

# WOAH National Animal Welfare Focal Points

## Terms of Reference

Regional Training Seminar for WOAH National Focal Points for Animal Welfare

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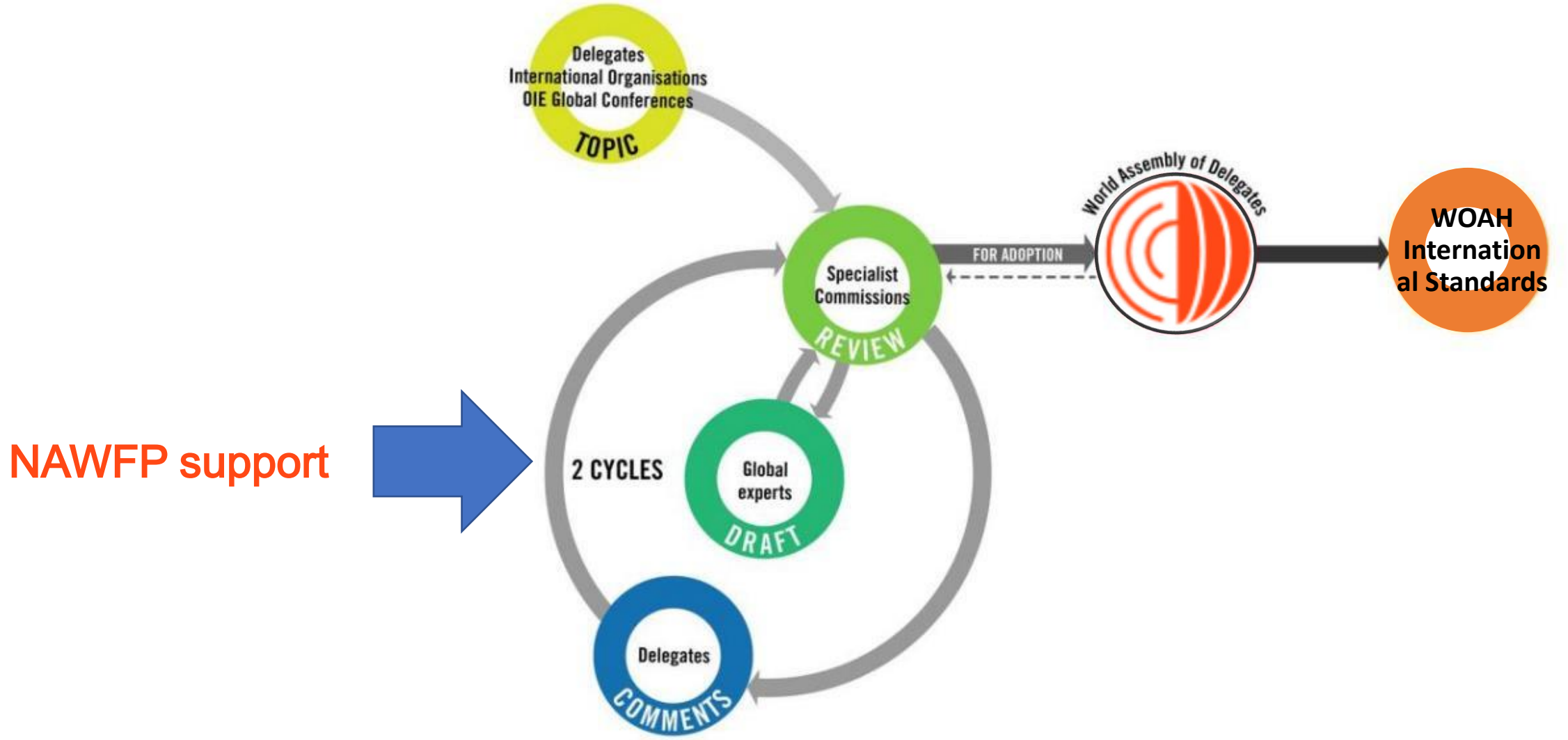


During the 76th General Session in May 2008 the importance of the focal point for information on animal diseases was re-iterated and Delegates were also requested to nominate additional focal points for wildlife, veterinary products, animal production food safety, animal welfare and aquatic animals.

As detailed in the final report of the 76th WOAHA General Session in May 2008, the responsibilities of the focal points are under the authority of the WOAHA Delegate. Any information transmitted to the WOAHA from the different focal points needs to be transmitted under the designated authority of the WOAHA Delegate. This practice would equally apply to focal points located in other Departments or Ministries not under jurisdiction of the Veterinary Authority, because, from a legal perspective, the WOAHA considers the official WOAHA Delegate to be the unique representative of the country.



# WOAH NAWFPs INVOLVEMENT IN THE STANDARD-SETTING PROCESS





## Term of reference for WOA National focal points on 'Animal welfare' (NAWFP)

The responsibilities of the national WOAH focal points for animal welfare are to:

- establish a network of animal welfare experts within the country or communicate with the existing network;
- establish and maintain a dialogue with the Competent Authority for animal welfare in the country and facilitate cooperation and communication among several authorities where responsibility is shared;
- receive from the WOAH Headquarters copies of the reports of the Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission (Code Commission), including reports of the WOAH Animal Welfare Working Group and other relevant reports;
- conduct the in-country consultation process with recognized animal welfare experts on draft texts proposed in those reports as well as draft standards proposed by the Code Commission when dealing with animal welfare; and
- prepare comments for the Delegate on relevant meeting reports reflecting the scientific view and position of the individual OIE Member Country or Territory and/or the region, notably on proposals for new or revised WOAH standards related to animal welfare.

# Thank you!

# Merci

# Gracias

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