



# Brief overview of WOAAH work on One Health

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**World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)**

# Our History

## World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)

### Timeline



### Our Worldwide Network

183

Members



75+

Official partners



Reference Centres of Expertise

300+



1 Headquarters in Paris, France

World Assembly of Delegates



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Regional and Sub-regional Representations



## Our Mission

Improve animal health and welfare globally, thereby ensuring a better future for all



### TRANSPARENCY

Management of animal health information



### STANDARDS

Development of international standards and the monitoring of their implementation



### CAPACITIES

Capacity building for animal health professionals

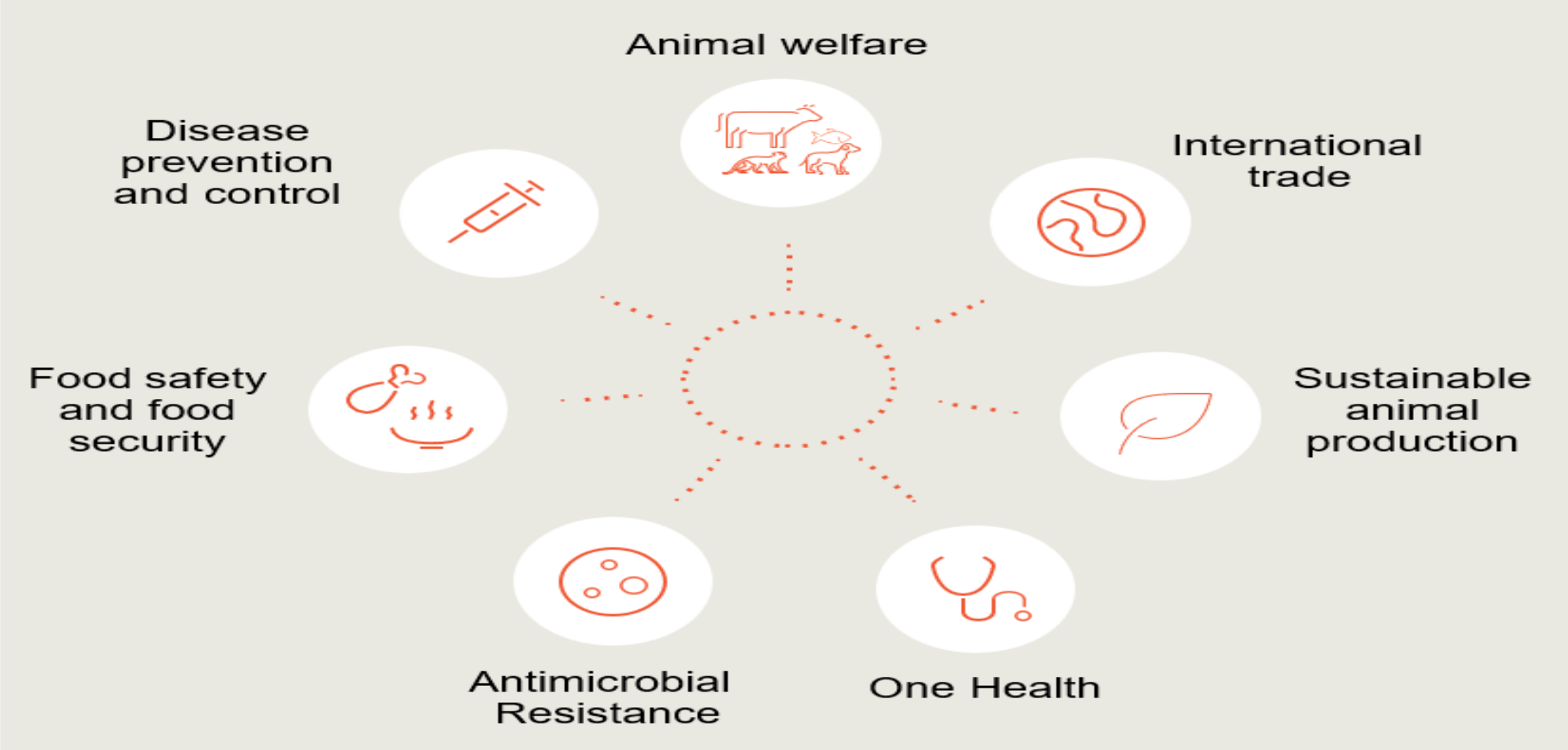


### GLOBAL INITIATIVES

Development of global strategies and in country support to roll-out

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

# Main areas of work



# An ever-changing world: Factors that can increase health risks



**CLIMATE CHANGE**



**LAND USE AND DEFORESTATION**



**UNSUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK PRACTICES**

**Because these risks are interdependent, protecting human health is impossible without simultaneously protecting animal and environmental health through a One Health Approach**



