Structure, Objectives and Strategic Plan of the OIE

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THE OIE IN BRIEF
An international technical and science-based Organisation

1924
Creation of the Office International des Épizooties (OIE)

1945
Creation of the United Nations

2003
New preferred name: World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)

1
Headquarters in Paris (France)

5
Regional Representations

7
Sub-regional Representations
Regional (RR) and Sub-regional (SRR) Representations

Under the direct authority of the Director General
Collaborate closely with Regional Commissions
182 Member Countries in 2019
Financing of the OIE

Statutory contributions
- Divided into 6 categories chosen by the countries
- 50% reduction for Member Countries on the United Nations' list of ‘Least Developed Countries’
- Financing: Standard-setting and animal health information activities

Voluntary contributions
- World Animal Health and Welfare Fund
- Co-funding from countries hosting OIE Offices
- Specific donations
- Provision of premises, equipment and staff

Other income
- Publications
- Fees related to official recognition of status for certain diseases
- Various services
Donors and Partners
(OIE World Animal Health and Welfare Fund)
Summary

- Structure of the OIE
- International Relations
- 6th Strategic Plan
- OIE publications and website
Chapter 1

Structure of the OIE
Governance structures of the OIE

- World Assembly of Delegates
- Council
- Director General
- Regional Commissions
- Headquarters
- Collaborating Centres
- Reference Laboratories
- Regional and Sub-Regional Representations
- Authority relations
- Functional relations

Specialist Commissions
Ad hoc Groups
Working Groups
World Assembly of Delegates

Highest authority of the OIE

- Composed of all national Delegates of the OIE
- Convenes at least once a year in May

Adopts the OIE Standards published in the OIE Codes and Manuals
The Delegate

National Representative for the OIE

- Responsible for negotiating international veterinary standards
- Notification to the OIE of the national animal disease situation
- National representative with international status

Appointed by the national government

(most frequently, the country’s Chief Veterinary Officer)
# National Focal Points

## 8 areas of expertise

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Appointed by the Delegate
National Focal Points

Assist the Delegate to
• Comment on draft standards proposed by the OIE
• Prepare and implement appropriate legislation

Technical contact points for the OIE regional offices and Headquarters
• Under the authority of the Delegate

Information exchange and international networking
Governance structures of the OIE

[Diagram showing the structure of the OIE, including The World Assembly of Delegates, Council, Director General, Regional Commissions, Collaborating Centres, Reference Laboratories, Headquarters, Specialist Commissions, Ad hoc Groups, Working Groups, Regional and Sub-Regional Representations, Authority relations, and Functional relations.]
Council

Represents the World Assembly of Delegates

- Members elected by OIE Delegates

Functions

- Examines the technical and administrative documents prepared by the Director General and submitted to each Member Country prior to the World Assembly of Delegates
- Approves the OIE’s provisional budget and monitors its implementation
- Represents the World Assembly of Delegates between General Sessions

3-year Term 2018 2021
### Council

#### Constitution

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<td>Dr Christianne Bruschke (The Netherlands)</td>
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Governance structures of the OIE
Regional Commissions

Address specific local issues

- Can be fully considered as **regional institutions**
- Board composed of 4 Delegates elected for a **3-year** term of office by the World Assembly
- Regional Commission Conferences
  - Every 2 years
  - In one of the countries of the region
- **Recommendations** submitted to the World Assembly for approval and implementation by the Director General
- Meet annually during the World Assembly
Governance structures of the OIE

Specialist Commissions
Specialist Commissions

- Elected by the World Assembly of Delegates

3 year Term 2018 2021

Functions

- Study **epidemiological** and **scientific** issues
  - Animal disease prevention and control methods
- Develop, update and propose international **standards** and **guidelines** for adoption by the World Assembly of Delegates
- Study **scientific** and **technical** issues raised by Members, excluding **trade** issues for which the Director General may propose mediation
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| Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases | • Supports strategies and identification measures for  
  • Disease surveillance  
  • Disease prevention and control  
• Submits corresponding proposals to the Code Commission  
• Examines Members’ requests regarding their animal health status |
| Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission | • Annually updates the OIE Aquatic Code and Manual  
• Formulates recommendations relating to the prevention and control of diseases of fish, molluscs, crustaceans and amphibians |
| Biological Standards Commission | • Develops diagnostic methods for diseases in mammals, birds and bees  
• Defines quality criteria of biological products, including vaccines  
• Oversees the development of the Terrestrial Manual  
• Supports the Director General in supervising the global network of OIE Reference Centres |
Governance structures of the OIE

