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## Update on OIE animal welfare activities

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## Introduction

- Animal Welfare is a component of a responsible livestock industry and therefore an integral part of Animal Health and Production.
- Animal welfare is closely linked to human welfare

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## The Five Freedoms

Hunger and thirst

Discomfort

Dis-ease, Pain and Injury

Expression of natural behaviour

Fear

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## The Millennium Development Goals

- 1 Eradicate poverty and hunger
- 2 Universal primary education
- 3 Gender equality
- 4 Reduced Child mortality
- 5 Improved maternal health
- 6 Combat HIV, AIDS, malaria etc.
- 7 Sustainable environment
- 8 Global partnership for development

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## Quotation on Animal Welfare

“ .....The Greatness of an nation and its progress is judged by the way its animals are handled”.....Gandhi

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## OIE's Role on Animal Welfare

- Historic role of the OIE is improved animal health (AH)
- Animal Welfare is a key component of AH

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## Why not before?

- 175 OIE Members – In more than 120 countries Animal Welfare was not a priority
- Animal Welfare is not as yet part of the WTO/SPS Agreement
- Inadequate Animal Welfare science on which global standards could be based

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## Evolution of the OIE animal welfare agenda

- 2000: Animal Welfare was recognised as a strategic priority in the 3<sup>rd</sup> OIE Strategic Plan 2001-2005;
- 2002: The OIE World Assembly of National Delegates adopted a Resolution leading to the creation of a permanent working group (AWWG);
- 2003: The general principles were

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## 1<sup>st</sup> OIE Global Conference of AW

- 2004: The 1<sup>st</sup> OIE Global Conference on Animal Welfare was held Paris;
- 2005: The 5 animal welfare standards were adopted;
  - The transport of animals by land
  - The transport of animals by sea
  - The transport of animals by air
  - The slaughter of animals for human consumption

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- Need to support implementation of the existing standards, especially in developing countries and in economic transition countries

- The Conference reviewed the state of animal welfare legislation and practices worldwide and identified specific challenges in several regions and countries

- More than 400 participants attended the Conference from all parts of the world

[http://www.oie.int/eng/A\\_AW2008/home.htm](http://www.oie.int/eng/A_AW2008/home.htm)

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## The 2<sup>nd</sup> OIE Global Conference

**Results 1**  
OIE Members identified a need for support in several areas including:

- Legislation and law enforcement;
- Education and training, especially for official veterinarians;
- Good governance through OIE initiatives such as the Evaluation of Performance of Veterinary Services (OIE PVS) and the OIE Twinning Programme for Laboratory and Collaborating Centers

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## The 2<sup>nd</sup> OIE Global Conference

- Results 2**
- The promotion of collaboration and partnerships with other organisations and stakeholder including industry, NGOs
  - Development of animal welfare strategies in the regions and sub regional in close collaboration with donors;
  - Promotion of practical and relevant research through the OIE Collaborating centers on AW in Italy, New Zealand, Chile and Uruguay.

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## Current and future OIE WP on AW

- (1)
- Implementation of Resolutions from the 2<sup>nd</sup> OIE Global Conference
  - OIE support for the Universal Declaration on Animal Welfare (Resolution XIV, 75<sup>th</sup> General Session).
  - Increase involvement of scientific community and understanding of regional issues through OIE Collaborating Centres on Animal Welfare ;
  - ~~Maintain and strengthen existing procedures~~

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## Current and future OIE WP on AW

- (2)
- Regional and sub regional AW Actions funded through the OIE World Animal Health and Welfare Fund (Animal Welfare Strategies for the respective RECs in Africa)
  - Training of OIE National Focal Points for animal welfare
  - New chapter on the Use of Animals in Research and Education to be proposed for adoption at the 2010 OIE World Assembly

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## Current and future OIE WP on AW

- (3)
- Campaign, Advocacy and Lobbying to influence of Governments and stakeholders to comply to best practices
  - Continuing to promote good animal welfare situation globally through the OIE democratic and transparent process of adoption of science based standards.
  - Ad hoc Groups to work on developing standards on livestock production systems (dairy cattle, pigs, laying hens);

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## CONCLUSION

- **Relationship between Human and Animal Welfare ...** Animals cannot have better lives than their owners
- **Trade and access to markets ....** Poor countries concerns.... avoid "parachuting" irrelevant knowledge
- **Capacity Building ....** Training of Trainers (ToTs).... engage animal owners, workers, rural communities etc
- **Dispute settlement .....** use current OIE AW standards to advice on disputes arising from to trade arrangements.

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your attention  
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