**GLOBALISATION AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE**



**OTHER HUMAN ACTIVITIES**

# What is One Health?

## One Health Definition developed by the OHHLEP



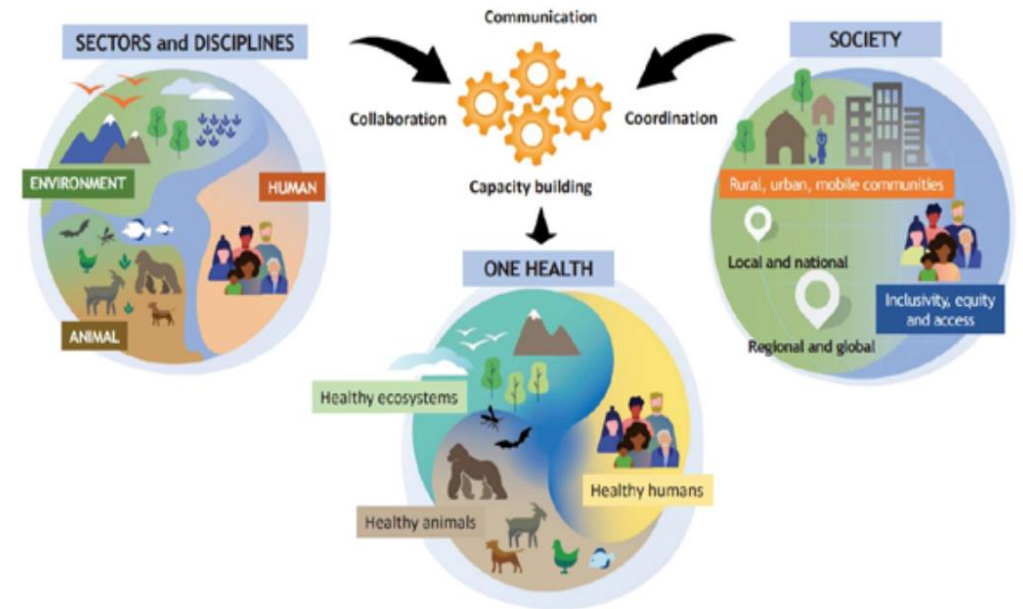
*“One Health is an integrated, unifying approach that aims to sustainably balance and optimize the health of people, animals and ecosystems.”*



*It recognizes the health of humans, domestic and wild animals, plants, and the wider environment (including ecosystems) are closely linked and interdependent.*



*The approach mobilizes multiple sectors, disciplines and communities at varying levels of society to work together to foster well-being and tackle threats to health and ecosystems, while addressing the collective need for clean water, energy and air, safe and nutritious food, taking action on climate change, and contributing to sustainable development”.*



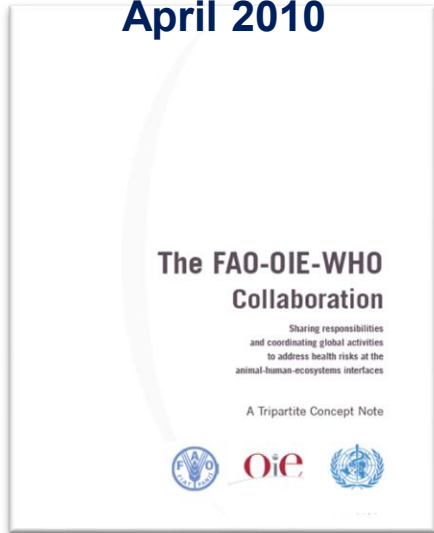
**Goal:** Achieve optimal health outcomes through collaborative efforts across multiple sectors and disciplines