Ad hoc Groups
Working Groups
Ad hoc and Working Groups

Internationally renowned experts from the Reference Centres

World Assembly of Delegates
- Forms
- Permanent
- Working Groups
  - Regularly update progress made in the field of expertise: (Until May 2017)
  - Animal welfare
  - Food safety
  - Wildlife

Director General
- Forms
- Recommendations
- One-off
- Ad hoc Groups
  - Prepare recommendations on specific topics:
    - Examples:
      - Veterinary paraprofessionals
      - Veterinary legislation
      - Tilapia lake virus

Specialist Commissions
- Advise on current issues
- Provide recommendations
Governance structures of the OIE
Since 1 January 2016

- Elected in May 2015 by the World Assembly of national Delegates
- 1st woman elected to this position
- Implementation of the 6th Strategic Plan 2016-2020

Dr Monique Éloït
Governance structures of the OIE

- The World Assembly of Delegates
- Council
- Director General
- Headquarters
- Regional Commissions
- Collaborating Centres
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- Specialist Commissions

Regional and Sub-regional Representations

Authority relations
Functional relations
Regional (RR) and Sub-Regional (SRR) Representations

Under the direct authority of the Director General
Collaborate closely with Regional Commissions
### Regional Representative

**Dr Karim Tounkara**  
*Bamako (Mali)*

### Sub-Regional Representatives

- **Southern Africa**: Dr Moetapele Letshwenyo
- **North Africa**: Dr Rachid Bouguedour
- **Eastern Africa and Horn of Africa**: Dr Samuel Wakhusama

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**Regional Commission**

54 members

*A country can be a member of several Regional Commissions*
### Regional Representative

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### Sub-Regional Representative

- **Central America**: Dr Montserrat Arroyo Kuribreña

### Regional Commission

- **32 members**

*Note: A country can be a member of several Regional Commissions*
## Asia, Far East, Oceania

### Regional Representative
Dr Hirofumi Kugita  
*Tokyo (Japan)*

### Sub-Regional Representative
- **South East Asia**: Dr Ronello C. Abila

A country can be a member of several Regional Commissions.
Regional Representative

Dr Ghazi Yehia

Beirut (Lebanon)

Regional Commission

20 members

A country can be a member of several Regional Commissions
### Regional Representative

**Dr Budimir Plavšić**  
*Moscow (Russia)*

### Sub-regional Representatives

- **Dr Fabien Schneegans** : Brussels (Belgium)
- **Dr Mereke Taitubayev** : Nur-Sultan (Kazakhstan)

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**Regional Commission**  

| 53 members |

*A country can be a member of several Regional Commissions*
 Governance structures of the OIE

Reference Centres
Reference Laboratories

Expert Centres for animal diseases

- Under the responsibility of an expert
  - Develop, perform and validate **diagnostic tests**
  - Store and distribute **reference reagents**
  - Conduct laboratory **proficiency tests** of samples from other Members’ laboratories
  - Coordinate **technical** and **scientific** studies
  - Organise technical and scientific **training** for Member Countries

- List of Reference Laboratories validated annually by the World Assembly of Delegates
Reference Laboratories

Expert Centres for animal diseases

254 Reference laboratories in 37 countries

106 diseases
Collaborating Centres

Centres of excellence on horizontal topics

- Contribute to the development of procedures to update and promote OIE international standards and guidelines

- Coordinate scientific studies

- Provide technical training

- Organise and host scientific meetings in collaboration with the OIE
Collaborating Centres

Centres of excellence on horizontal topics

58 Collaborating Centres in 28 countries

50 topics
Chapter 2

International Relations
Permanent institutional cooperation

Global public organisations (1/2)

[Logos of FAO, World Health Organization, Codex Alimentarius, World Trade Organization, World Customs Organization, and OIE]
Permanent institutional cooperation

Global public organisations (2/2)
Technical and scientific cooperation

Global private sector bodies and NGOs

[Logos of various organizations]
Technical and scientific cooperation

Regional public organisations
Chapter 3

Sixth Strategic Plan
(2016-2020)
Global vision

Economic prosperity, social and environmental welfare of populations

Protecting animals

Preserving our future

Delivering timely, high quality information and services to

- allow the management of risks to terrestrial and aquatic animal health and welfare
- minimise associated dangers to human health
- protect the environment and biodiversity in a “One Health” approach
6TH STRATEGIC PLAN 2016-2020

We work to protect the health and welfare of animals globally, leading to economic prosperity as well as social and environmental well-being of populations.

