

Brief introduction to the World Organisation for Animal Health

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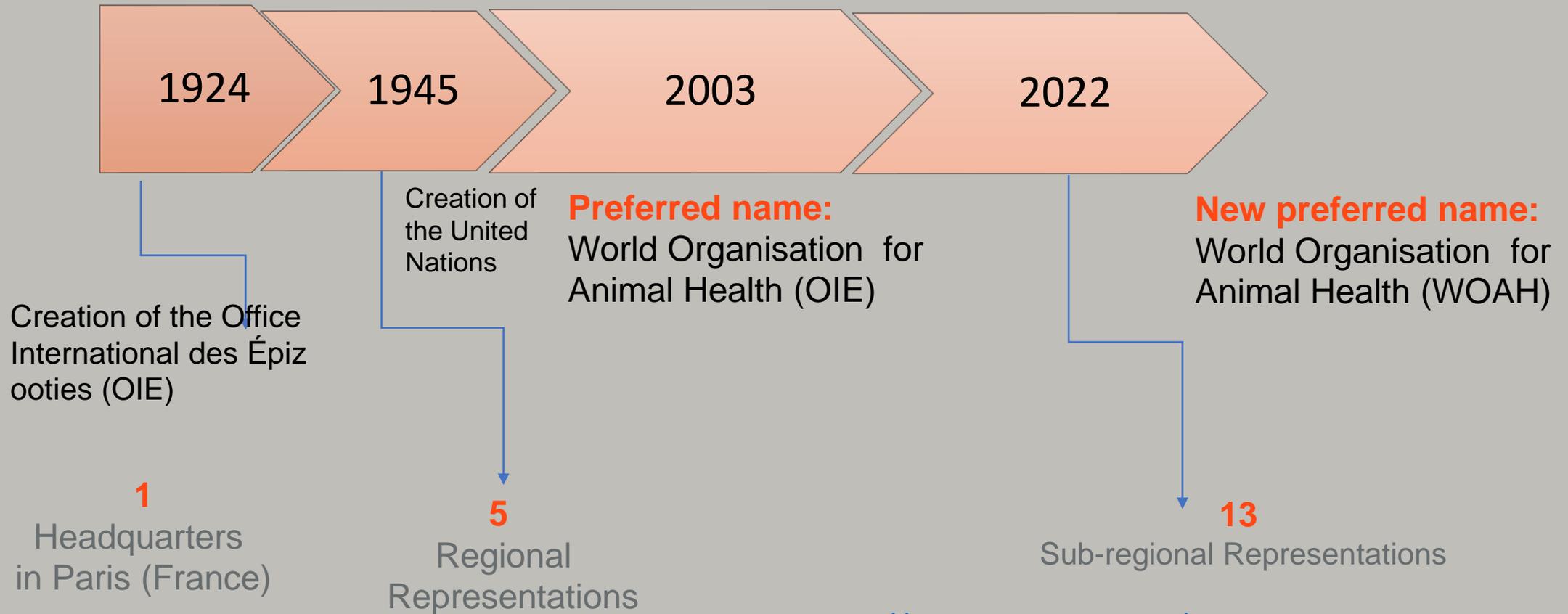
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An international, technical and science-based Organisation.

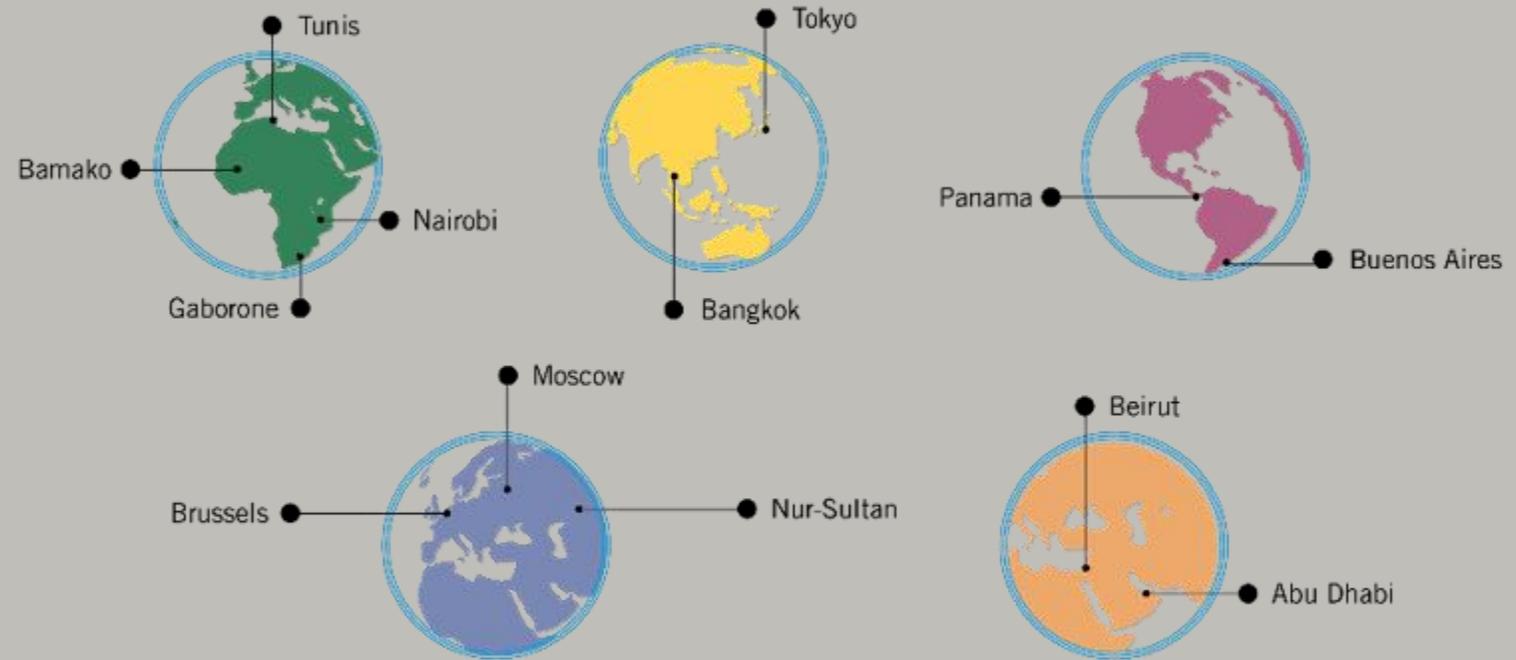


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Regional (RR) and Sub-regional (SRR) Representations

Under the direct authority of the Director General
Collaborate closely with Regional Commissions





