

2nd Meeting of the Eastern Africa Sub-Regional Network for Rabies Control

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Title: Lessons learnt from global Rabies networks

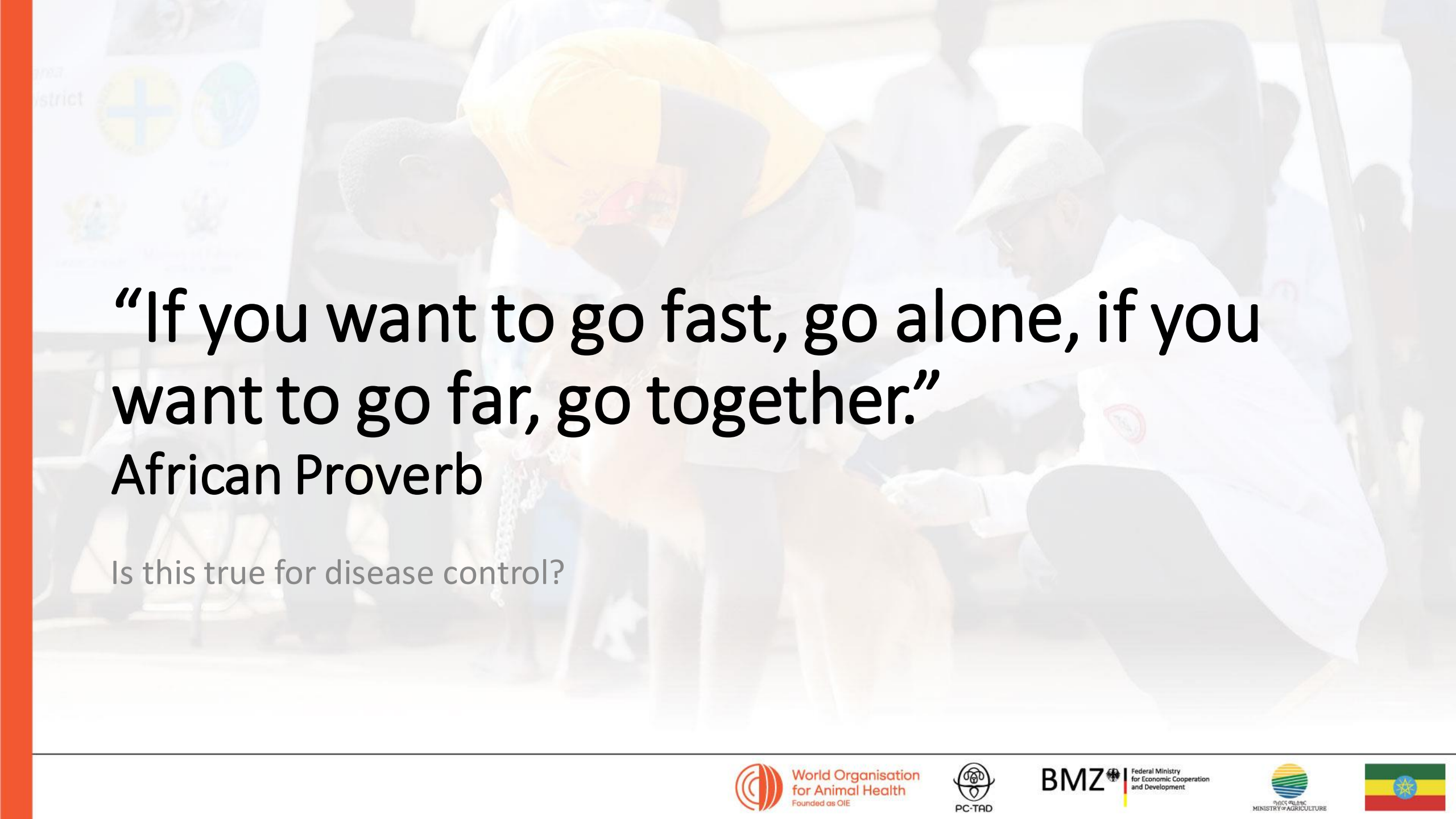
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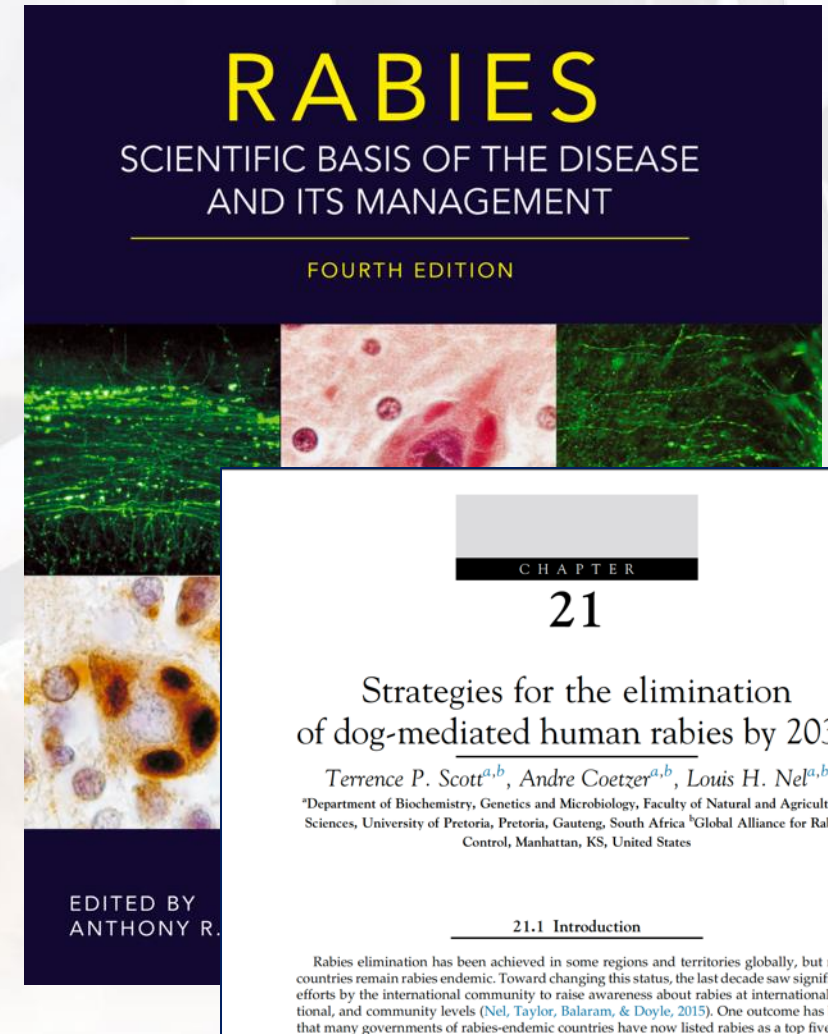
“If you want to go fast, go alone, if you want to go far, go together.”
African Proverb