# From Tripartite to Quadripartite



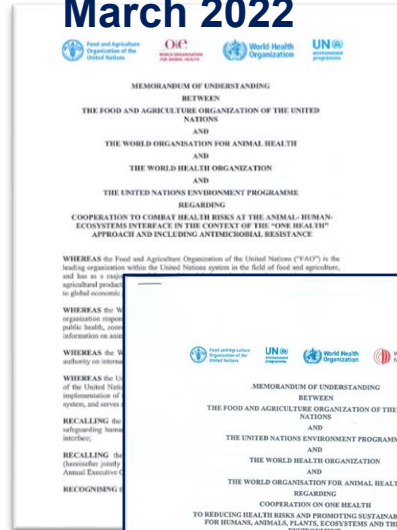
**Tripartite Concept Note**  
April 2010



**Tripartite MoU**  
May 2018



**Quadripartite MoU**  
March 2022



**Quadripartite MoU**  
December 2025



**Quadripartite coordination**

**Regional Level**

**Quadripartite regional coordination mechanism**

**Global level**

**Quadripartite Secretariat (annual rotating chair)**

**Quadripartite Senior Management**

**Quadripartite Executive Annual Meeting (DG level)**

**One Health High Level Expert Panel (OHHLEP)**

# Advancing One Health through the Quadripartite collaboration: Strategic Priorities



**Implementation  
of the One  
Health Joint  
Plan of Action  
(JPA)**



**Science and  
Evidence**



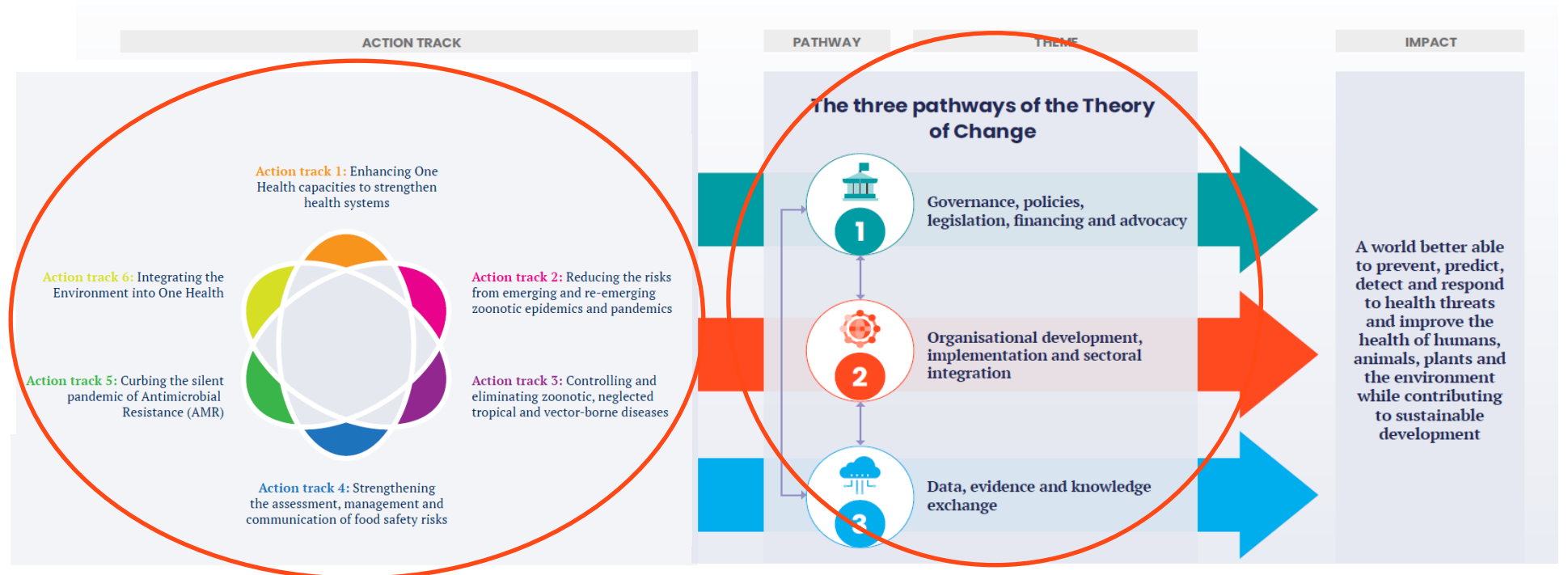
**Political  
Engagement  
and  
Advocacy**