182 Member Countries





WOAH's core missions

STANDARDS

TRANSPARENCY

EXPERTISE

SOLIDARITY



Terrestrial and Aquatic Animal Health Codes



World Animal Health Information System



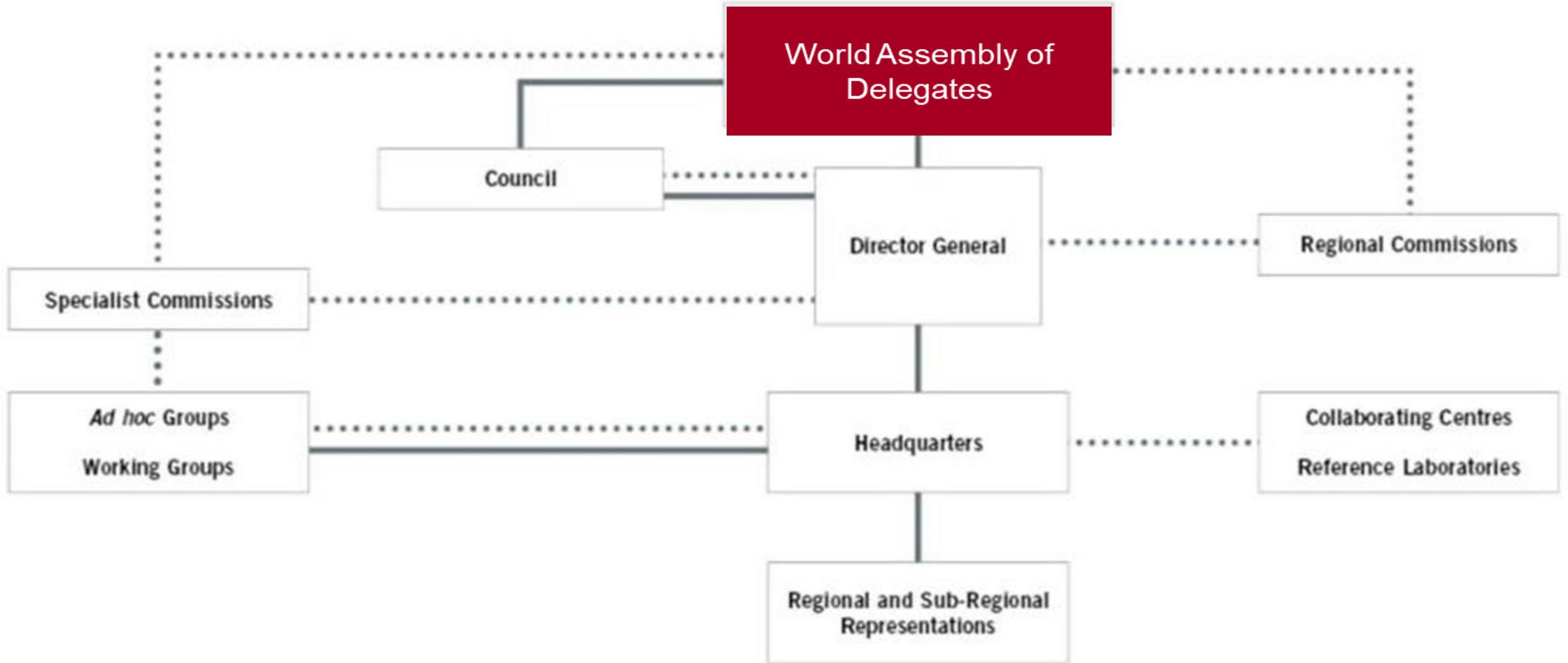
Worldwide Network through the WOAHP Reference Laboratories and Collaborating Centres



Strengthen and Improve National Animal Health Systems



Governance structures of the WOAH



— Authority relations
..... Functional relations



World Assembly of Delegates,

Highest authority of WOA

- Composed of all national delegates
- Convenes at least once a year in May
- **Adopts WOA Standards published in the Codes and Manuals**



1 Member = 1 vote



The Delegate

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National Representative for the WOAH



- Responsible for negotiating international veterinary standards
- Notification to the WOAH of the national animal disease situation
- National representative with international status

Appointed by the national government
(most frequently, the country's Chief Veterinary Officer)



National Focal Points

8 areas of expertise

Aquatic animals

Communication

Wildlife

Animal welfare

Animal disease notification

Animal production food safety

Veterinary products-AMR

Veterinary Laboratories

Appointed by the Delegate



Assist the Delegate to

- **Comment on draft standards** proposed by the WOAH
- **Prepare and implement appropriate legislation**

Technical contact points for the WOAH regional offices and Headquarters

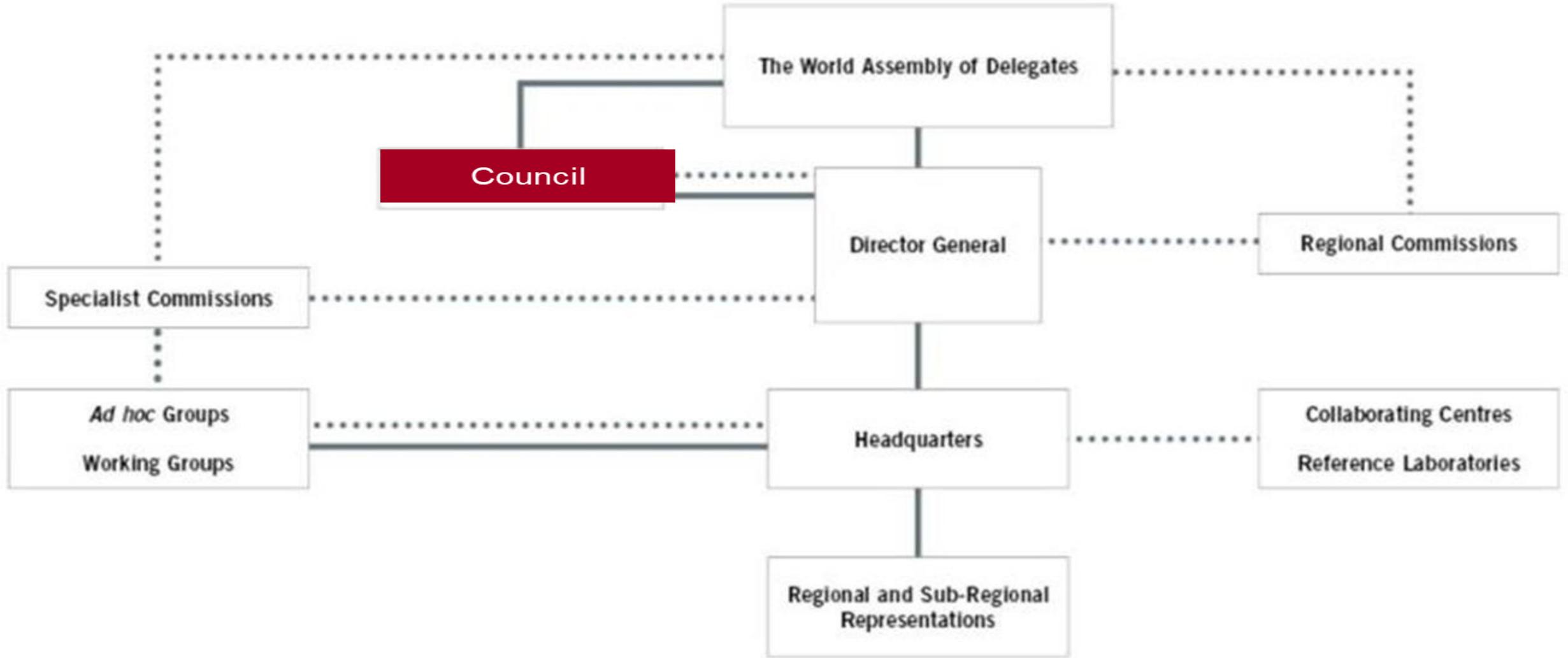
- Under the authority of the Delegate

Information exchange and international **networking**





Governance structures of the OIE



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Represents the World Assembly of Delegates

- Members elected by OIE Delegates

3-year Term

Functions

- Examines the technical and administrative documents prepared by the Director General and submitted to each Member Country prior to the World Assembly of Delegates
- Approves the WOAHA's provisional budget and monitors its implementation
- Represents the World Assembly of Delegates between General Sessions



Address specific local issues



- Can be fully considered as **regional institutions**
- Board composed of **4** Delegates elected for a **3-year** term of office by the World Assembly
- Regional Commission Conférences
 - Every 2 years
 - In one of the countries of the region
- **Recommendations** submitted to the World Assembly for approval and implementation by the Director General
- Meet annually during the World Assembly



President

Dr Honoré Robert N'Lemba Mabela (Dem. Rep. of the Congo)

Vice-Presidents

Dr Letlhogile Modisa (Botswana)

