



**Regional Training Seminar for WOA National Focal Points for Veterinary Laboratories (cycle III)**  
**Gaborone, Botswana**  
**8 – 10 July 2025**

Time	Activity	Speakers
<b>DAY 1</b>		
<b>08:30 - 09:00</b>	Registration and Welcome Coffee	Ms Sifiso Ncube (WOAH SRR-SA)
<b>OPENING SESSION</b>		
<b>09:00 - 09:30</b>	Welcome address: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WOAH Host Country Delegate</li> <li>• WOAH (Sub) Regional Representative</li> <li>• Minister of Agriculture</li> </ul> Group Photo	Dr Kefentse Motshegwa Dr Moetapele Letshwenyo Hon Dr Micus Chimbombi
<b>09:30 – 09:50</b>	Introduction of Participants	All
<b>09:50 – 10:05</b>	Objectives and format of the Seminar	All
<b>10:05 - 10:30</b>	WOAH in Brief	Dr Moetapele Letshwenyo
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>	
<b>11:00 – 11:20</b>	WOAH Standard Setting Process for Laboratories	Prof Emmanuel Couacy-Hymann (WOAH BSC)





11:20 - 11:40	Update on the work of the Biological Standards Commission Main changes/resolutions emanating from the 2025 General Session	Prof Emmanuel Couacy-Hymann (WOAH BSC)
11:40 – 12:00	History of the WOAH National Focal Point Programme Terms of Reference of WOAH National Focal Points for Veterinary Laboratories	Dr Patrick Bastiaensen (WOAH SRR-EA)
<b>LABORATORY SUSTAINABILITY</b>		
12:00 – 12:20	Laboratories' role in outbreak investigation, risk analysis, disease surveillance and international trade	Dr Ekta Patel (ILRI)
12:20 – 12:40	BIOPREVAIL	Mr Zibusiso Masuku (Africa CDC)
12:40 – 13:00	WOAH PVS Pathway Laboratory Missions and Veterinary Laboratory Focal Points' role	Dr Jennifer Lasley (WOAH CBD)
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
14:00 – 14:20	Regional analysis of PVS reports (PVS IS)	Dr Caesar Lubaba (WOAH SRR-SA)
14:20 - 15:00	PVS Laboratory Mission: Member Country experiences ( <b>Liberia, Nigeria, Sudan, Uganda</b> )	Dr Varney Kamara (Liberia) Dr Pam Luka (Nigeria) Ms Wafa Mohammed Ahmed Attya Allah (Sudan) Dr Stella Acaye Atim (Uganda)
15:00 – 15:30	FAO Laboratory Mapping Tool	Mr Joshua Kimutai (FAO ECTAD)
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>	

16:00 – 16:20	Innovations in the lab: Emerging Diagnostic Technologies	Dr Ekta Patel (ILRI)
16:20 - 17:20	Group Discussion: Actions to improve sustainability of veterinary laboratory networks at different levels of influence	Moderated by Mr Zibusiso Masuku (Africa CDC)
17:20 – 17:40	Report Back	
19:00	Official Dinner hosted by WOAHA	
DAY 2		
08:30 – 09 :00	Recap of Day 1 and Overview of Day 2	
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND BIOLOGICAL THREAT REDUCTION</b>		
09:00 - 09:15	Evolving Threat Landscape for Laboratories	Mr Ian Peter Busuulwa (WOAH SRR-EA)
09:15 – 09:45	Biological risk management in conflict zones	AU PANVAC ICRC
09:45 – 10:15	Cyberbiosecurity	Dr Kennedy Chepukosi (IFBA / Technical University of Kenya)
10:15 – 10:30	Risk Management along pathogen value chain	Dr Keith Hamilton (WOAH PRD)
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>	
11:00 - 11:45	Emergency Management: Member Country Experiences ( <b>Malawi, Mozambique, South Sudan</b> )	Dr Chisale Macdonald (Malawi) Dr Lolanda Vieira Anahory Monjane (Mozambique)



		Mr David Panther Kelei (South Sudan)
<b>11:45 – 12:45</b>	Group Discussion: Mitigation and Response Strategies	Moderated by Dr Kennedy Chepukosi (IFBA / Technical University of Kenya)
<b>12:45 - 13:00</b>	Report Back	
<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
<b>14:00 – 15:30</b>	Laboratory Visit	Dr Caesar Lubaba (WOAH SRR-SA)
<b>15:30 – 16:00</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>	
<b>16:00 - 17:30</b>	Laboratory Visit	Dr Caesar Lubaba (WOAH SRR-SA)
<b>DAY 3</b>		
<b>08:00 – 08:30</b>	Recap of Day 2 and Overview of Day 3 Laboratory Visit Debrief	Dr Caesar Lubaba (WOAH SRR-SA)
<b>08:30 – 09:00</b>	WOAH's Work on Emergency Management and Biological Threat Reduction	Mr Ian Peter Busuulwa (WOAH SRR-EA)
<b>09:00 – 09:30</b>	Partner Initiatives on Emergency Management and Biological Threat Reduction	AU PANVAC AFRICA CDC / ASLM FAO RED CROSS



LABORATORY CAPACITY BUILDING AND LABORATORY NETWORKING		
09:30 - 09:50	WOAH Reference Centres and the Network of Expertise: role, rights, and commitments	Dr Patrick Bastiaensen (WOAH SRR-EA)
09:50 – 10:10	Overview of WOAHP Twinning Programme and Veterinary Laboratory Focal Points' role	Dr Mariana Marrana (WOAH PRD)
10:10 – 10:25	From Laboratory Twinning Candidate Laboratory to WOAHP Reference Laboratory for CBPP: setting and achieving goals (Botswana)	Dr Leruo Keokilwe (Botswana NVL)
10:25 – 10:45	Regional Laboratory Networks	Dr Chenai Sipwe Majuru (Zimbabwe / SADC Lab Sub-Committee)
10:45 – 11:15	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>	
11:15 – 12:15	Group Discussion: Strengthening Laboratory Networking and Actions for the future	Moderated by Dr Patrick Bastiaensen (WOAH SRR-EA)
12:15 – 12:40	Workshop summary and Evaluation	
12:40 – 13:00	Closing ceremony and certificates	
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>	