in writing, the collaboration between GALVmed and WOAH does not impose any financial commitment on either organisation. Each organisation will make appropriate arrangements and bear its own costs for their respective participation in meetings, seminars and conferences during which matters of common interest will be discussed, in conformity with their rules applicable to such participation.

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3. The exchange of any confidential information between GALVmed and WOAH will be subject to signing of a Confidentiality Agreement between them. GALVmed and WOAH acknowledge that there would be instances where different and/or more specific agreement(s) is required and will take the necessary steps to ensure that such agreement(s) is put in place.
4. Depending on the circumstances, WOAH might elect to make GBADs data available only after the signing of a data sharing agreement or other appropriate agreements.

Nothing in this exchange of letters will be construed as granting or implying rights to, or interest in, intellectual property of the parties. Except to the extent addressed by a subsequent and separate written agreement concluded by the parties, each party shall retain all rights, title, and interest in and to any materials developed by or on behalf of such party, or otherwise acquired by such party, prior to the exchange of letters or in furtherance of the objectives of this exchange of letters during its term, and any modifications thereto.

In the event that the parties foresee that intellectual property that can be protected will be created in relation to any project, programme, or activity to be carried out under this exchange of letters, the parties will agree on the terms of its ownership and use in the relevant separate written agreement to be concluded.

If these principles are acceptable to your organisation, please indicate your acceptance by signing this below and returning a signed copy to us.

Best regards,



Monique Eloit

Position: Director General



Signed on behalf of GALVmed by: Carolin Schumacher

Position: Chief Executive Officer

Date: ...30th September 2022.....