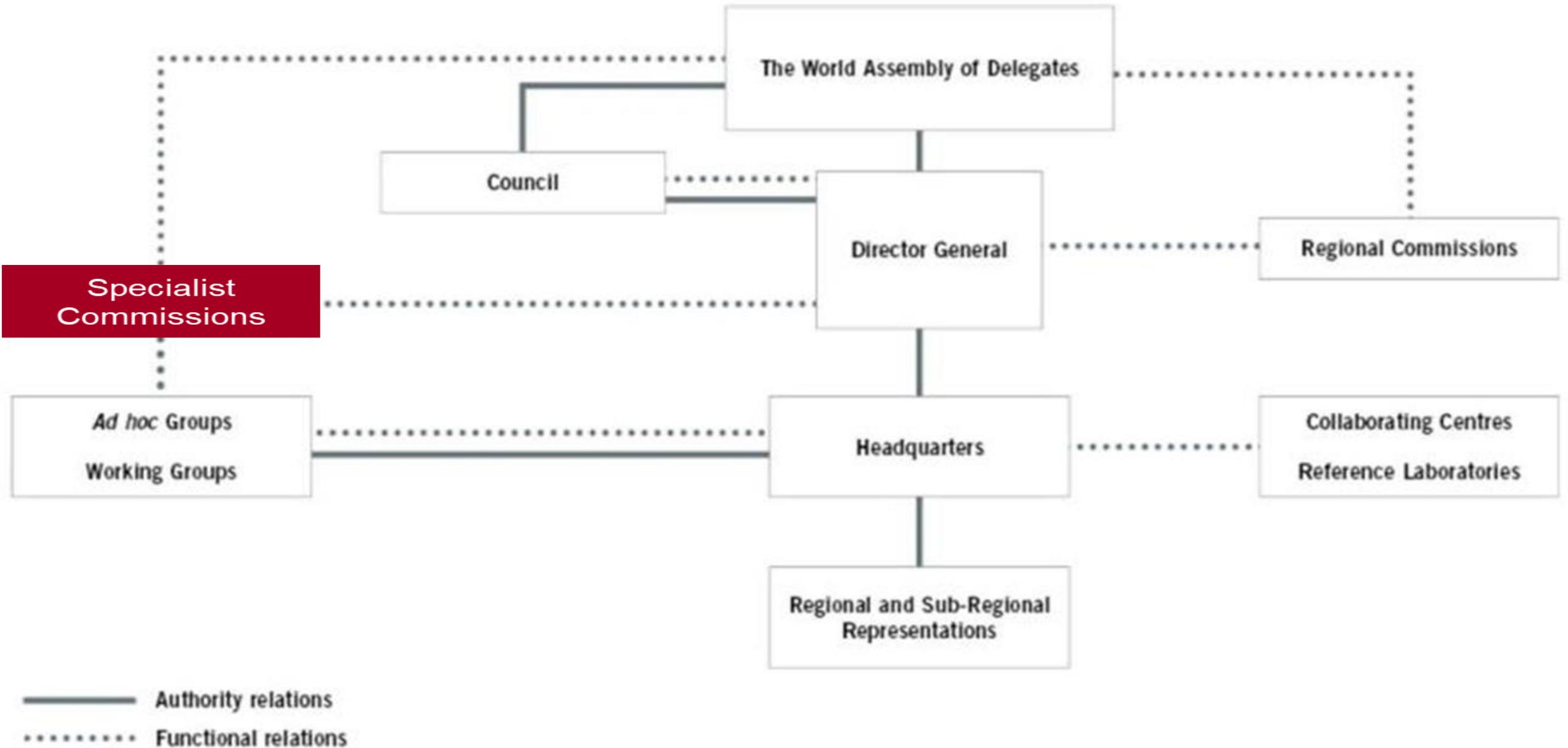
Dr Mbargou Lo (Senegal)

Secretary General

Dr Anna Rose Ademun Okurut (Uganda)



Governance structures of the WOAH





- Elected by the World Assembly of Delegates

3-year Term

Functions

- Study **epidemiological** and **scientific** issues
 - Animal disease prevention and control methods
- Develop, update and propose international **standards** and **guidelines** for adoption by the World Assembly of Delegates
- Study **scientific** and **technical** issues raised by Members, excluding **trade** issues for which the Director General may propose mediation



Specialist Commissions

Terrestrial Animal Health Standards
Commission

Code Commission

- Annually updates the OIE Terrestrial Code and specific standards, recommendations and guidelines

Scientific Commission for Animal
Diseases

Scientific Commission

- Supports strategies and identification measures for
 - Disease surveillance
 - Disease prevention and control
- Submits corresponding proposals to the Code Commission
- Examines Members' requests regarding their animal health status

Aquatic Animal Health Standards
Commission

Aquatic Animal Commission

- Annually updates the OIE Aquatic Code and Manual
- Formulates recommendations relating to the prevention and control of diseases of fish, molluscs, crustaceans and amphibians

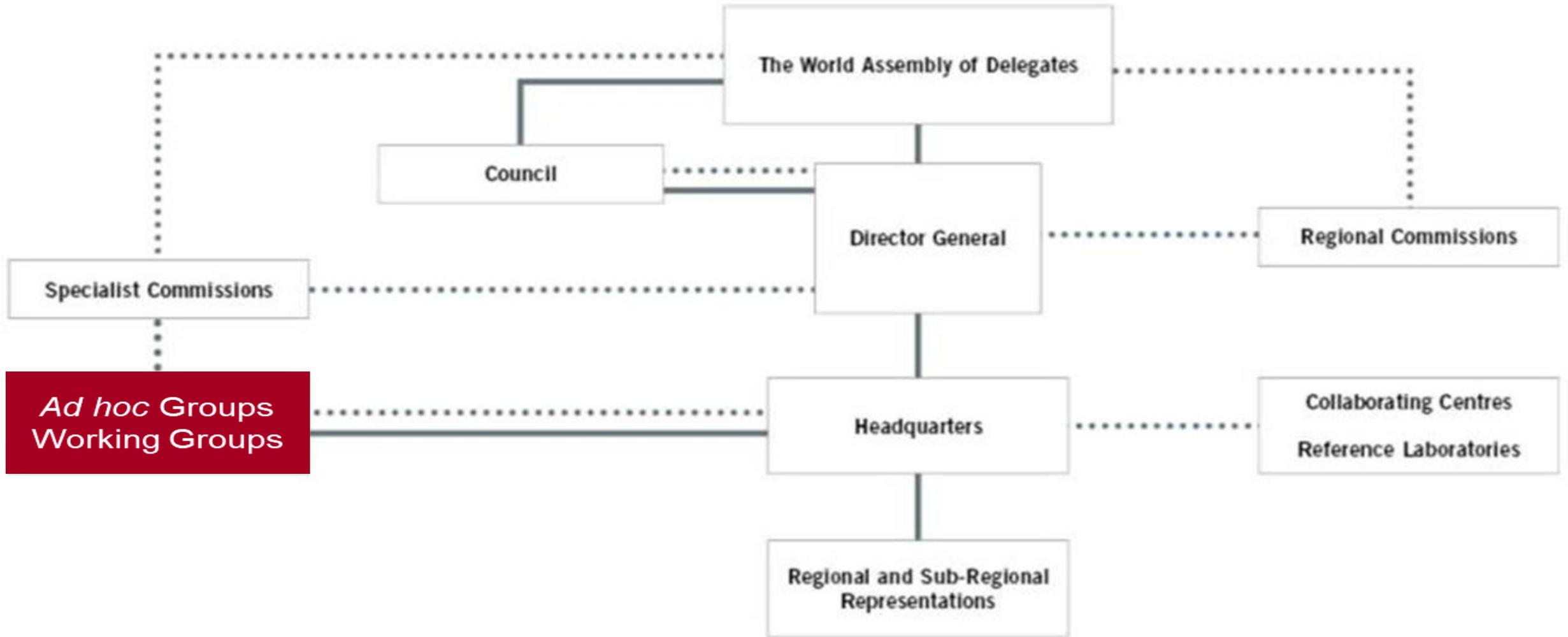
Biological Standards Commission

Laboratories Commission

- Develops diagnostic methods for diseases in mammals, birds and bees
- Defines quality criteria of biological products, including vaccines
- Oversees the development of the Terrestrial Manual
- Supports the Director General in supervising the global network of OIE Reference Centres