Reinforcing trust through TRANSPARENCY and communication

- We are
  - Spreading scientific and technical knowledge by:
    - Providing technical Veterinary expertise
    - Collecting and disseminating disease data notified by Member Countries
    - Incorporate social, economic and environmental sciences
    - Enhance countries’ official disease status recognition
- We will
  - Improve governance to strengthen science and expert roles
  - Modernise our external communication tools
  - Share our expert data analysis through WAHIS*
  - Take into account new technologies

Improving animal health and welfare by appropriate RISK MANAGEMENT

- We are
  - Developing science-based guidelines and standards to address:
    - Antimicrobials use and alternatives
    - Global disease control and eradication
    - Further implement the One Health concept
    - Enhance countries’ official disease status recognition
- We will
  - Reduce biothreat
  - Incorporate social, economic and environmental sciences
  - Take into account new technologies
  - Improve governance to strengthen science and expert roles

Supporting and strengthening VETERINARY SERVICES at the front lines of public health

- We are
  - Addressing human-animal health emergencies with partners
  - Improving capacities of Veterinary Services in Member Countries
- We will
  - Enhancing global governance of animal health systems
  - Improving Veterinary Services through the PVS Pathway
  - Adapting our capacity-building programmes to fit local contexts

*) The OIE World Animal Health Information System

Excellence

- SCIENCE
  - quality
  - objectivity
  - knowledge transfer
- Engagement
  - Expert groups
  - Reference Centres
  - Specialist Commissions
- Management
  - new technologies
  - diversity and selection

World Organisation for Animal Health · Protecting animals, Preserving our future
3 strategic objectives

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Improving animal health and welfare by appropriate risk management

we are

Developing **science-based** guidelines and **standards** to address:

- **Antimicrobials use and alternatives**
- **Global disease control and eradication**
- **Biothreat reduction**
- **Climate change and biodiversity**

we will

- **Incorporate social, economic and environmental sciences**
- **Further implement the One Health concept**
- **Enhance countries' official disease status recognition**
- **Take into account new technologies**
3 strategic objectives

Reinforcing trust through Transparency and communication

we are
Spreading scientific and technical knowledge by:

Providing technical Veterinary expertise
Collecting and disseminating disease data notified by Member Countries

we will

Improve governance to strengthen science and expert roles
Share our expert data analysis through WAHIS*

Modernise our external communication tools

* The OIE World Animal Health Information System
3 strategic objectives

Supporting and strengthening Veterinary Services at the front lines of public health

we are

- Addressing human-animal health emergencies with partners
- Enhancing global governance of animal health systems

we will

- Highlight benefits brought by sustainable Veterinary Services
- Adapt our capacity-building programmes to fit local contexts
- Further improve the quality of Veterinary Services through the PVS Pathway

*OIE Programme to improve the performance of Veterinary Services
## Other priority missions

- Food Security and Safety
- Animal welfare
- Good Governance of Veterinary Services
- Capacity building
- Scientific excellence
- Improve animal health management worldwide
- Improve national policies
- PVS Pathway
- Communication
## Food Security and Safety

### Food security
- Key issue for public health (nutrition)
- Productivity is dependent on animal health
- Monitoring the use of antimicrobials

### Food safety
- Need for global, national and local supply of food which is free from pathogens and sanitary risks

**Ensured through healthy animals and effective Veterinary Services**
Animal welfare

A strategic commitment

Animal health, key component of animal welfare

- The OIE is the world reference organisation for developing international standards on animal welfare

Adopted in May 2017
Good Governance of Veterinary Services

- Develop **suitable veterinary legislation** and ensure its effective implementation in national animal health systems in accordance with OIE standards and with appropriate financial and human resources.

- Guarantee surveillance, early detection and rapid response to disease outbreaks through, the resources available to Veterinary Services, a **clear national chain of command** and capacities for **effective early diagnosis**.
Good Governance of Veterinary Services

- Promote **partnerships** between **public** and **private** sectors
  - Farmers, private veterinarians, consumers

- Utilise the OIE **PVS Tool**
  - Evaluate country compliance with international standards

- Provide initial and continuing **veterinary education** in accordance with OIE guidelines

- Conduct applied **research programmes**
## Capacity building

### For whom?

- **Delegates** and national staff
  - In particular, the National **Focal Points**

- **Regional Representations**
  - Strengthen capacity to better support Delegates and Focal Points

### Why?

- **Develop capacity building programmes** for Delegates and Focal Points
  - Regular global and regional meetings organised by the OIE and its regional offices

- **Develop relationships** between the Regional Representations and elected members of the Regional
Strengthen the OIE’s network

| Reference Centres (312 in 2019) | Laboratory Twinning | Specific laboratory support projects |

Support veterinary scientific communities in developing countries by facilitating their involvement and their ability to create networks.