**Leveraging  
investment  
for OH**

# STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1 - Implementation of the One Health Joint Plan of Action (JPA)

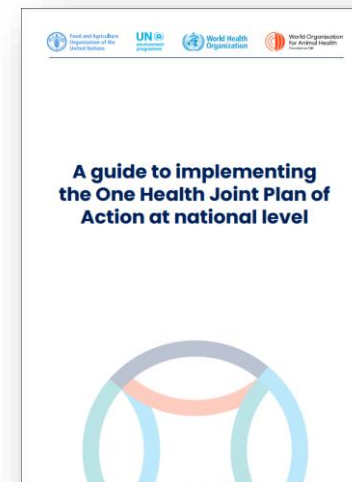
**One Health Joint Plan of Action (OH JPA)** – developed by the Quadripartite organisations, released in 2022 to address health risks across human, animal, plant and environment health.



Available in six languages along with a short factsheet.

# Implementation of the One Health Joint Plan of Action (OH JPA)

**OH JPA Implementation Guide** - released in 2023 as a practical framework outlining 5 steps to operationalize One Health at national level.



**Situation analysis**



**Set-up/strengthening of One Health governance and coordination**



**Planning for implementation**



**Implementation of national One Health action plans**



**Review, sharing and incorporation of lessons learned**

# Mobilizing One Health Action on the Ground

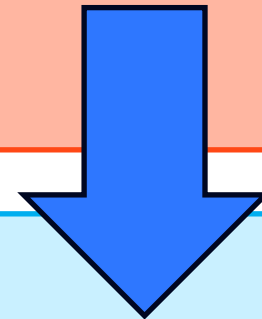
## Regional/ Sub-regional Projects

**Partner Collaborations:** Active OH projects in West/Central Africa and Central Asia (WB/PF).

**Disease Surveillance:**

- Using Earth Observation for VBD risk management.
- North Africa (PROVNA Phase 2)
- Balkans (Phase 1/ OH JPA-AT3)