Governance structures of the WOA



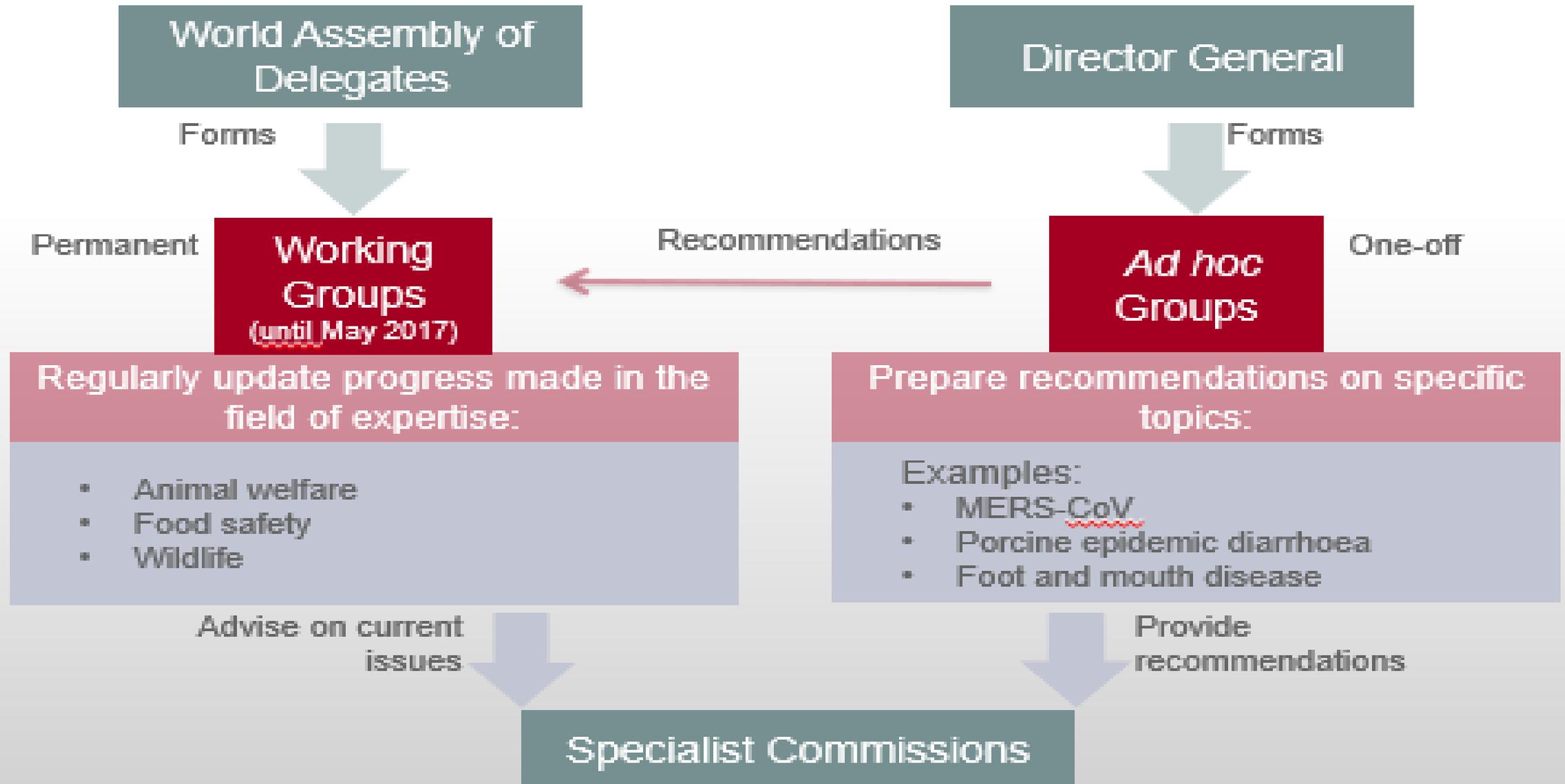
*Ad hoc Groups
Working Groups*

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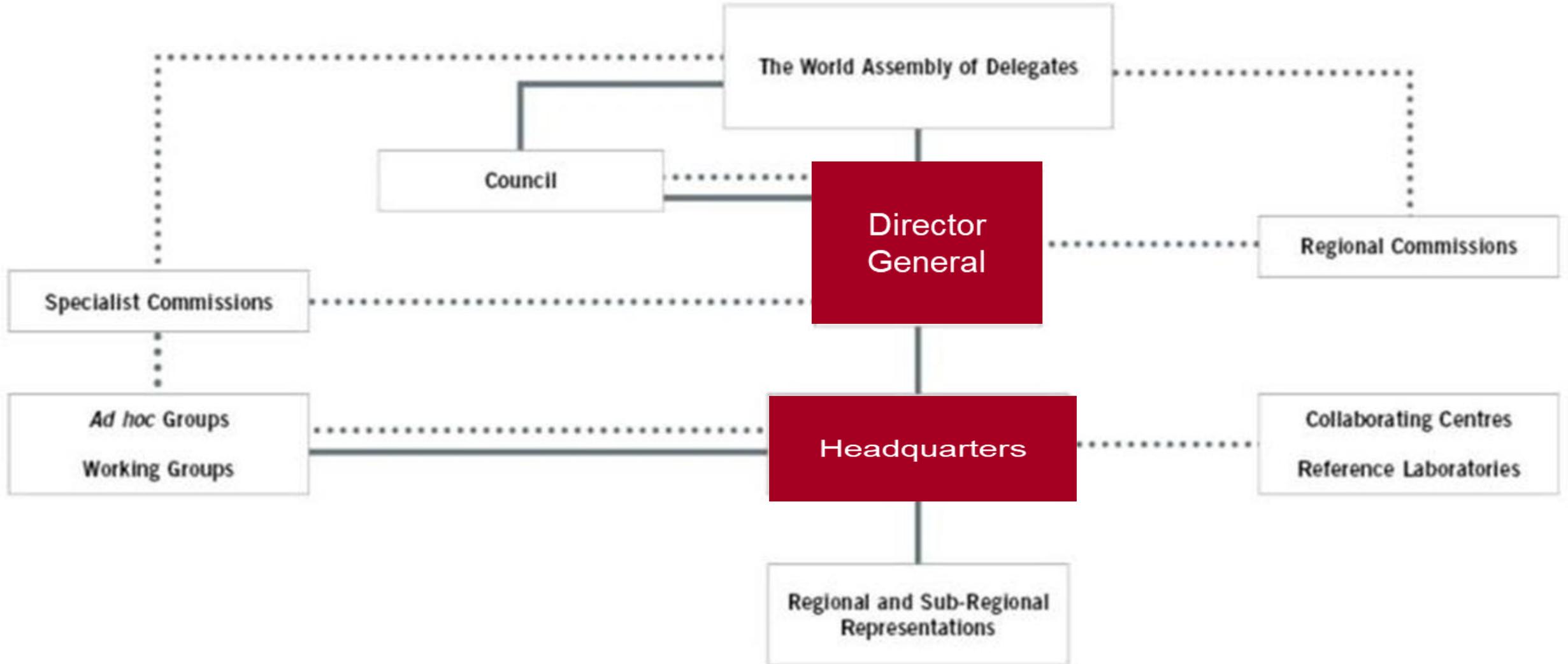
Ad hoc and Working Groups

Internationally renowned experts from the Reference Centres





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Director General

Since 1 January 2016

- Elected in May 2015 by the World Assembly of national Delegates
- 1st woman elected to this position, re-elected May 2021



