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**UNITED AGAINST RABIES:  
One Health in Action—Partnering for Success**

22 September 2020 [12.00-14.00 UTC]

## **Introduction**

The UAR stakeholder meeting will take place at a time when zoonotic diseases and One Health are high on the global agenda.

As one of the oldest known zoonoses, rabies is entirely preventable, yet remains a major public health problem, particularly in Africa and Asia. However, rabies control and elimination is possible through a united One Health approach that strengthens human and animal health systems and drives progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals.

The framework for this approach is set out in *The Global Strategic Plan to end human deaths from dog-mediated rabies by 2030* and a United Against Rabies Forum to deliver its vision will be announced at this event. **To make rabies elimination a reality by 2030, we need all sectors to join forces – government, animal and human health, research, private sector and civil society.**

The Tripartite (FAO, OIE and WHO) will support the stakeholder meeting to create an enabling environment so that members and countries can focus on activities that efficiently contribute to *Zero by 30*, while also sharing of knowledge, experience, ideas, and information.

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## **AGENDA**

**12.00-13.00**

### **OPENING**

#### **Welcome and Introduction**

Patricia Amira, Master of Ceremonies

#### **Opening remarks**

- Dr Tedros Adhanom Gebreyesus, Director General, WHO
- Dr Qu Dongyu, Director General, FAO
- Dr Monique Eloit, Director General, OIE



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## **ANIMAL HEALTH AND THE GLOBAL AGENDA: RABIES IN POST COVID-19 ERA**

### **Moderator Patricia Amira chairs discussion**

- Lord Alexander Trees, Emeritus Professor of Veterinary Parasitology and Cross Bench Member of the House of Lords, UK
- Hon. Dr Daniel Madandi Ngamiye, Minister of Health, Rwanda

## **RABIES, ITS IMPACT AND HOW TO BEAT IT**

**Objective: Audience understands health and economic impact of rabies - but we have the solutions to beat it**

- Dr Mwelecele Ntuli Malecela, Director of WHO Department of Control of Neglected Tropical Diseases, WHO
- Hon. Dr Antonio Plutarco Emilio Arias Arias, Minister of Public Health, Dominican Republic
- Hon. Dr Papa Seck, Senior Advisor to the President of the Republic of Senegal, Macky Sall
- Hon. Dr Hugo López Gatell, Under Secretary of Prevention and Health Promotion, Mexico

## **ONE HEALTH IN PRACTICE**

**Objective: Sharing One Health approaches with a focus on rabies elimination**

- Dr Katinka de Balogh, Senior Animal Production and Health Officer, FAO Regional Officer for Asia and the Pacific
- Hon. William Dar, Secretary of Agriculture, Philippines
- Hon. Minister Carl HG Schlettwein, Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform, Namibia
- H.E. Kung Phoak, Deputy Secretary General, ASEAN



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## **SURVEILLANCE AND DATA FOR RABIES ELIMINATION AND WIDER PUBLIC HEALTH**

**Objective: Data drives effective decision making and implementation – identifying ways to improve surveillance systems**

- Dr Matthew Stone, Deputy Director General, OIE
- Dr Abderrahman El Abrak, Chief Veterinary Officer, Morocco
- Dr Sowath Ly, Deputy Director, Institut Pasteur, Cambodia
- Dr Prashant Suryawanashi, Directorate of Health services, Goa State, India

## **DOGS EYE VIEW FILM**

Pankaj KC, Programme Director – Animals in Communities, World Animal Protection

## **THE CASE FOR INVESTING IN RABIES ELIMINATION**

**Objective: The costs of rabies on communities is high. Rabies elimination is possible and cost effective.**

- Mrs Anurandha Gupta, Deputy CEO, Gavi-The Vaccine Alliance
- Dr Alasdair King, Director of International Veterinary Health, Merck Animal Health
- Hon. Peter Gatirau Munya, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives, Kenya
- Professor Dr Thomas Mettenleiter, CEO, Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut, Germany
- Rt Hon Lord Zac Goldsmith, Minister for the Pacific and the Environment, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, United Kingdom

## **PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES**

- Dr Nasseem Salahuddin, Director of Infectious Diseases, Indus hospitals, Karachi, Pakistan
- Mr Joel Changalucha, Youth Advocate, Tanzania



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### **13.00-14.00 UNITED AGAINST RABIES FORUM DISCUSSION**

**These break-out sessions will run concurrently and provide an opportunity to discuss working group themes and set priorities around the objectives of the Global Strategic Plan.**

#### **SESSION 1: EFFECTIVE USE OF VACCINES, MEDICINES, TOOLS AND TECHNOLOGIES**

**Moderator:** Dr Keith Sumption, Chief Veterinary Officer, FAO

**Panellists:**

- Dr Umme Ruman Siddiqi, Deputy Programme Manager, Zoonotic Disease Control Programme, Directorate General of Public Health Services, Bangladesh
- Dr Thumbi Mwangi, Associate Professor, Paul Allen School for Global Animal Health, Rabies Free Kenya
- Dr Terence P Scott, Technical Lead, Global Alliance for Rabies Control
- Dr Luke Gamble, CEO, Mission Rabies
- Dr Ryan Wallace, Deputy Director, One Health Office, US Centers for Disease Control

#### **SESSION 2: IDENTIFYING WAYS TO GENERATE, INNOVATE AND MEASURE IMPACT**

**Moderator:** Dr Bernadette Abela-Ridder, Team Leader, Neglected Tropical Diseases, WHO

**Panellists:**

- Dr Ottorino Cosivi, Director PAHO-PANAFTOSA
- Dr Vivian Iwar, Head of Livestock Division, ECOWAS
- Dr Qiulan Chen, Center for Disease Control, PDR China
- Dr Thomas Müller, Director, Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut, Germany
- Dr Vasili Basiladze, Deputy Head of National Food Agency, Georgia



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### SESSION 3: GENERATING SUSTAINED COMMITMENT AND RESOURCES

**Moderator:** Dr Matthew Stone, Deputy Director-General, OIE (confirmed)

**Panellists:**

- Dr Tennyson Williams, Africa Director, World Animal Protection
- Dr Nick Harris, Development Programmes Manager, Indo-Pacific Centre for Health Security, Australian Government
- Dr William Adu-Kuma, Chief Veterinary Officer, Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Ghana
- Professor Sarah Cleaveland, Professor of Comparative Epidemiology, University of Glasgow
- Mr Christopher Egerton-Warburton, Co-founder, Lions' Head Global Partners