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1. AIM

Share with you all the outcomes reached at OIE Global Conference on Veterinary Legislation, held at Djerba, Tunisia, 7 - 9 December 2010.
2. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

By the end of the presentation of the outcomes of OIE Global Conference on Veterinary Legislation, held at Djerba, Tunisia, 7 - 9 December 2010, delegates at the sub-regional seminar will be able to:
2.1 Recall the Conference objectives

The Djerba Conference objectives were:

- To raise awareness of the requirements of good governance for animal health and welfare systems, and the importance of effective veterinary legislation;
- To provide practical guidance on how OIE Members, notably in developing countries can mobilise their government:
  - To modernize national veterinary legislation, in accordance with OIE standards and guidelines,
  - To educate veterinarians in the public and private sector on their roles and responsibilities according to the national legal framework,
  - To promote the key role of Veterinary Statutory Bodies in the implementation of critical components of veterinary legislation.
2.2 Learning Objectives

- By the end of the presentation of the outcomes of the Djerba Conference, delegates at Gaborone sub-regional seminar will be able to:
  - Cite Djerba Global Conference objectives;
  - Identify the presentation outcomes;
  - List the outcomes reached at Djerba Global Conference;
  - Identify the recommendations resulting from Djerba Global Conference and report their present implementation;
  - Monitor, on the national level, the implementation of the recommendations resulting from the Global Conference.
2.3 PRESENTATION EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Expected outcomes:

- Djerba Global Conference objectives known;
- The presentation expected outcomes identified;
- The outcomes reached by Djerba Global Conference listed;
- The recommendations resulting from Djerba Global Conference and the present status of implementation identified;
- Monitoring, on the national level, of the recommendations implementation resulting from the Global Conference carried out.
3. Outcomes of the Global Conference at Djerba /1

Recommendations resulting from the First OIE Global Conference on Veterinary Legislation;
Highlighting the significance of veterinary legislation as a cornerstone of national veterinary good governance and quality veterinary infrastructures
3. Résultats atteints par la Conférence mondiale de Djerba/1

Déclaration du DG/OIE: « l'OIE ne prescrit aucun modèle pour les législations vétérinaires nationales mais incite les gouvernements à moderniser leur outil législatif par une mise en conformité aux normes et lignes directrices existantes, et aux maladies animales émergentes ou ré-émergentes, notamment celles qui sont transmissibles à l'homme »;
3. Outcomes reached by Djerba Global Conference /2

“The OIE does not prescribe the model of national veterinary legislation but we encourage governments to modernize their national veterinary legislation through compliance with OIE technical standards and guidelines, allowing Member Countries to face new threats linked with globalization, climate change and with the emergence and reemergence of animal diseases, including those transmissible to humans”. B. Vallat.
3. Outcomes reached by Djerba Global Conference /3

- Reaching of the objectives of the First Global Conference in Djerba.
- Increased awareness about concepts such as «Veterinary Services are Global Public Good», «One Health» and the PVS Pathway, support programme to modernising the veterinary legislation, twinning programme;
- Members support in setting up round tables with the donors for the funding of investments following the gap analysis phase.
3. Outcomes of the Djerba Global Conference /4

- Increased awareness of guidelines on veterinary legislation (publication of the first technical guidelines in 2008);
- OIE Members welcomed OIE publication of standards and additional guidelines on legislation;
- Representatives of more than 120 OIE Members Countries and of international and regional organisations took part in the Conference welcoming over 400 delegates.
4. PROGRESS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF OIE RECOMMENDATIONS

The participants recommend for the OIE

1. To continue going forward with the PVS Pathway: on 6 June 2011, for evaluation missions, out of 116 requests received, 50 from Africa;

2. To grow the number of standards and PVS critical competencies: critical competencies increased from 40 to 46;

3. To adopt guidelines on publication, to be published in the Terrestrial Code;

4. To continue support of legislation harmonization: regional approach (UEMOA, ECOWAS,…);
4. PROGRESS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF OIE RECOMMENDATIONS

The participants recommend for the OIE

- To strengthen its capacity building efforts: training component of the BTFS programme;
- To increase public awareness on the importance of veterinary activities for society: advocacy for the awareness of the concept of Global Public Good for Veterinary Services;
- To extend the concept for laboratory twinning to Veterinary Statutory Bodies: in progress;
- To continue its work on veterinary education (minimum competencies required): in progress.
4. PROGRESS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF MC RECOMMENDATIONS

- The participants recommend for the Members
  - To take steps to improve compliance with VS international standards: in progress with OIE support;
  - To apply the PVS Pathway: out of 67 official requests received by OIE, 31 are from African countries;
  - To recognise the urgent need to modernise their national veterinary legislation: out of 33 official requests received by OIE, 18 come from Africa;
  - To request an OIE harmonisation mission at the regional level: in the case of UEMOA.
4. PROGRESS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF MC RECOMMENDATIONS

The participants recommend for the Members

1. To take steps to set up a Veterinary Statutory Body: support for Mauritania, Gabon,…;
2. To establish a national legislation enabling the creation of private veterinary associations: in progress;
3. To improve veterinary education: in progress;
4. To nominate National Focal points: annual recall by head office and follow-up by RR and SSRs;
5. For developed countries: plan for participation in the Twinning Programme: very positive development of the Twinning Programme;
4. PROGRESS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF MC RECOMMENDATIONS

The participants recommend for the Members

1. To create or revise legislation regarding WTO SPS measures for international trade in animals and animal products, excepting where the new measures are aligned with OIE standards: in progress, within the veterinary legislation modernisation support programme;

2. To seek appropriate support for the funding of a national or regional strategic plan, from donor agencies under the auspices of OIE: OIE support for setting up round tables for the funding of investments for Veterinary Services compliance with international standards.
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