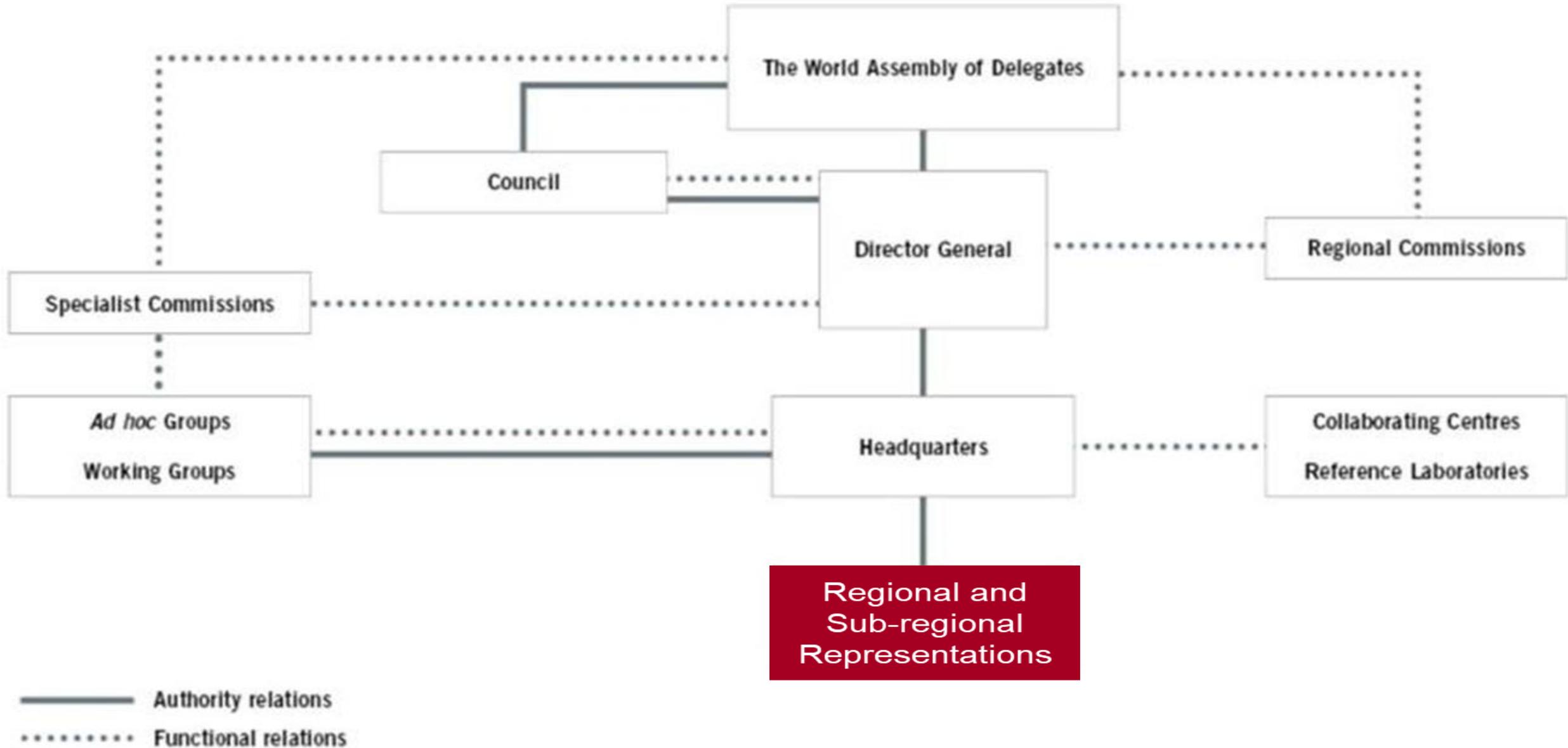
Two - 5-year
Terms

2016-2020
2021-2026

Dr Monique Éloit



Governance structures of the WOHAI





Africa

<https://rr-africa.woah.org>



Regional Representative

Dr Karim Tounkara
Bamako (Mali)

Sub-Regional Representatives

- Southern Africa: Dr Moetapele Letshwenyo
- North Africa: Dr Rachid Bouguedour
- Eastern Africa: Dr Samuel Wakhusama

Regional Commission

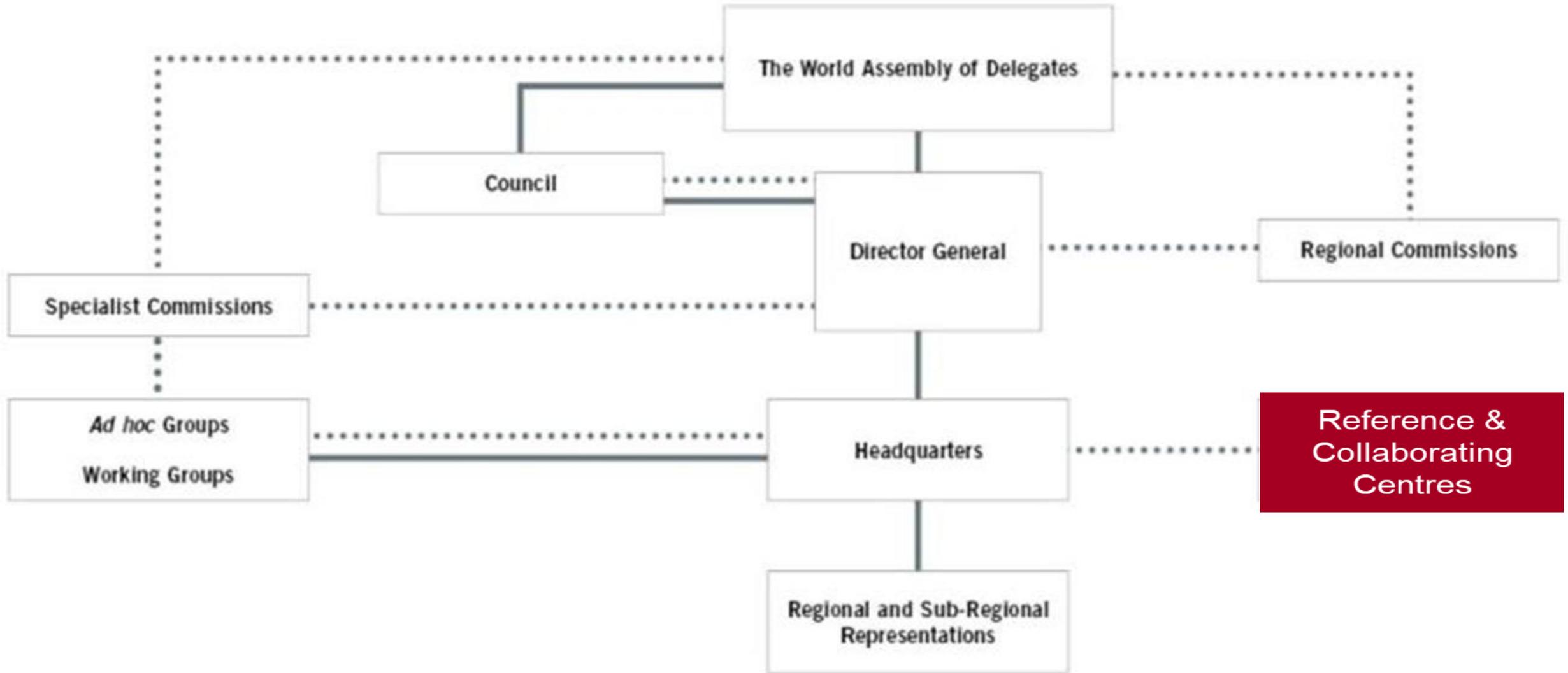
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members



A country can be a member of several Regional Commissions



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Reference & Collaborating Centres

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Reference and collaborating Centres

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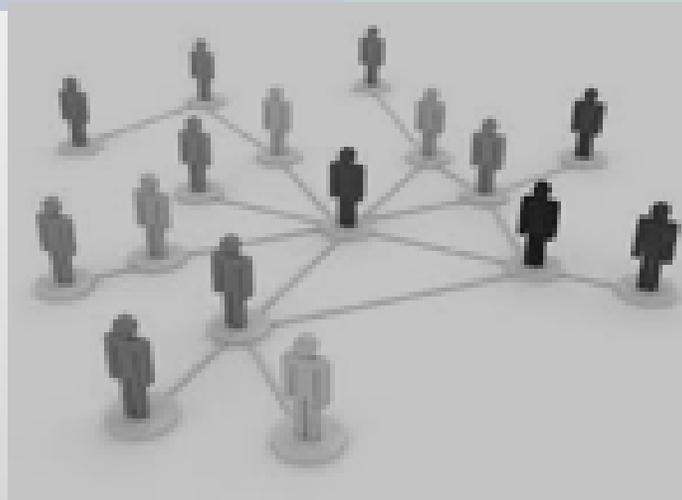
Reference Centres

