



## Reshaping Training Seminars for Veterinary Products Focal Points

### Recommendation of the VIII Cycle of WOA National Veterinary Products Focal Points

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#### Considerations:

1. The World Assembly of Delegates adopted during the 77th General Session Resolution No. 25 on Veterinary products, which clearly recommends WOA to strengthen its actions and to further develop a coherent strategy in this field.
2. WOA position on Veterinary Products reflected in the Fifth Strategic Plan (2011–2015) of WOA, which was adopted at the 78th WOA General Session in May 2010 by this same Assembly.
3. WOA 7<sup>th</sup> Strategic Plan 2021-2025
4. WOA Strategy on antimicrobial use and prudent use of antimicrobials, adopted 2016.
5. Terms of Reference for the OIE “WOA” National Focal Point for Veterinary Products
6. The previous 7 cycles of training of Focal Points (FP) for Veterinary Products (VP) in Africa
7. The Participation of VPs FPs and WOA partner organisations in VICH Forums (existing Members: Morocco, Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Botswana, SADC, EAC, UEMOA, observer South Africa to VICH).
8. SWOA Published Manual “*How to set up a pharmacovigilance system for veterinary medicinal products*”, Feb 2023. <https://www.woah.org/app/uploads/2023/02/af-bookfarmavet-v90223-ang.pdf>
9. WOAs stance on animal welfare and guidelines on refinement, reduction, and replacement for target animal safety testing
10. WOA published an article “Results of the survey on antiparasitic agents and resistance in terrestrial and aquatic animals in the Africa region”, Sep 2020





11. WOAHP published a document “*Responsible and prudent use of anthelmintic chemicals to help control anthelmintic resistance in grazing livestock species*”, 2021 with the recommendations of management of anthelmintic resistance. ([publication](#))
12. A total of 34 out of 54 Member countries have developed AMR national action plans (NAP).
13. WOAHP’s Annual reports on Antimicrobial Agents intended for Use in Animals

**It is recommended that:**

1. The FPs training cycles transition to a new phase of reshaping seminar trainings in a new concept. The new concept aims to:
  - i) Leverage the momentum and strengthen engagement with Focal Points (FPs),
  - ii) Customize Seminar Cycles (SCs) to better fit heterogeneity of needs and FPs,
  - iii) Conceive customized SC Programs with an outcome-driven approach,
  - iv) Coordinate leads, synergize them and, eventually provide a holistic view to FPs,
  - v) Leverage the expanded breadth of pedagogical and technological tools available,
  - vi) Set a monitoring & evaluation plan enabling definition of next SCs,
2. The model of the training seminars focuses on:
  - i) knowledge dissemination,
  - ii) targeted empowerment towards desired outcomes,
  - iii) brainstorming on the future direction of the seminars using different methodologies including group works and gap analysis.
3. The training seminars should cover but not limited to:
  - A. Veterinary Products





- i)** Harmonization: Improving access to safe and effective veterinary medicinal products in Africa by:

  - Improve and harmonize legislation across the African region by increasing number of community registration procedures [e.g., Mutual Recognition Procedures (MRP) in Southern Africa Development Community (SADC), East African Community (EAC) and West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA).
  - Increase the number of countries acting as rapporteurs during the evaluation phase of granting a marketing authorization of VPs.
  
- ii)** Pharmacovigilance (PVH): Set up and/or improve the existing PHV legislation according to international standards and set up PHV system or a model either at national or subregional level to assure quality products on the market (post authorization surveillance), while being able to take appropriate actions when needed.
  
- iii)** Sub-standard and falsified veterinary Products (SFVP): Increase participation in WOAHS SFVP alert system to at least 65% of Africa Member countries in either pilot or actual implementation.
  
- iv)** Vaccine and Diagnostic kits: raise awareness on the status of WOAHS Technical Standards on Vaccines and Diagnostic kits, Resolutions, including updates on the possible developments.
  
- v)** Standards & Collaboration: Develop sustainable actions and interventions aligned with WOAHS Standards and Guidelines to address AMR and access to quality veterinary products (vaccines, diagnostics kits, etc.)





- vi)** Aquatic animals: Increase the availability of quality assured veterinary products for aquatic animals in the Region (pharmaceutical and vaccines)
- vii)** Reduce, Refine and Replace (3Rs): raise awareness of 3Rs projects and alternative methods to assess target animal safety,
- B. Parasitic disease:**
- viii)** increasing laboratory capacity for diagnosis of parasitic disease and antiparasitic susceptibility/resistance agents to reduce the burden and loss caused by parasitic disease (including trypanosomes) 5 countries (includes improved collaboration with and reliance on existing laboratories)
- ix)** Anthelmintics control: At least six Members countries implementing guidance from WOAHA publication on anthelmintics to help control anthelmintic resistance in grazing livestock species”.
- C. Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)**
- x)** Field level Data collection: Improve antimicrobial use (AMU) data collection from African region, while starting with qualitative data and gradually progress to quantitative data.
- xi)** AMR National Action Plan (NAP) Implementation: Support the efforts of the QPT in increasing the number of countries in the African region with robust National Action Plans (NAP) with the goal of having 45 member countries implement NAPs by 2025.





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- xii)** Use of Critically important antimicrobials: reduce the use of critically important antimicrobials.
  
  - xiii)** Use of antimicrobials as growth promoters: reduce the use of antimicrobials as growth promoters

We would like to thank you for your contribution to this Recommendation which will be the base of the capacity building activities from 2023-2026.

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