

26th Conference of the WOAHA Regional Commission for Africa
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 4 - 7 February 2025

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2025

Arrival of participants for the AMR Workshop

MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2025

**Regional Workshop on Advocacy on Commitment Towards
the UNGA High Level Meeting (UNGA- HLM) on AMR**

8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Arrival and Registration of participants and distribution of Workshop materials

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Africa Regional Workshop on Advocacy on Commitment Towards the UNGA HLM

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Arrival of participants and distribution of materials for the Regional Conference

TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2025

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Banquet Hall: Arrival of participants / Conference registration and distribution of materials

8:45 a.m. Arrival of Dignitaries - Banquet Hall

9:00 a.m. **Opening Session: (Director of Ceremonies - Ethiopia)**
Introductions, Remarks and Official opening

11:00 a.m. Tour of exhibition stalls/Posters session
Break/Refreshments/ Group Photo

11:30 a.m. Move to Conference room No. 5

11:45 a.m. Approval of the Programme
Appointment of the Conference Committee
(Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, General Rapporteur)
Appointment of session chairpersons and rapporteurs
(Technical items)

12:00 p.m. Empowering Veterinary Services, Increasing Visibility and Modernising WOAHA to Face Animal Health Challenges (Dr François Caya, Deputy Director General for Institutional Affairs and Governance)

12:40 p.m. Discussion

1:00 p.m. Lunch

2:00 p.m. The Role of Veterinary Service for Food and Nutrition Security in Ethiopia (Dr Fikru Regassa, WOAHA Delegate of Ethiopia)

2:20 p.m. Discussion

2:30 p.m. **Technical item I** (without questionnaire): Control and eradication of CBPP in Africa: Challenges and Strategies for a CBPP Free Africa (Dr Musa Mulongo, Senior Scientist & TAHSSL Platform Coordinator. ILRI)

- 3:00 p.m. Discussions
- 3:30 p.m. Outcomes of the second SGE CBPP (Lusaka, Zambia)
(Viola Chemis, WOAHA Regional Activities Department)
- 3:50 p.m. Discussion
- 4:00 p.m. Break
(Preparation of Recommendation No.1 by designated small group)
- 4:30 p.m. Increasing the Adoption of Quality Vaccines for Livestock Diseases in Africa (Dr Charles Bodjo, Director AU PANVAC)
- 5:00 p.m. WOAHA Standards Setting Process open discussion: Aquatic Code and Manual, Terrestrial Code and Manual (Dr Patrick Bastiaensen, WOAHA Sub-Regional Representation for Eastern Africa)
- 6:00 p.m. End of the session
- 7:00 p.m. Official dinner offered by Ethiopia

WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2025

- 8:00 a.m. Arrival of participants (Conference room 5)
- 8:30 a.m. **Technical item II** (without questionnaire): Veterinary Services and food safety: challenges and perspectives for policy development in the context of market unification on a continental scale. (Prof. Malek Zrelli, Tunisia)
- 9:00 a.m. Discussion
- 9:30 a.m. WOAHA Standards, SPS, Trade and the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) (Dr Moetapele Letshwenyo, WOAHA Sub-Regional Representative for Southern Africa)
- 9:50 a.m. Discussion
- 10:00 a.m. Break
Preparation of Recommendation No. 2 by designated small group
- 10:30 p.m. Follow up of the last Conference recommendations (Dr Neo Mapitse)
- 11:30 a.m. Elevating Animal Welfare in Africa (Dr Hiver Boussini, Head of Animal Unit, AU IBAR)
- 12:00 a.m. Emergency Preparedness and Health Security Threats (Dr Francesco Valentini, WOAHA Sub Regional Representation for North Africa and Dr Ian Busuulwa, WOAHA Sub Regional Representation Eastern Africa)
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. Eradication of *Peste des petits ruminants* (PPR) in Africa (Dr Huyam Salih, Director African Union/Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR)) (followed by a panel discussion)
- 3:30 p.m. Africa Public Private Partnership Forum in the Veterinary Domain (Dr Rahul Srivastava, WOAHA Capacity-Building Department)
- 4:00 p.m. Break
- 4:30 p.m. Eradicating Rabies in Gambia: A Journey Towards Zero by 2030 (Dr Abdou Ceesay, WOAHA Delegate of Gambia)
- 5:00 p.m. Discussion of recommendations Nos. 1 and 2
- 6:00 p.m. End of the day

7:00 p.m. Official dinner offered by WOAAH

THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2025

8:00 a.m. Arrival of participants

8:30 a.m. Establishing and strengthening aquatic animal health networks in Africa (Dr Patrick Bastiaensen, Sub-Regional Representation for Eastern Africa)

8:50 a.m. Discussion

9:00 a.m. Ensuring a More Resilient Veterinary Workforce for Africa: Outcomes of the second Regional Veterinary WFD Conference, Nairobi, Kenya. (Dr Neo Mapitse, Sub Regional Representative for Eastern Africa)

9:20 a.m. Discussion

9:30 a.m. WAHIS: what has changed, and what is in it for you (presentation and panel discussion) (Dr Jenny Hutchison, Head of World Animal Health Information and Analysis Department)

10:30 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. The PVS Information System: Objectives, access to, and use of PVS data (Ms Jennifer Lasley, WOAAH Capacity Building Department) (all participants should bring their computer/tablet to this session)

12:30 p.m. The New WOAAH Standards Navigation tool (Dr Ronald Mora, WOAAH Standards Department)

1:00 p.m. Lunch

2:00 p.m. WOAAH Africa Workplan 2025-26 (Dr Karim Tounkara, WOAAH Regional Representative for Africa)

2:20 p.m. Discussion

3:30 p.m. Wildlife framework: Engaging discussions and collecting feedback for a wildlife strategy and health programme adapted to Members needs - Interactive Session (Dr Sophie Muset, WOAAH Preparedness and Resilience Department)

4:30 p.m. Conference conclusions and Adoption of Recommendations

5:30 p.m. Proposal of date and venue of the 27th Conference of the Regional Commission for Africa

5:45 p.m. Closing ceremony

6:30 p.m. Dinner (offered by Ethiopia)

FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2025

Technical/Cultural visit organised by Ethiopia

1:00 p.m. End of the Conference/Lunch