Is this true for disease control?

The role of regional networks in the control of infectious diseases

Disease-focused networks and programs have been critical in progressing the elimination and/or eradication for smallpox, malaria, rinderpest and polio.

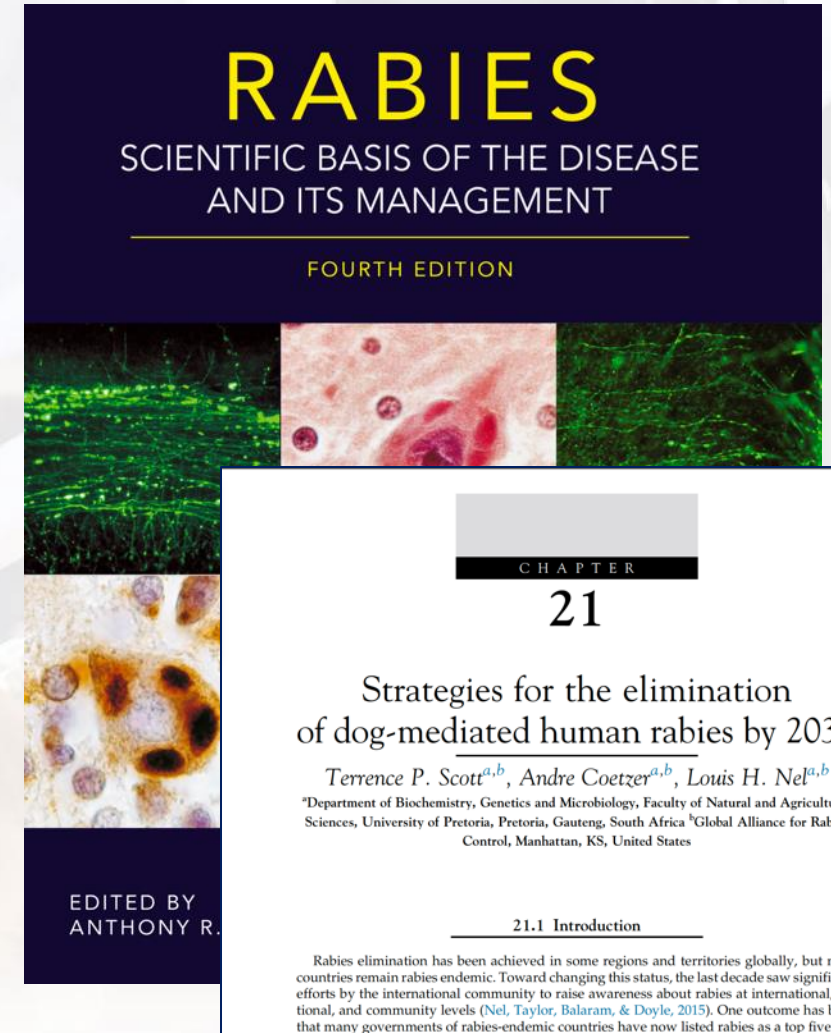
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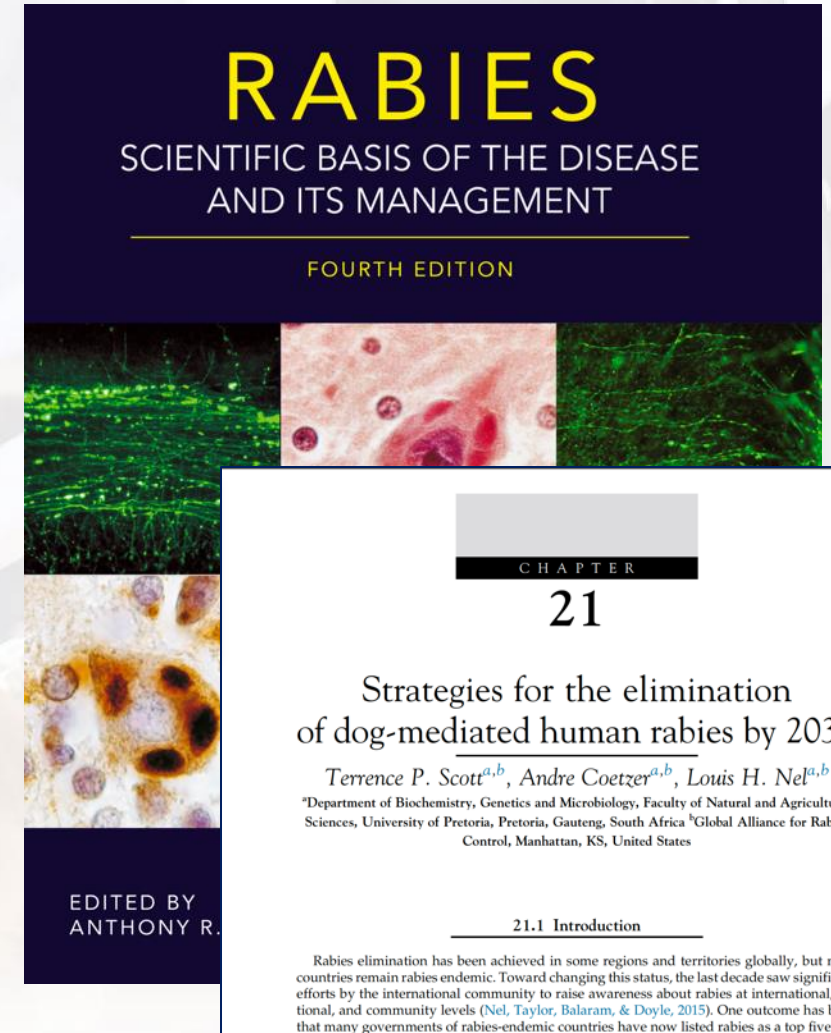
“Networks are essential as it has been recognized that **no single entity has the capacity to achieve global disease elimination**. Close collaboration and coordination with national and international stakeholders is required to **effectively address many of the complex political, social, environmental and economic factors** that are apparent during disease outbreaks and in endemic disease situations”

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“Expert and coordinative networks are essential in their ability to **share knowledge, discuss challenges, prevent duplication of activities, act as platforms for dissemination of new tools and ideas, and act as coordination structures driving a global strategy**”



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A regional rabies-specific network

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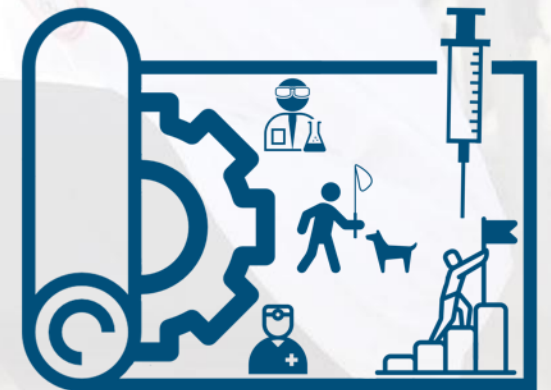
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- Promote the development and implementation of tools for rabies control **as needed.**

