

**Africa Regional Seminar on Rabies
Towards Elimination of Human Deaths from Dog-Mediated Rabies in Africa by 2030
Is Africa ready for Zero by Thirty?**

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Time	Item	Facilitator/Speaker
Opening and introduction session		
8:00 – 9:00	Registration	WOAH SRR SA
9:00 – 9:30	Welcome remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Karim Touunkara, WOA Regional Representative for Africa • Delegate of Botswana
9:30 – 9:40	Objectives of the seminar	Dr Moetapele Letshwenyo, Subregional Representative for Southern Africa
Tools and resources for rabies control Chair (TBC)		
9:40 – 10:00	WOAH support on Rabies elimination <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Zero by 30 Global Strategic plan II. UAR Forum: Progress so far in the implementation of the Global Strategic Plan III. WOA international standards relevant to dog-mediated Rabies control - endorsement of official Rabies control programme IV. WOA Rabies Vaccine Bank V. Surveillance (WAHID, Twinning, Rabies network, Diagnostic capacity) 	Dr Rachel Tidman , WOA Science Department
10:15 – 10:30	WOAH support towards elimination of dog-mediated Rabies in African region	Dr Tenzin Tenzin, WOA Regional Office
10:30 – 11:00	Group photo & Tea break	
11:00 – 11:20	WOAH Reference Laboratory for Rabies – laboratory support provided to the countries in the region, opportunities for potential collaboration	Dr Claude Sabetta, Ondersport Veterinary Institute (OVI), South Africa
11:20 – 11:35	Update on GAVI engagement towards Zero by 30	Dr Bernadette ABELA-RIDDER, WHO, Geneva
11:35 – 11:50	FAO support in implementation of Zero by 30 in Africa	FAO Representative (TBD)
11:50 – 12:00	Discussion	

World Café Session (WCS)		
12:00 – 13:00	Explain how the objective and work play of the World café sessions	Facilitators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Louis Nel • Dr Tenzin Tenzin • Dr Patrick Bastiaensen, WOA Regional Office
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break	
14:00 – 16:00	World Café Session (WCS)	
	WCS 1- One Health National Strategic Plan for Rabies Elimination and Country Commitment	Facilitators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Rachel Tidman • Dr Nehemia Hedimbi, Namibia • Dr Patrick Bastiaensen Rapporteur: WOA Regional Office
	WCS 2- Dog Population Management	Facilitators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Johann Kotze, MSD • Dr Serge Mpouam, WOA Regional Office Rapporteur: WOA Regional Office
	15:30 – 16:00 Tea break	
	WCS 3 - Rabies Surveillance	Facilitators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Claude Sabeta, OVI, • Dr Lillian Wambua, WOA Regional Office Rapporteur WOA Regional Office
	WCS 4 - Dog Vaccination	Facilitators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Nathaly Monsalve, WOA Regional Activities Department • Dr Tenzin Tenzin Rapporteur - WOA Regional Office
16:15 – 16:40	Plenary presentation of the Café session + Discussion	Group leader / Facilitator from each WCS
16:40 – 16:50	Concluding remarks / Action item	Dr Karim Tounkara



Location: Grand Palm Hotel, Gaborone, Botswana



Date: 20 February 2023