



## CONCEPT NOTE

Title : Closing Workshop phase 2 PROVNA project + Round table on OH surveillance and control of VBDs in NA

Locality, Country : Tunis, Tunisia

Dates : 21-24 April 2026

### 1. Background

On July 2024, the first phase of the “Defining Ecoregions and Prototyping on EO-based Vector-borne Disease Surveillance System for North Africa” (PROVNA) project, funded by WOA, is ended. During this first phase, in which all six North African countries (Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia) took part, the main ecoregions in North Africa relevant for the transmission of vector-borne diseases, have been identified through processing Earth Observation data.

Following the results of phase 1 of the project, presented on 2 July 2024 in Lisbon (Portugal), in a dedicated workshop organised in the framework of the 28th JPC REMESA meeting, a second phase of project activities has been planned, to establish a risk-based surveillance system across North Africa for mosquito-borne diseases (MBDs), using the eco-regionalization method developed in the phase 1.

Phase 2 project activities have been carried out by 5 work packages, and - besides several online bilateral meetings - the WOA SRR-NA organised:

- One launching workshop: [Launch of PROVNA 2: Establishment of a Risk-Based Surveillance System for Mosquito-Borne Diseases in North Africa - WOA - Africa](#)
- 4 webinars:
  - [WOA hosts first PROVNA 2 webinar on the use of Satellite Data - WOA - Africa](#)
  - [WOA hosts the second PROVNA2 webinar on Entomology – Use of Mosquito traps - WOA - Africa](#)
  - [Strengthening genomic surveillance for vector-borne diseases: PROVNA2 hosts its 3rd webinar on Whole Genome Sequencing \(WGS\) - WOA - Africa](#)
  - [WOA hosts webinar on the new PROVNA Platform - WOA - Africa](#)
- 3 in person trainings:
  - [Strengthening laboratory capacities for Vector-Borne Disease surveillance in North Africa: two rounds of PROVNA2 training completed in Teramo - WOA - Africa](#)
  - Training on GIS/Epidemiology (Feb. 2026 – web article coming soon)

To conclude the second phase of the project, the WOA Subregional Office for North Africa, in collaboration with the WOA OH Global Coordinator and Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale of Teramo (IZS Teramo), is organising the “closing workshop of the second phase of PROVNA project” and a “round table on OH surveillance and control of VBDs in North Africa”.

The closing workshop of the second phase of PROVNA project will be dedicated to the technical discussions and activity review between the member countries, WOA and IZS Teramo.



The round table on OH surveillance and control of VBDs in North Africa, on the other hand, will foresee the participation of other national, regional and international partners working on VBDs. The first day will see the participation of all stakeholders. The last day will be dedicated to the coordination among partner organisations and laboratories (no member countries).

**Tentative Programme Structure:**

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	21	22	23	24
morning	Closing Workshop PROVNA 2  countries + WOAHA and IZS	Closing Workshop PROVNA 2  countries + WOAHA and IZS	Round table on OH surveillance and control of VBDs in NA  countries, WOAHA, IZS and partners	Round table on OH surveillance and control of VBDs in NA  WOAHA, IZS and partners
afternoon				
	← countries participation →			
			← partners participation →	

## 2. Objectives

The event will be structured into two parts:

### **1. Closing of Phase II of the PROVNA project**

This workshop will serve as the formal closure of the second phase of the PROVNA project and will focus on reflection, consolidation, and forward planning. Specifically, it will include:

- **Discussion on Phase II activities:**  
Presentations by countries, IZS and WOAHA on the activities implemented under the project, followed by a general discussion on VBDs surveillance and control activities in North Africa.
- **SWOT Analysis – Phase II:**  
Working group sessions to assess strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats identified during implementation of phase 2.
- **Review of the Action Plan:**  
Assessment of activities planned for 2024 that were not implemented in 2025, with a renewed commitment to carry them out during the 2026 vector season.



- **Future Perspectives:**

Identification of remaining needs and discussion of expected results for the next phase (should funds be available).

## **2. Round Table on One Health Surveillance and Control of VBDs in North Africa**

This round table will focus on aligning country needs with the support offered by partner organisations, institutions, and laboratories.

- **Assessment of country needs and partner support:**

- Presentation by WOAHA on the outcomes of Days 1 and 2.
- Presentations by each partner outlining their activities on VBDs and available tools.
- A facilitated plenary discussion with participating countries to explore how to better match demand (countries' needs) and supply (available support).

- **Partner coordination meeting (without countries present):**

A dedicated session among partners to agree on practical steps to ensure follow-up and implementation of the outcomes discussed on Day 3.

## **3. Outcomes and follow-up activities**

After the workshop:

- a. **Critical assessment of Phase II implementation**, including a structured analysis of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT), in order to inform future strategic planning.
- b. **Updated activity plans**, reflecting lessons learned and renewed country commitment to implement agreed actions during the next vector season. These plans will promote the effective use of equipment and materials procured under the Project, with a view to ensuring the sustainability and durability of activities, including in the event of a potential funding gap.
- c. **A coordinated support framework involving national, regional and international partners** for the One Health (OH) management of vector-borne diseases (VBDs) in North Africa. This framework will aim to:
  - a. avoid duplication of efforts and competition between organisations, particularly in a context of increasing constraints on resources allocated to international cooperation;
  - b. ensure that proposed support activities are demand-driven and aligned with the needs expressed by countries.



## 4. Participants

The meeting will bring together Veterinary Authorities of the North African countries: i.e. Algeria, Egypt Libya, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia. Moreover, representatives of other national, regional and international partners (e.g., FAO, WHO, Institut Pasteur, Development and Cooperation Agencies and Banks) working on VBDs will be invited to attend the Round Table.

## 5. Languages/Interpretation

The (main) working language(s) will be : English

Languages foreseen (simultaneous interpretation) : French