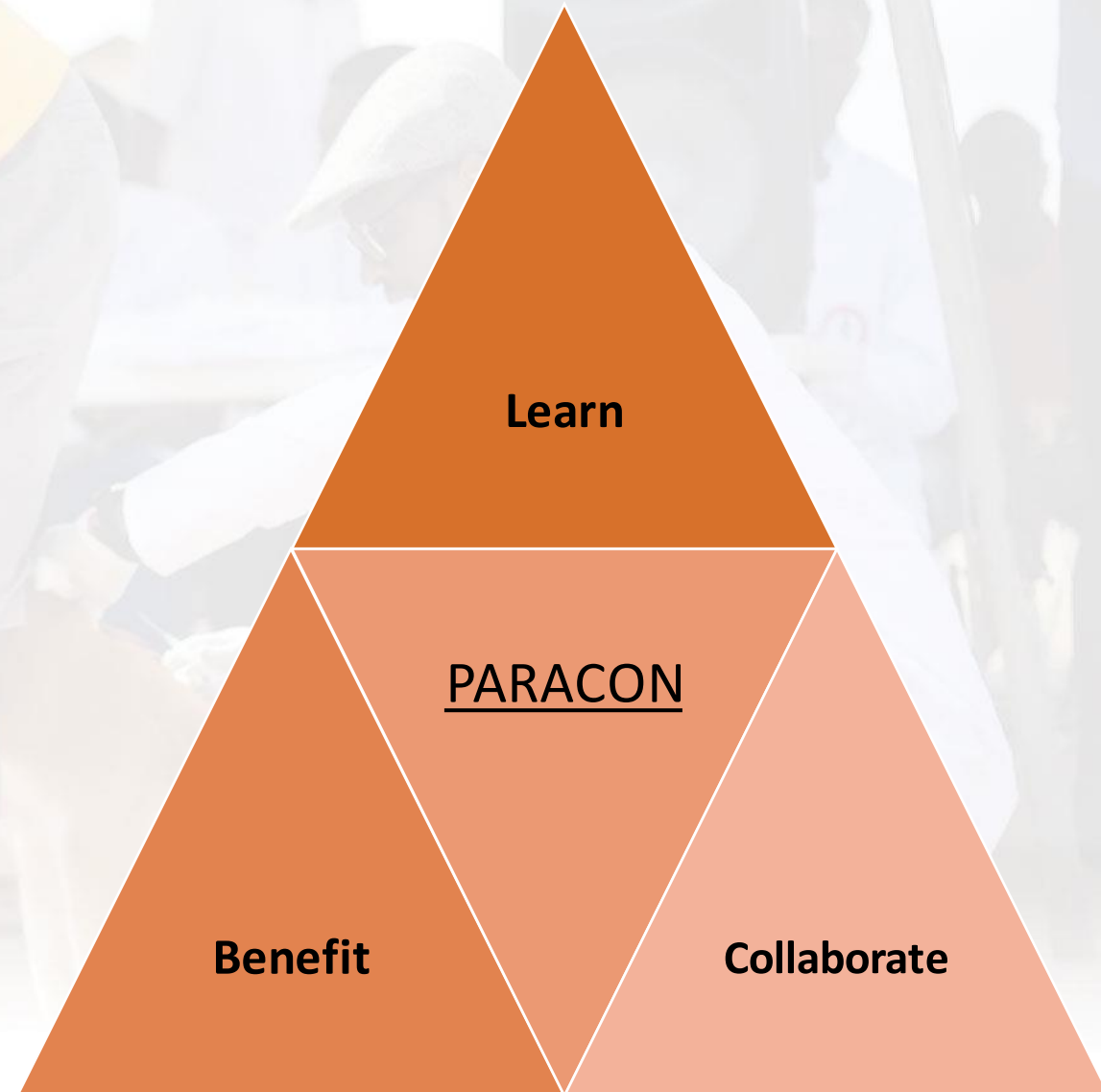


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Provides governments with opportunities

- Learn from others.
- Gain insight with regards to tools and resources.
- Coordinate efforts.

Support rabies-endemic countries as they action their own rabies elimination strategies.



Sub-regional rabies networks within PARACON

Eastern Africa Sub-Regional network for Rabies control



Aims to coordinate individual country strategies to address the unique challenges that are faced within sub-regions.

The “smaller multi-national strategic planning group” need to coordinate rabies elimination efforts.

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Way forward

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- Rabies elimination is the responsibility of each government.
- This workshop gives you an opportunity to benefit from the PARACON workstreams:
 - **Collaborate** with others and make the Eastern Africa Sub-Regional network for Rabies control a reality.
 - **Benefit** from the different tools and resources that are available to support your efforts.
 - **Learn** from others who face similar challenges in the sub-region.

Thank you!