**Expansion:** Scaling models to stimulate interest in new regions.



## OH Workshops in Countries/ Situation Analyses

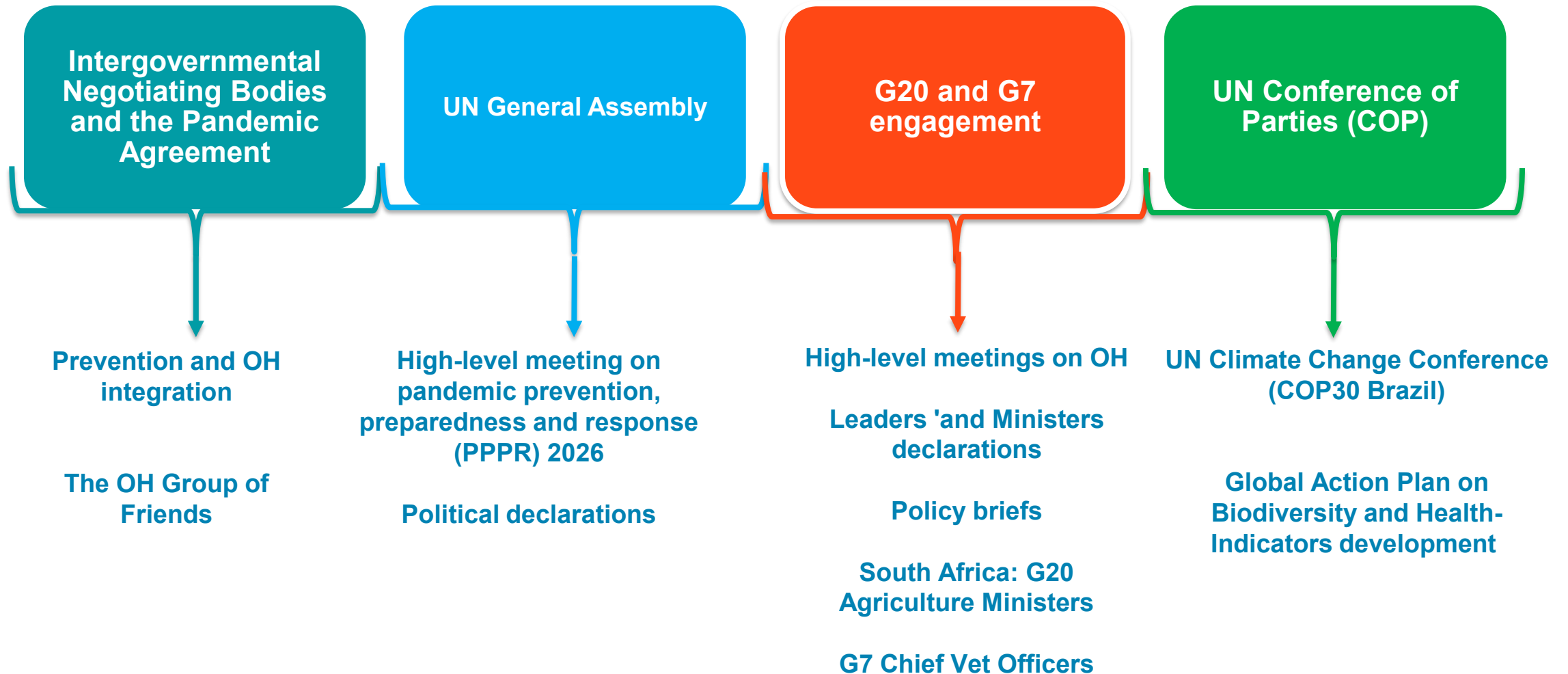
**Regional OH Workshops:**

- **Completed:** Middle East, Europe, Asia and Pacific.
- **Planned:** Eastern/Southern Africa, West-Central Africa.

**National OH Workshops:** Prioritizing actions and aligning with global OH JPA.  
Malawi, Ghana, Nigeria, Panama, and Brazil (tbc)

**OH Situation Analysis:** Deep-dives underway in Panama and Uzbekistan.

# One Health in global political agenda & advocacy



# Key achievements: Priority 3 – One Health Advocacy

**MENA Regional One Health Conference, Tunis, Tunisia (June 14 - 15, 2025)**



**One Sustainable Health for All Forum, Lyon, France (3 November 2025)**

**Second Quadripartite workshop for Asia, Bangkok (25-27 November 2025)**

**Global Health Talk, Berlin (10 July 2025)**

**UK-Brazil One Health Symposium, Brasilia (25-27 November 2025)**


**One Health Summit, Lyon (5-7 April 2026)**



ONE HEALTH  
SUMMIT

# STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3 – Political Engagement and Advocacy

Codes and Manuals | Publications | Documentary Portal | Training Platform | ANIMUSE | PVSIS | The Animal Echo | **Bookshop** | EN FR ES

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Global Events, General session

## 93rd General Session of the World Assembly of Delegates



From 18/05/2026 to 22/05/2026

9:00am - 6:30pm (GMT+1:00)

Paris, France

# Strategic priority 4 – Leveraging investment for One Health



**WOAH EFFORTS**

- Successfully **scaled operations by securing new financial contributions** from Germany (GIZ), the Netherlands, and France, building upon existing support from Italy and the USDA.
- **Expanded regional impact** through major projects funded by the EU (Western Balkans/Caucasus), the UK(ASEAN), and the World Bank (Central Asia and Africa).
- Successfully positioned WOAH initiatives (National Bridging Workshops (NBW) and Tripartite Zoonotic Guide (TZG) Operational Tools) as core components within national applications for **Pandemic Fund grants**.

## QUADRIPARTITE EFFORTS

- The QPT developed the **Joint Offer**, an **advocacy document** that calls for a targeted OH investment to support national uptake of the
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The image shows the cover of the 'The Quadripartite Joint Offer' advocacy document. At the top, it features the logos of the four organizations: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), UN Environment Programme (UNEP), World Health Organization (WHO), and World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH). The title 'The Quadripartite Joint Offer' is prominently displayed in orange and red text. Below the title, it reads 'A call for targeted One Health investment' and 'Facilitating the national uptake of the One Health Joint Plan of Action to prevent and control health risks'. The cover is decorated with a stylized graphic of overlapping colored arcs in shades of blue, orange, and grey.

# STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2 – Science and Evidence

*Generating and sharing science and evidence for the implementation of the One Health approach*

## Quadripartite Knowledge Nexus Communities of Practice

- 1) OH Governance;
- 2) OH Return on Investment and Investment Planning (RoI).

### Key Activities:

- Learning dialogues and webinars.
- Case studies.
- Forum discussions.
- Surveys.,

### Tutored online course on economics of OH



Evaluating the value of One Health

Closing webinar, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026

## FAO/WHO/WOAH Joint OH Learning Taskforce (JOHLT)

- Collaboration on **workforce development** through joint training strategies and shared resources, creating accessible, high-quality OH learning opportunities.



Joint One Health Learning Task Force (JOHLT) first meeting in November 2024

## Involvement in the OH Summit scientific conference and the World OH Congress (WOHC)

- Engaging in **high-level and technical** discussions and working with QPT partners.



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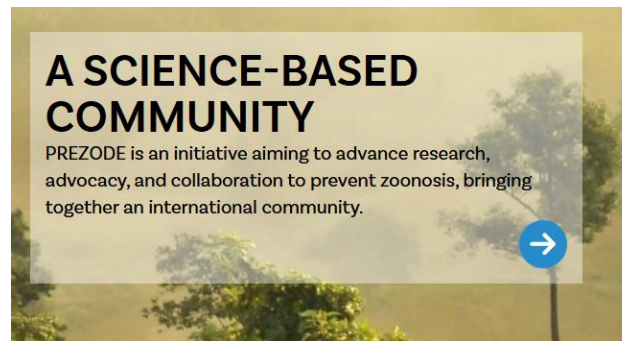
## OH High Level Expert Panel (OHHLEP)-Scientific advice to the Quadripartite

### Deliverables:

1. Understanding Enablers & Barriers to OH JPA implementation
  2. Review of international OH governance instruments
- Presentation of first draft at the OH Summit-France: April 2026

## PREZODE-WOAH-Working Group on One Health Science-Policy Dialogue

- The 30 experts selected will work to strengthen the **integration of scientific evidence into policy** and decision-making for One Health.
- 1st deliverable: a practical guide or handbook