Disease control worldwide

Continuously update the international standards of the OIE and the Codex Alimentarius.
Improve animal health management worldwide

- Develop OIE communication strategies
- Establish multilateral and bilateral arrangements

Support national Veterinary Services to comply with OIE standards on quality

= Public good at national and global levels

Global investment priority

- Reinforce and promote the OIE’s regional and global influence
  - Governance including public-private partnerships
  - Scientific research
  - Veterinary education
- Further deploy the use of the OIE PVS Tool
**Improve national policies**

- Key role of the OIE Delegate: **Convince his/her government**
- Invest in animal disease monitoring and prevention

**Cost of sanitary crisis**

- Reinforce the participation of Delegates in OIE meetings and meetings of the SPS Committee and Codex Committees
  - Especially for developing and in-transition countries
- Organise regional and national training seminars for Veterinary Services and their private sector partners
  - Veterinarians, farmers, professional organisations

**Cost of a preventative approach**
The OIE collaborates with governments, donors and other stakeholders

The OIE Pathway

Sustainable consolidation of national animal health systems

**ORIENTATION**

A. Sub-Regional Orientation Training Workshop
B. Sub-Regional Lessons Learnt Workshop

**TARGETED SUPPORT**

A. One Health Integration (PVS/IHR)
B. Veterinary Legislation Support
C. Sustainable Laboratories
D. Veterinary and Veterinary Paraprofessional Education
E. OIE National Focal Points Training
F. Public-Private Partnerships

**EVALUATION**

A. PVS Evaluation
B. PVS Evaluation Follow Up
C. PVS Self-Evaluation
D. PVS Evaluation (Aquatic)
E. Specific Content (e.g. PPR, rabies)

**PLANNING**

A. PVS Gap Analysis
B. PVS Strategic Planning Support
Provide information

Transparent, relevant and accessible to all

Objectives

- Promote the OIE and its work
- Useful animal health information (WAHIS)
- Communication with Veterinary Services (Chapter 3.3 of the Terrestrial Code)

Targets

- Specialised
- General

Means

An efficient network

- Inform targets
- Train the 182x8 Focal Points
- Harmonise the messages

An expanded network

- Public Relations
- Press Relations
- Social Networks

A dynamic network

- Publications on a regular basis
- Updated website

Adhering to OIE values and qualities

Increase awareness

Generate action

Understand OIE’s actions
Intersectoral themes

- “One Health” Concept
- Veterinary Education
- Relationship between Animal Production and Environment
The “One Health” Concept

A global strategy for managing risks at the Animal - Human - Ecosystems interface

Tripartite agreement of 3 Directors General

3 Priorities

- Zoonotic influenzas
  ➔ OFFLU, OIE/FAO expertise network on animal influenza

- Antimicrobial resistance
  ➔ The OIE action plan contributes to the achievement of certain issues in the WHO Global Action Plan

- Rabies
  Global control of canine rabies
  ➔ WHO-OIE global conference in Dec. 2015
  ➔ WHO/OIE/FAO/GARC « Zero By 30 » Strategic plan in June 2018
Collaboration between WHO and OIE

For the strengthening of national health systems
Intergovernmental regulations and standards

Development of national capacities for early detection and rapid response
Veterinary Education

Recognition of veterinary qualifications and promotion of professional excellence throughout the world

Global conferences

Guidelines and recommendations

Veterinary Education Core Curriculum

Competencies of graduating veterinarians ‘Day 1 Competencies’

Veterinary Education Twinning projects
Defining better training options for Veterinary paraprofessionals to fight animal diseases more efficiently
Relationship between animal production and environment

Anticipation of new sanitary and environmental risks

Advantages and benefits of the relationship between Humans - Animals

- Emergence and outbreaks of animal diseases
- Climate and environmental change
- Animal production systems
Conclusion

OIE activities are a Global Public Good

Benefiting the international community, contributing to building a healthier future

Protecting animals, preserving our future
OIE publications and website
WORLD ORGANISATION FOR ANIMAL HEALTH

Publications

- **Codes**
  - Terrestrial
  - Aquatic
  - Once a year

- **Manuals**
  - Terrestrial
  - Aquatic

- **Scientific & Technical Review**
  - 3 times a year

- **World Animal Health**
  - Online
  - Permanently updated

- *Technical items, Information brochures, Specialised publications*
Social media

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World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)
**International Events**

- **World Veterinary Day**
  - 27 April

- **World Rabies Day**
  - 28 September

- **World Antibiotic Awareness Week**
  - 18-24 November

**OIE Global and Multiregional Conferences**

- **One Health for the Mediterranean Region in the Age of Big Data**
  - 30 September-2 October
  - (Cagliari, Sardinia, Italy)

- **87th OIE General Session**
  - 26-31 May
  - (Paris, France)
Thank you for your attention

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