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Reference Laboratories

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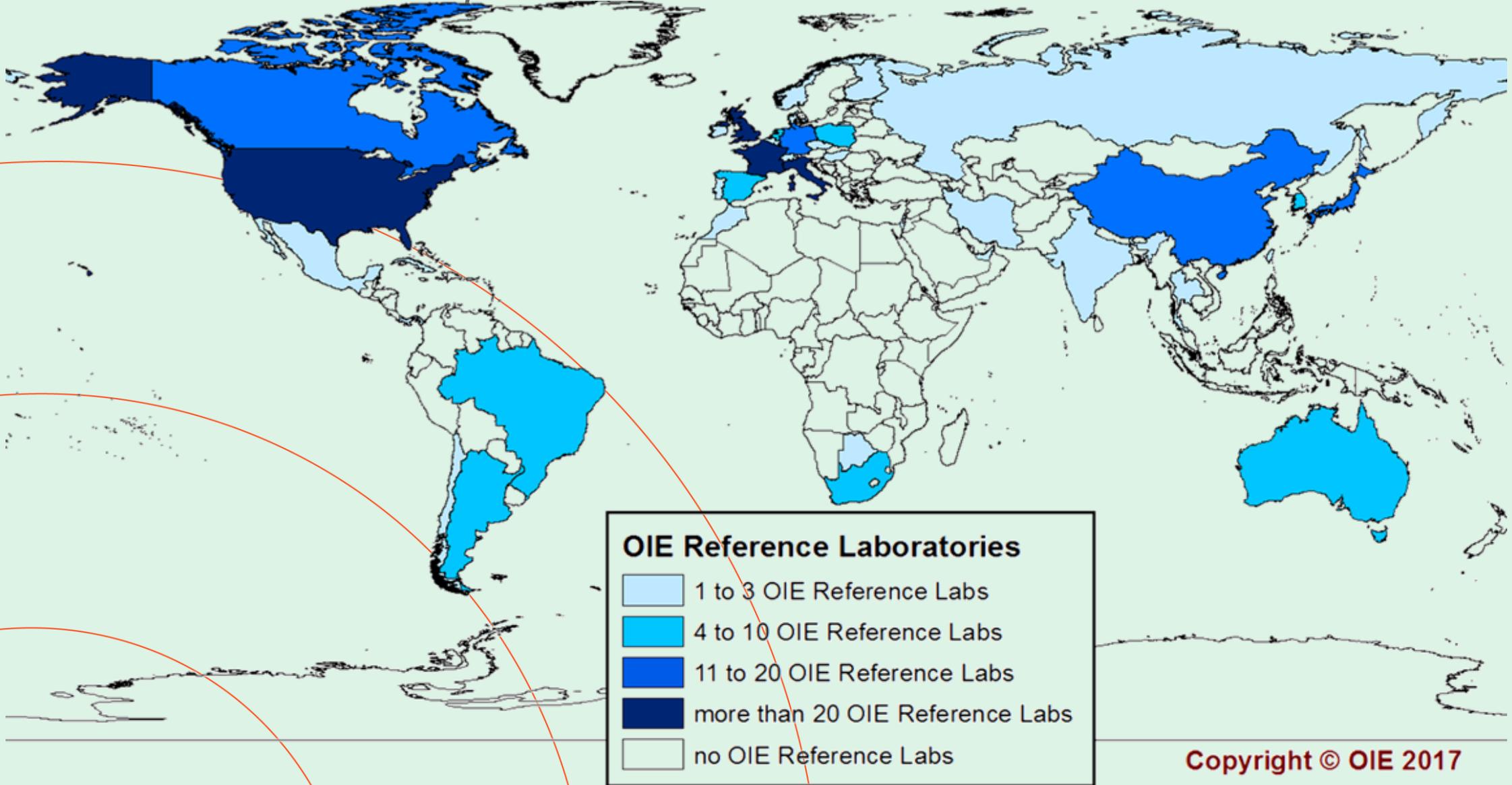
Collaborating Centres





