



Fortifying institutional resilience against biological threats (FIRABioT) project


Tuesday, 14 March 2023

Session 0		Opening		
08.30 – 09.30	Welcome addresses	Obadiah Njagi S. Wakhusama	Warren Mucci	WOAH Delegate Kenya, Kabete WOAH Sub-Regional Representation for Eastern Africa, Nairobi Global Affairs Canada and Canada High Commission, Nairobi
09.30 – 10.00	Presentation of the Global Partnership Signature Initiative (Africa)		Idosie Kenfack	Africa CDC, Addis Ababa
10.00 – 10.30	Group photograph and coffee break			
10.30 – 11.00	Icebreaker and presentation of participants		Facilitators	
11.00 – 12.00	Presentation of the FIRABioT Project			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General background to WOA and the Project Outcomes of the RFI and Project outline Diseases of interest in the biothreat landscape 		Dan Donachie Madison Wimmers Dan Donachie	WOAH Preparedness and Resilience Department, Paris
12.00 – 12.30	Discussion			
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch			
Session 1		Pillar 1 : Emergency Management		
13.30 – 13.50	- Assessing hazards in emergencies through risk analysis		Julio Carvalho	Biological Defence Laboratory, Portuguese Army, Lisbon, Portugal
13.50 – 14.10	- <i>Good Emergency Management Practices</i> (GEMP) Contingency plans		Ludovic Plee	EMC-AH, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Rome
14.10 – 14.30	- WOA Guidelines on Simulation exercises		Dan Donachie	WOAH Preparedness and Resilience Department, Paris

14.30 – 14.50	-	Interface of security and animal health	Fanny Ewann	INTERPOL, Lyon
14.50 – 15.10	-	Emergency response systems	Julio Carvalho	Biological Defence Laboratory, Portuguese Army, Lisbon, Portugal
15.10 – 15.30	-	Learning from emergencies (e.g After action reviews, lessons identified)	Ludovic Plee	EMC-AH, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Rome
15.30 – 16.00		Coffee break		
16.16 – 17.30		Break out session (four groups)		

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Session 2	Pillar 2 : Veterinary Legislation			
08.30 – 08.50	-	International legal frameworks for biothreat reduction (e.g BWC, UN 1540)	Harro Wittermans	United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), Nairobi
08.50 – 09.10	-	Support to Veterinary Legislation reviews in AU Member States	James Wabacha	AU Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (IBAR), Nairobi
09.10 – 09.30	-	Case studies in applying the VLSF to biothreat legislation (Central America)	Sonya Drobysz	Verification Research, Training and Information Centre (VERTIC), London
09.30 – 09.50	-	Legal considerations in managing biological threats: Introduction to a biothreat simulation exercise	David Sherman	WOAH Capacity-Building Department, Paris
09.50 – 10.20		Coffee break		
10.20 – 11.30		Break out session (four groups)		

Session 3	Pillar 3 : Sustainable Laboratories			
11.30 – 11.50	-	WOAH Sustainable Laboratories Programme, PVS laboratory support missions, Grand Challenge initiative.	Keith Hamilton 	WOAH Preparedness and Resilience Department, Paris

11.50 – 12.10	-	Biosafety and Biosecurity Initiative 2021 – 2025 Strategic Plan	Jaures Arnaud Kenfack	Africa CDC, Addis Ababa
12.10 – 12.30	-	Initial (under-graduate) training on biosafety/biosecurity	Fidelis Mambo	International Federation of Biosecurity Associations, Kakamega
12.50 – 13.10	-	Continuous professional development training (short courses) in equipment maintenance	Zibusiso Masuku	Division of Biosafety and Biosecurity, NICD, Johannesburg, South Africa
13.10 – 14.10		Lunch		
14.10 – 15.10		Break out session (four groups)		
Session 4 Pillar 4 : Disease intelligence (early warning)				
15.10 – 15.30	-	WAHIS : First impressions - the new WAHIS early warning modules	Gladson Kamwendo	WOAH WAHIS Focal Point, Malawi
15.30 – 15.50	-	EIOS : Epidemic Intelligence from Open Sources	Madison Wimmers	WOAH Preparedness and Resilience Department, Paris
15.50 – 16.10	-	Epidemiology, modelling and surveillance in Africa	Misheck Mulumba	Onderstepoort Veterinary Research (OVR) institute, Pretoria, South Africa
16.10 – 16.30	-	Defining Ecoregions and Prototyping an EO-based Vector-borne Disease Surveillance System for North Africa (PROVNA)	Alessandro Ripani	Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell'Abruzzo e del Molise, Teramo, Italy
16.30 – 17.00		Coffee break		
17.00 – 17.20	-	Surveillance of diseases and biological threats using a One Health approach in the Indian Ocean	Harena Rasamoelina	SEGA One Health, Indian Ocean Commission, Port Louis
17.20 – 17.40	-	Spatial distribution of RVF, <i>Brucella</i> spp and <i>Coxiella burnetii</i> in Kenya	Bernard Bett	International Livestock Research Institute, Kabete
17.40 – 18.00	-	Diagnostics and reagents, proficiency testing, supporting surveillance	Charles Bodjo	AU Panafrican Veterinary Vaccines Centre (PANVAC), Debre-Zeit

18.00 – 18.20	- Evolution of surveillance approaches of PPR in view of eradication (endemic countries and threats to disease free-countries)	Simon Kihu	WOAH-FAO PPR Secretariat, Nairobi
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Session 4 Pillar 4 : Disease intelligence (early warning) cont'd

08.30 – 09.30 Break out session (four groups)

Session 5 Workplan development

09.30 – 10.00 Plenary feedback from the 4 break-out sessions (4 pillars) Rapporteurs (4)
Facilitators (2)

10.00 – 10.30 Coffee break

10.30 – 11.30 Editing of draft action points to initiate activities at country and regional level (workplan development, pathways for country-level implementation, training needs)

- Group 1 : Southern Africa (Namibia, Zimbabwe, Madagascar, Malawi) [interpretation]
- Group 2 : West, Central Africa (Cote d'Ivoire, Congo) [French]
- Group 3 : Maghreb (Algeria, Morocco) [French]
- Group 4 : Eastern Africa (Kenya, Tanzania) [English]

11.30 – 13.00 Editing of draft action points to initiate activities at country and regional level (workplan)

- Group presentations
- Discussion and consolidation
- Guidance on country-level implementation (grants, budgets, timelines, reporting)

13.00 – 13.30 Brief closing and evaluation

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch and departure of participants