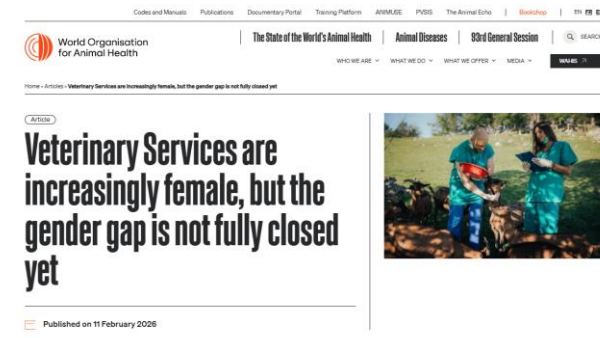


## International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)-WOAH Collaborating Center

### Gender and OH

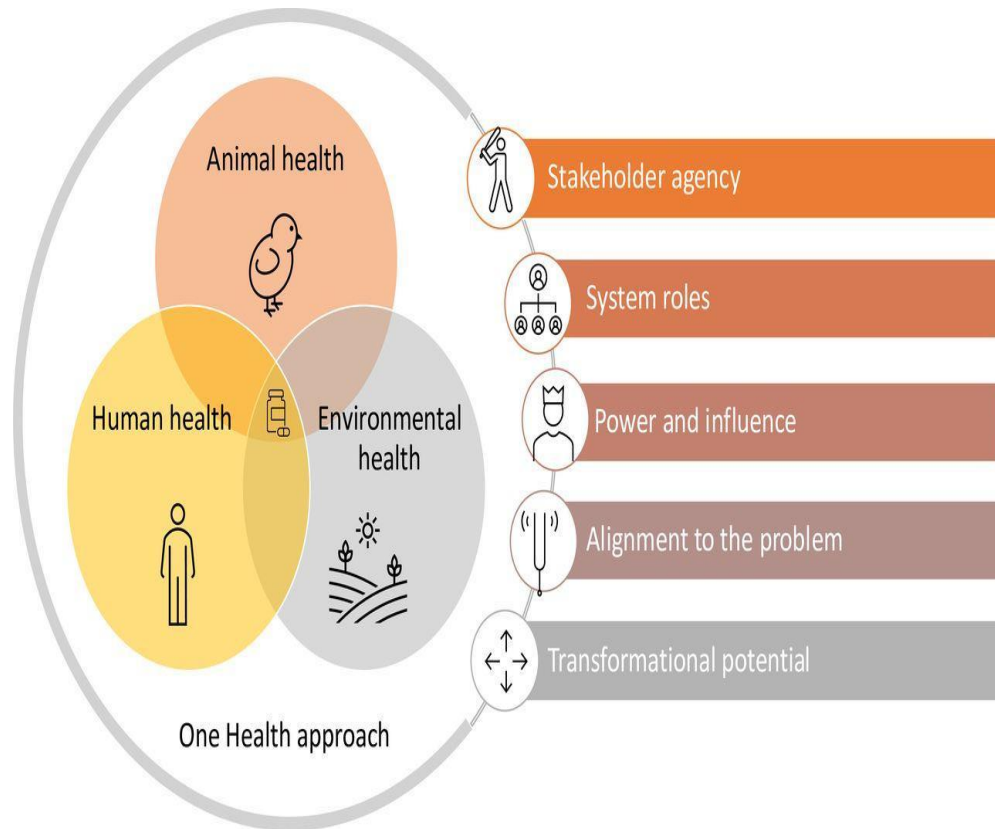
#### Upcoming activities:

- Climate-Smart Animal Health Strategies
- Joint session at the OH Congress on operational OH Systems and health security



On International Day of Women and Girls in Science, we celebrate females around the world who are breaking barriers and advancing in traditionally male dominated fields. Yet, encouraging numbers are just not enough: gender-sensitive policies grounded in data and investments reflecting rising needs play a key role in shaping the inclusive workforce of tomorrow.

# Pathway 1: Governance, Policy, Legislation, Financing, and Advocacy



Documents on SPI highlight the importance of stakeholder diversity in this regard. They also emphasise that the governance and structure of an SPI must be adapted to the diversity of actors and interests involved.

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This pathway focuses on creating an enabling environment for One Health. It includes

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**Strengthening Governance:** Setting up national multisectoral One Health coordination mechanisms.

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**Policy Development:** Developing or updating legislation and policies to integrate One Health.

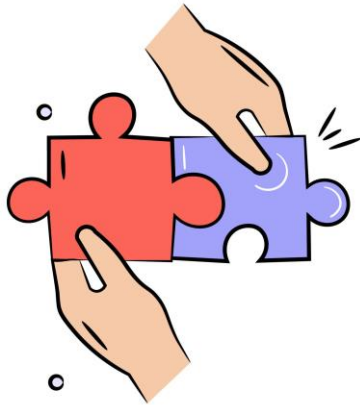
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**Political Will:** Increasing high-level advocacy to prioritize One Health.

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**Financing:** Securing sustainable investment for One Health initiatives.

## Pathway 2: Organizational and Institutional Development, Implementation, and Sectoral Integration



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This pathway focuses on practical, on-the-ground implementation and breaking down silos. It includes:

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**Institutional Strengthening:** Building capacity at national and local levels.

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**Multidisciplinary Approach:** Involving experts from health, agriculture, and environment sectors.

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**Community Engagement:** Mobilizing communities for action.

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**Equitable Integration:** Ensuring the environment and other underrepresented sectors are fully involved.

# Pathway 3: Data, Evidence, Information Systems, and Knowledge Exchange



## Specificity of a functional SPI

A functional SPI must go beyond the mere accumulation of information. It must produce actionable knowledge, for example through summaries, rapid assessments, technical notes, modelling, option mapping or solution-oriented analyses.



**3.** This pathway focuses on building the knowledge base to support decisions. It includes:



**Evidence Generation:** Developing evidence-based tools and risk assessments.



**Information Sharing:** Establishing systems for sharing data across sectors (human, animal, environment).



**Knowledge Exchange:** Promoting best practices and lessons learned between regions and countries.

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# Thank you

## Resources

[The One Health Joint Plan of Action](#)

[A Guide to implementing the One Health Joint Plan of Action at national level](#)

[The Quadripartite Joint Offer: A call for targeted One Health investment](#)

<https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/global-initiatives/one-health/>

