

Launch of the Regional Aquatic Animal Health Network for North Africa (RAAHN-NA)

25 – 27 April 2023 Tunis, Tunisia

Lancement du Réseau Régional de Santé des Animaux Aquatiques pour l'Afrique du Nord RRSAA-AN

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AGENDA

DAY 1 - Tuesday 25 April 2023

08:00-09:00	Registration of participants		
OFFICIAL OPENING			
9:00-9:30	Opening remarks	Rachid Bouguedour Sana Kacem Nelly Isyagi Mohamed Bengoumi Faouzia Chakiri	WOAH SRR-NA DGSV Tunisia AU-IBAR FAO-SNE UMA
9:30-9:40	Background and objectives of the workshop: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do we want to achieve? What do we need to do to get there? 	Francesco Valentini	WOAH SRR-NA
9:40-10:00	Icebreaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-introduction What are your expectations of the workshop? 	<i>all participants</i>	
10:00-11:15	<p><u>Keynote Presentations:</u></p> <p>Fisheries-Aquaculture industry status and opportunities for stakeholder participation in implementation of aquatic SPS measures to safeguard the sector and facilitate access to markets and trade in the region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ WOAHA Aquatic Animal Health Strategy (20 min) 	Melanie Allan	WOAH HQ

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ WOAHA Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission (20 min) ➤ “Strengthening the Capacity for Aquatic Animal Health and Biosecurity Control in Africa” (20 min) <p>Question time (15 min)</p>	Kevin Christison Nelly Isyagi	AAHSC AU-IBAR
11:15-11:45	<i>Coffee Break and Group Photo</i>		
SESSION 1: Situation Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness of existing networks • Review/update existing AA disease control strategies • Aquatic animal disease situation in the region 			
11:45-12:45	<u>Case Studies:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ NACA experience (20 min) ➤ WOAHA Tokyo experience (20 min - recorded) <p>Overview of the Asia-Pacific fisheries-aquaculture industry status, aquatic health concerns and objectives for aquatic SPS and market access, the stakeholders, institutional TORs and operational frameworks</p>	Eduardo Leano Thitiwan Patanasatienkul	NACA WOAHA Asia and the Pacific
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ AQMENET operation plan (20 min) 	Yehia Ghazi	WOAHA RR-ME
12:45-13:00	<p>Main outputs from the World Aquaculture Society (WAS) African Chapter and its partners in North Africa.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ “Role Of Research Institutes in Mapping Knowledge on Prevalence Of Fish Diseases and AMR in North Africa Aquaculture” 	Nadia Cherif	INSTM, WAS African Chapter
13:00-14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>		
14:00-15:15	<u>Member states contributions:</u> <p>The National Focal Point of Aquaculture of each country presents their “country profile” (success stories and challenges): surveillance, monitoring and reporting, opportunities, needs and challenges (15 min each)</p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Algeria 	Fatiha Bouguerra	Aquaculture FP of Algeria
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Egypt 	Mohamed Masood Wael Abdelwahab	Aquaculture FP of Egypt
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mauritania 	Sidi Ould Ould Khelifa	Aquaculture FP of Mauritania
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Morocco 	Hassan Moujahid	Aquaculture FP of Morocco
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tunisia 	Ines Tliba	Aquaculture FP of Tunisia

15:15-16:00	<p><u>Group discussion 1:</u></p> <p>Review of the status of aquaculture, aquatic animal health issues and opportunities for regional collaboration and stakeholder networking to improve implementation of aquatic SPS measures within the region (Reference to shared background documents)</p> <p>3 groups – rotation between three topics (15 min each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aquatic animal health issues • Aquatic animal health opportunities • Regional collaboration and stakeholder networking 		WOAH, AU-IBAR, NACA, AAHSC facilitators
16:00-16:30 <i>Coffee Break</i>			
16:30-17:15	<p><u>Member states contributions:</u></p> <p>Sharing of existing local experience and show benefits from establishment of AAH zoo sanitary national plan. (15 min each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ “New analytical tools for the quantification of biosecurity measures and risk profiling in North Africa” ➤ “The Maghreb and North African Platform for Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture: history, realities and perspectives” ➤ “Women in the fisheries and aquaculture sector in Tunisia: AWFISHNET network and the contribution of the NEMO Kantara project in improving sanitary aspects in the sector” 	<p>Nadia Cherif</p> <p>Mongi Chniter</p> <p>Jawhara Chahbani</p>	<p>INSTM, WAS African Chapter</p> <p>PMNAPAA</p> <p>AWFISHNET, NEMO Kantara</p>
17:15-17:45	<p><u>Sharing experiences:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Communication on Capacity Building in farmed fish health ➤ “FAO Support to the Aquaculture Sector in North Africa” 	<p>Mohamed Naceur Baccar</p> <p>Esmâ Bounouh</p>	<p>CNVZ</p> <p>FAO-SNE</p>
17:45-18:30	<p><u>Group discussion 2:</u></p> <p>GAP and SWOT analysis of the status quo in the regions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What has been done well • Where do they see gaps <p>3 groups - no rotation, 2 topics per group (30min) + Report back (15 min)</p> <p>Suggested topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implementation of WOH Standards and disease reporting 2. Laboratory capacity and diagnostics 3. Public-private partnerships 4. Surveillance for emerging diseases; Preparedness and response for emerging diseases 5. Information sharing and networking 6. Biosecurity 		WOAH, AU-IBAR, NACA, AAHSC facilitators
After 19:30 <i>Welcome dinner</i>			