WOAH Reference Laboratories

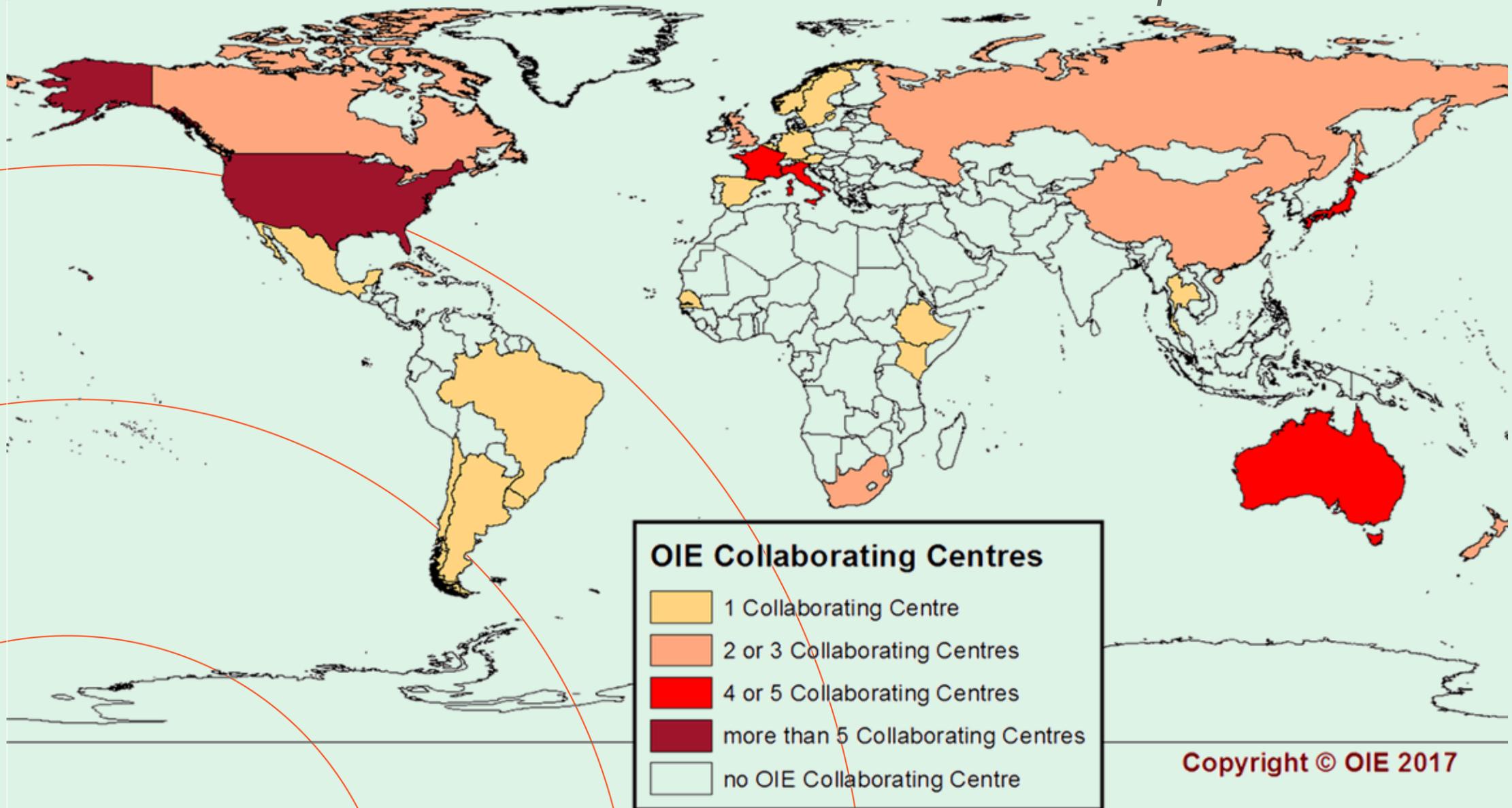
Expert Centres for animal diseases





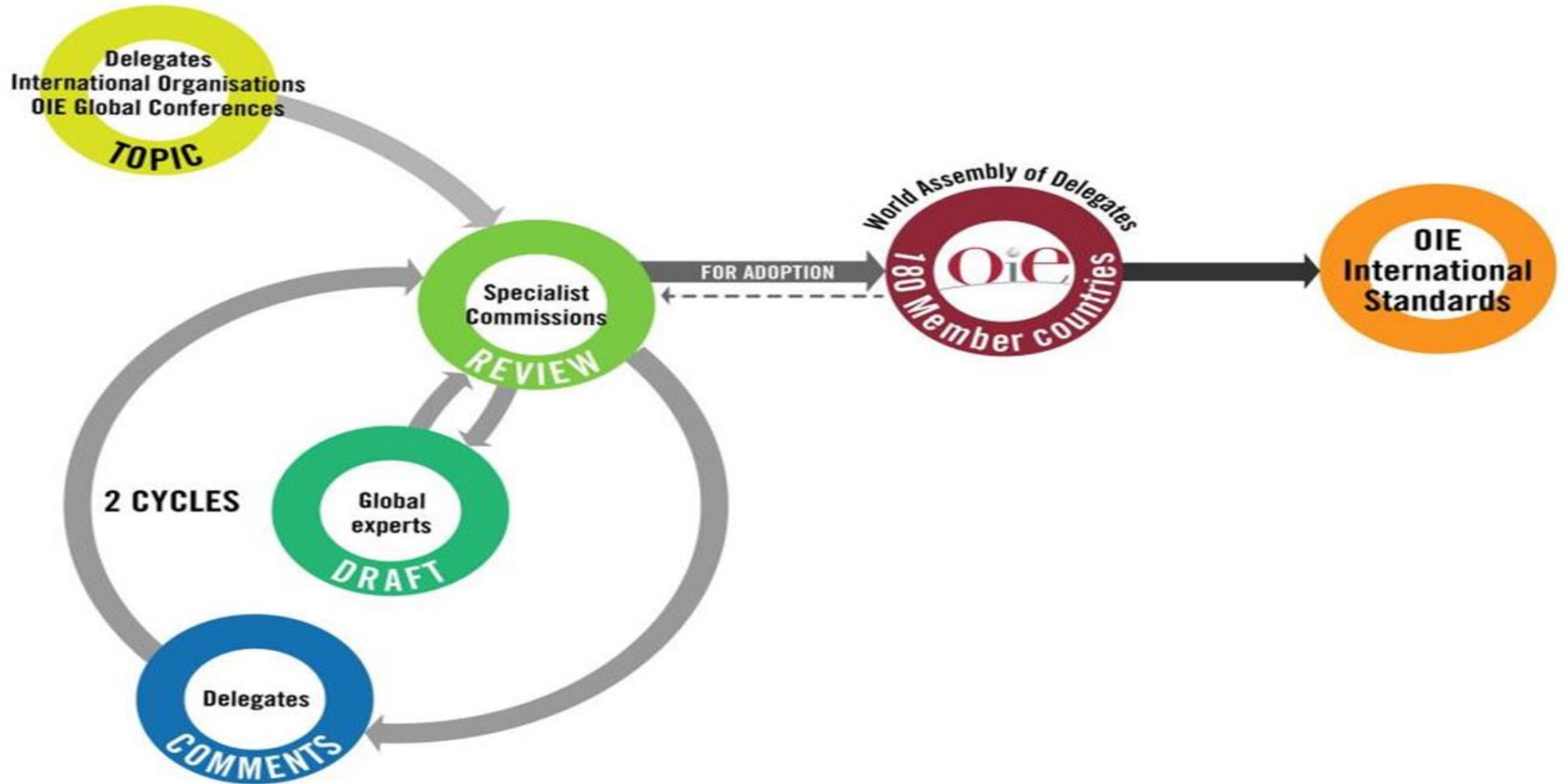
WOAH Collaborating Centres

Centres of excellence on horizontal topics





WOAH standard-setting process



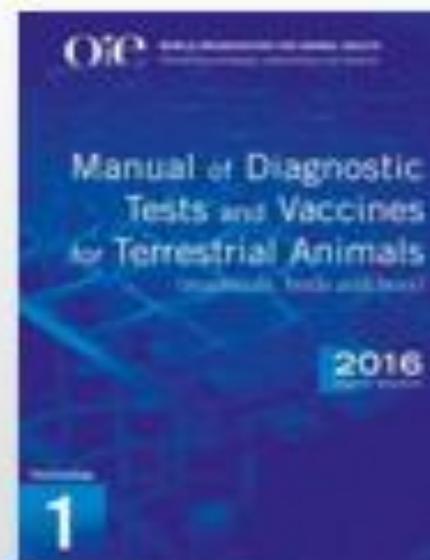
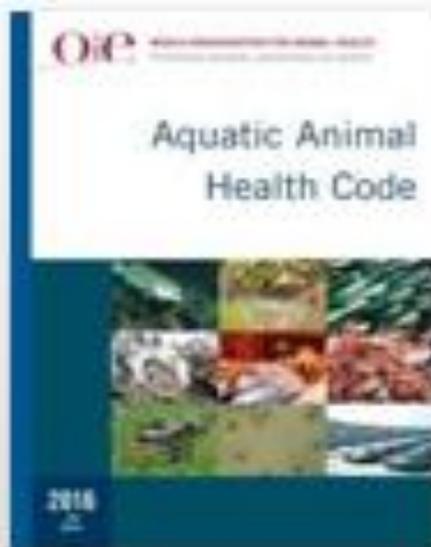
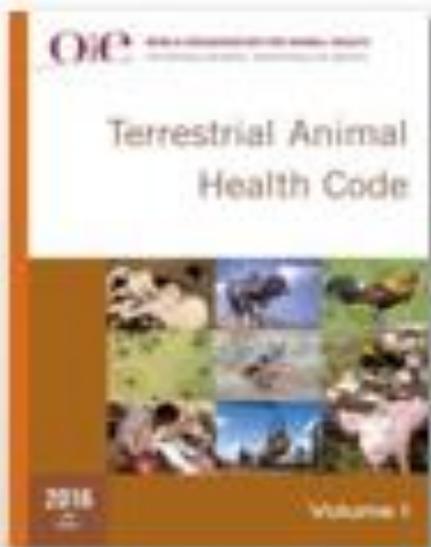


