

## CONCEPT NOTE

### The World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) disease notification training, including the use of World Animal Health Information System (WAHIS), for WOAH National Focal Points for Animal Disease Notification

13 June 2023, virtual online

21 – 23 June 2023, Chiba JAPAN

#### 1. Background

Since its creation in 1924, the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH, founded as OIE) is the mandated international organisation collecting data on, observing and analysing animal diseases throughout the world. WOAH ensures the prompt dissemination of information on potentially devastating outbreaks and facilitates decision making in terms of international trade of animals and animal products by collecting, verifying and publishing official animal health information, following a standardised process, thus providing high quality, reliable data. To support countries maintaining global transparency and reporting matters of animal and public health, WOAH has launched the leading most technologically advanced reference platform for animal disease and veterinary capacities reporting – the World Animal Health Information System (WAHIS).

The WOAH disease notification training (including the use of WAHIS) will allow, among other aspects, to provide good governance concepts to WOAH Members, to explain and clarify the role and responsibilities of WOAH focal points for animal disease notification to the WOAH and to facilitate consistency and harmonisation amongst WOAH Members when assigning duties to these officials. The training will have a virtual session which will be followed by face-to-face training by experienced trainers from the World Animal Health Information and Analysis department (WAHIAD) supported and assisted by trained RRAP and SRR colleagues when necessary.

#### 2. Objectives

The WOAH disease notification training (including the use of WAHIS) for national focal points for animal disease notification to the WOAH is expected to contribute to the following objectives:

1. to train the WOAH national focal points for animal disease notification to be important stewards in their respective countries/territories with respect to disease reporting,
2. to inform WOAH focal points about reporting requirements and the nature of information using WAHIS application as well as to appropriately consult the system,
3. to provide a forum for the national WOAH focal points for animal disease notification to interact with each other and WOAH staff, towards improving disease notifications across the region
4. to support the national WOAH focal points for animal disease notification in building and participating in networks at the national, sub-regional, regional, and global scales, and
5. to train WOAH national focal points for animal disease notification on the latest methods for reporting information at Member level using the WAHIS platform (NB participants will enter real information into the training platform during the training, to test the platform and facilitate use of the platform).

#### 3. Topics to be covered

- ✓ Disease reporting requirements
- ✓ Introduction to WAHIS



- ✓ WAHIS public interface (i.e., how to extract and consult data on terrestrial animal diseases)
- ✓ Mandatory reporting through WAHIS,
  - a) Immediate notification
  - b) Six-monthly report
  - c) Follow-up report
- ✓ Rumour tracking activities

#### 4. Expected outcomes

The training content should further strengthen the capacity of WOAHA focal points to understand disease notifications and way of reporting through WAHIS platform. The last online training for disease reporting have put emphasis on the newly launched of WAHIS platform and its new features. This current training will deliver more content on managing and supporting disease notifications.

The training will provide the following outcomes:

- ✓ upskill the WOAHA focal points for animal disease notification on the latest training in disease reporting,
- ✓ further strengthened capacity of WOAHA focal points for animal disease notification to understand the veterinary services and capacity for disease surveillance,
- ✓ improved reporting on terrestrial animal diseases by WOAHA Members to WAHIS,
- ✓ greater knowledge of passive disease surveillance in Asia and the Pacific by participants, and
- ✓ strengthened sub-regional WOAHA focal points and establishment of a regional WOAHA focal points for animal disease notification in Asia and the Pacific.

#### 5. Language:

The working language will be English. No simultaneous translation will be arranged due to the language distribution of the region.

#### 6. Format:

- Preparatory virtual session on **13<sup>th</sup> of June 2023** for both disease notification focal point and aquatic focal point.
- Training session face-to-face in groups:3 days in Chiba, Japan for disease notification focal point.

#### 7. Covid-19 and medical insurance

WOAHA will not be responsible for any consequences arising to the participants attending the training as a result of COVID-19 restrictions and/or infection. It is the responsibility of the participants to take all precautions and steps including having a medical insurance, if needed, for smooth attendance and completion of the training.

#### 8. Registration online

Participants will be requested to register at <https://forms.office.com/e/6Qyq0TjexB> for the training by **8 May 2023** so preparatory arrangements can be finalised, including travel, accommodation, and other logistical arrangements.

A field to ask participants by a yes/no question if they will bring their own laptop (with Wi-Fi internet connection) to the training should be added to the online registration form as well as to the Information Sheet.



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## 9. Technical equipment

Participants will be requested to bring their own laptop (Microsoft Windows).

## 10. Contact points

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