DAY 2 - Wednesday 26 April 2023

9:00-9:45	Summary and commentary of the first day's group discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group discussion 1 (20-25 min) • Group discussion 2 (20-25 min) 	<i>all participants</i> WOAH, AU-IBAR, NACA, AAHSC facilitators
9:45-10:00	<p><u>Member states contributions:</u></p> <p>Members of the private sector present their field of activity (success stories and challenges): current situation, opportunities, needs and challenges.</p> <p>➤ Tunisia</p>	<p>Nadia Makhoulouf</p> <p>CRDA Mahdia, Tunisia</p>
SESSION 2: Development of RAAHN Terms Of Reference		
10:00-10:30	Plenary presentation of the draft Terms of Reference for the RAAHN	WOAH/AU-IBAR
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:00-12:00	<p><u>Group discussion 3:</u></p> <p>Development of RAAHN Terms Of Reference</p> <p>3-4 groups - no rotation, each group will focus on one section of the Draft Terms Of Reference (40/45 min) + report back (15/20 min)</p> <p>Suggested topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PPPs 2. Emergency preparedness and response (including lab capacity and diagnostics) 3. Research, development and knowledge sharing 4. Biosecurity <p>[Both background documents and a template will be provided]</p>	WOAH, AU-IBAR, NACA, AAHSC facilitators
12:00-13:00	<p><u>Plenary discussion:</u></p> <p>Validation/approval of all the points of the Terms Of Reference</p>	<i>all participants</i> WOAH, AU-IBAR, NACA, AAHSC facilitators
13:00-14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
SESSION 3: Development of RAAHN Institutional Framework		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft a statute within existing regional institutional framework 		
14:00-14:30	Plenary presentation of the draft Institutional Framework for the RAAHN	WOAH/AU-IBAR
14:30-15:30	<p><u>Group discussion 4:</u></p> <p>Review and drafting/recommending up-dates of existing institutional RAAHN frameworks, adapting the ME and Asia experience to the North African context.</p> <p>3 groups - no rotation, each group will focus on one section of the Draft Institutional Framework (30 min) + report back (30 min)</p> <p>[Both background documents and a template will be provided]</p>	WOAH, AU-IBAR, NACA, AAHSC facilitators
15:30-16:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	

16:00-17:00	<u>Plenary discussion:</u> Validation/approval of all the points of the Institutional Framework	<i>all participants</i> WOAH, AU-IBAR, NACA, AAHSC facilitators
17:00-17:30	Closing remarks of the second day	WOAH, AU-IBAR

DAY 3 - Thursday 27 April 2023

SESSION 4: Development of RAAHN Inaugural Action Plan		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify priority tasks to facilitate RAAHN operationalization 		
9:00-9:30	Plenary presentation of the draft Action Plan for the RAAHN How to generate a roadmap	WOAH, AU-IBAR
9:30-11:00	<u>Group Discussion 5:</u> Prioritizing actions with indicative timelines and resource requirements to facilitate the institutionalization and operationalization of RAAHN into the REC and animal health (SPS) infrastructure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Near future (12 months) priorities • Long term (3 years) priorities 3 groups - no rotation, each group will focus on one section of the Draft Action Plan (1 h) + report back (30 min) Suggested topics: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identification of laboratories for aquatic animal diseases in member countries. 2. Potential laboratory twinning projects 3. Assess available guidelines for biosecurity and biosafety, identify gaps and areas for improvement. 4. Sharing information on the occurrence of WOA listed diseases, other pathogens of regional significance and emerging diseases in the Region. 5. Promoting research on aquatic animal diseases, epidemiology, pathology and one health in aquaculture [Both background documents and a template will be provided]	WOAH, AU-IBAR, NACA, AAHSC facilitators
11:00-11:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:30-12:30	<u>Plenary discussion:</u> Validation/approval of all the points of the Regional Action Plan	<i>all participants</i> WOAH, AU-IBAR, NACA, AAHSC facilitators
OFFICIAL CLOSURE		
12:30-13:00	List of recommendations – bullet points Closing remarks	<i>all participants</i> WOAH, AU-IBAR
13:00-14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
FIELD TRIP		
14:00-17:00	Visit of a Tunisian Fish farm: Carp hatchery - Centre Technique d'Aquaculture (CTA) Boumhal Ben Arous, Tunis	Host country