CODES

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- Aquatic

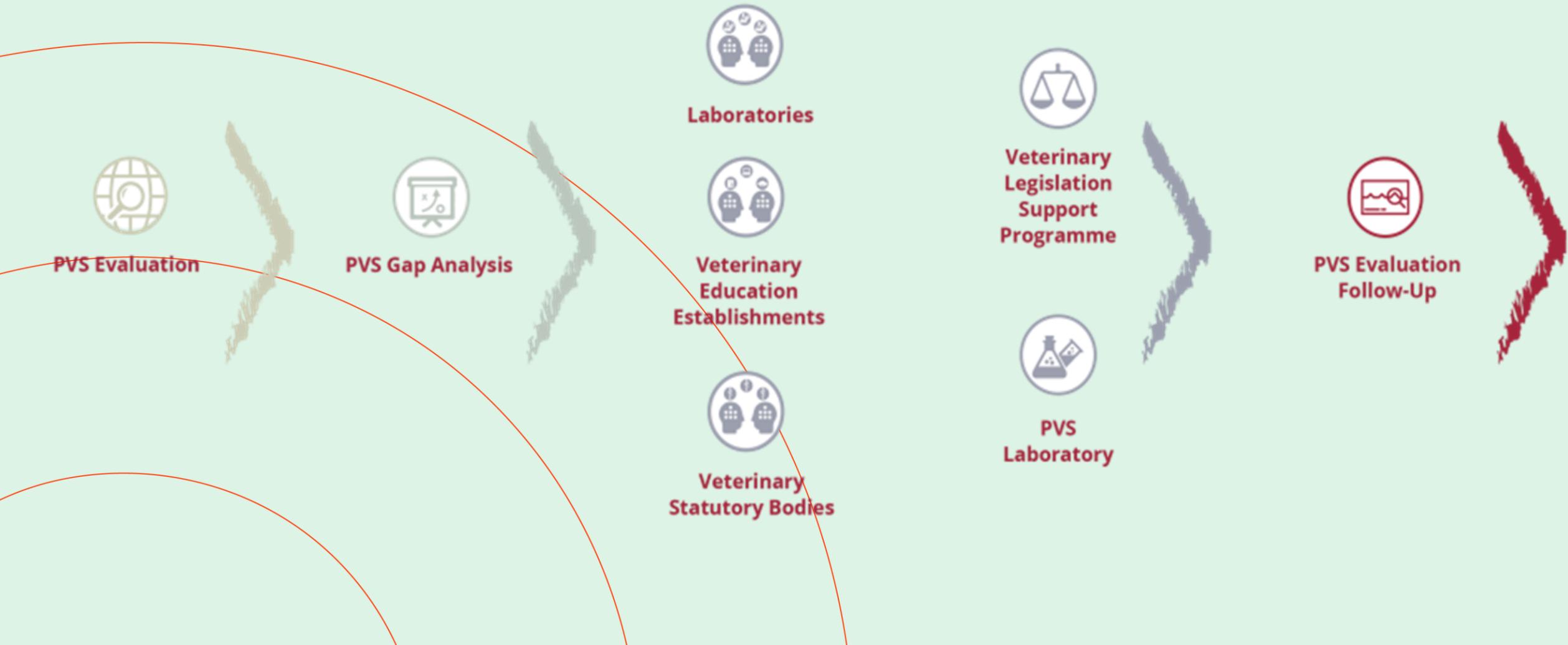
MANUALS

- Terrestrial
- Aquatic





PVS Pathway





1924

Governments notify by telegram the first cases of Rinderpest and FMD disease to the OIE



1996

Handistatus first online data available



2005

All Member Countries are connected online to a central server (WAHIS)



2015

Annual summary of the animal world health situation



2016

WAHIS Alerts





Outreach



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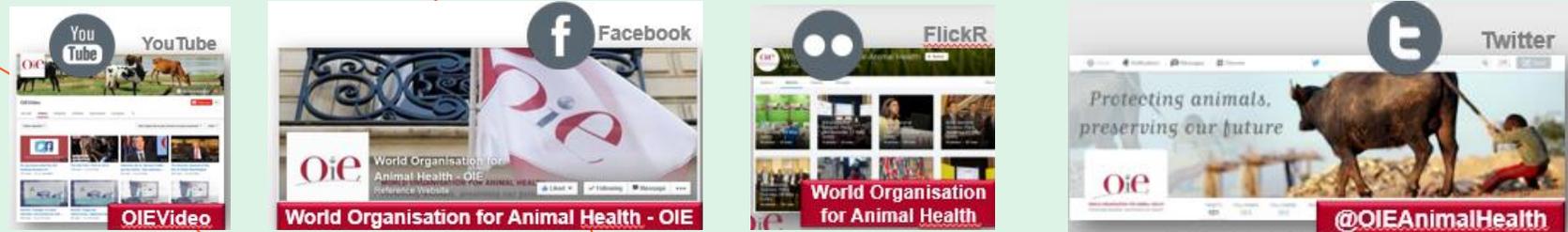


Publications:

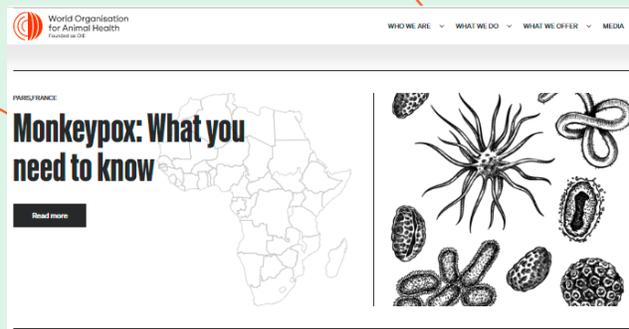
- Codes & Manuals
- Bulletins
- Scientific & Technical Review
- World Animal health



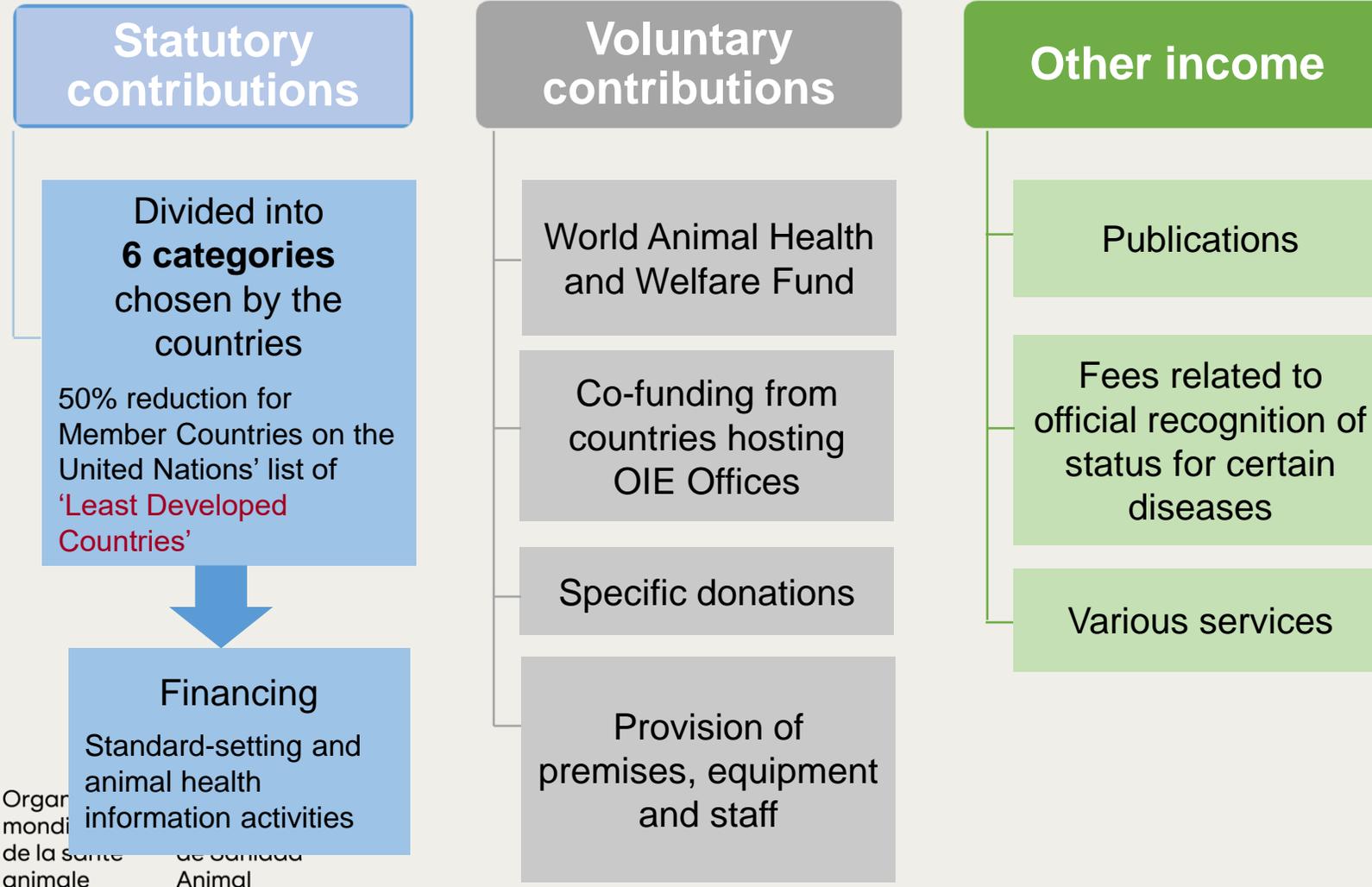
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Website:



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