# The evolution of animal welfare standards at OIE and WOAH over time, main institutional stakeholders and partners (collaborating centres, cooperation agreements,...)

Regional Training Seminar for WOAH National Focal Points for Animal Welfare

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#### Animal welfare has been identified as a strategic priority for the WOAH - OIE since 2001, under the mandate granted by all Members.

Resolution n°XIV form the 70th OIE GS, 26 - 31 /05/2002

Recomendations of the firts meeting of thr OIE ad hco Group (AWWG)

The ad hoc group recommends that OIE then develop policies and guiding principles to provide a sound which foundation from elaborate specific recommendations and standards.

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#### **Animal Welfare Working Group** 2002-2017



provide international leadership in animal welfare through the development of science-based standards and guidelines, provision of expert advice and the promotion of relevant education and research.



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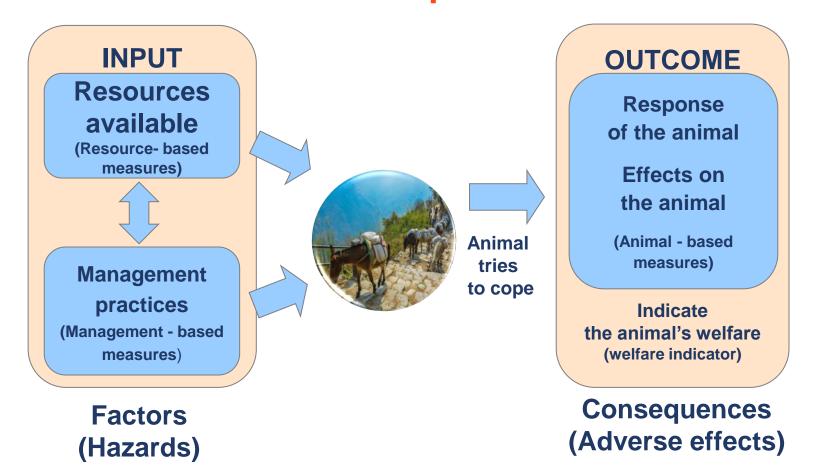
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Resolution No. XXXI from 85th General Session, 21–26 May 2017

 The WOAH Global Animal Welfare Strategy was developed from lessons learned from actions taken at national and regional level and aims to be a source of ongoing guidance for the WOAH's activities in this area, and it's based in four main pillars.



A world where the welfare of animals is respected, promoted and advanced, in ways that complement the pursuit of animal health, human well-being, socio-economic development and environmental sustainability.



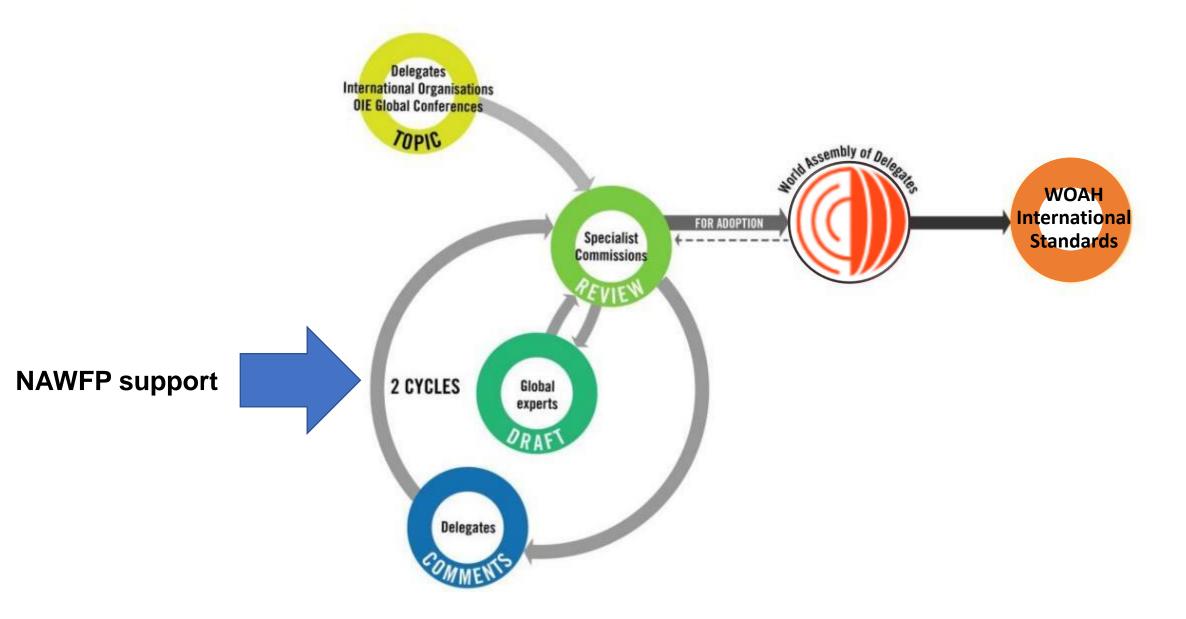




ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGY



#### WOAH STANDARD SETTING PROCESS





#### WOAH COLLABORATING CENTRES ON ANIMAL WELFARE

- Animal Welfare Science and Bioethical Analysis; "the David Bayvel Consortium". New Zealand – Australia
- Animal Welfare and Livestock Production Systems. Chile Uruguay- México
- Animal Welfare Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell'Abruzzo e del Molise "G. Caporale" . Italy and the Swedish Centre for Animal Welfare, SCAW - SLU. Sweden
- Laboratory Animal Welfare and Science. USA
- WOAH Collaborating Centre Network for Veterinary Emergencies (https://emvetnet.izs.it/emvet/#/)
- Two Twining projects......Future AW CC?

The Future..... Animal Welfare Collaborating Centers Network (AWCC Network).



#### COLLABORATION WITH PARTNERS

### Invited to participate in WOAH animal welfare events and develop joint activities

International Poultry Council (IPC)

International Meat Secretariat (IMS)

International Egg Council (IEC)

International Dairy Federation (IDF)

International Wool Trade Organisation (IWTO)

Safe Supply of Affordable Food Everywhere (SSAFE)

**Health for Animals** 

World Animal Protection (WAP)

International Coalition for Animal Welfare (ICFAW)

International Society for Applied Ethology( ISAE)

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)

World Bank (WB)

Convention on International Trade in Endangered

Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)

International Air Transport Association (IATA)

International Standards Organisation (ISO)

World Veterinary Association (WVA)

World Small Animals Veterinary Association (WSAVA)

European Union (EU)

**AU-IBAR** 



































# REGIONAL ANIMAL WELFARE STRATEGIES (RAWS) AND PLATFORMS

Regional priorities

Governance

Action development







# WOAH ANIMAL WELFARE CHALLENGES

- Complexity of Animal Welfare with important scientific, ethical, cultural, religious, economic and political dimensions.
  - Essential to have a scientific base, but for adoption, account must be taken of other dimensions.

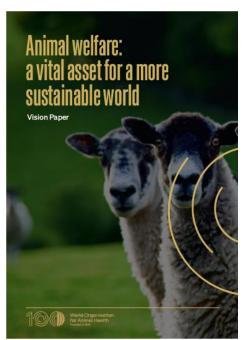
- ➤ Need to address AW on a global basis.
  - >WOAH standards need to be relevant to all Members;
  - ➤ Livestock production systems are extremely divers, even within the same country.













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