

Welcoming remarks and introduction to the Regional Animal Welfare Strategy (RAWS) for Asia and the Pacific

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**WOAH Animal Welfare Webinar Using Woah Standards To
Support Good Animal Welfare In Asia And the Pacific**



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CHAPTER 7.1.

INTRODUCTION TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ANIMAL WELFARE

Article 7.1.1.

General considerations

Animal welfare means the physical and mental state of an *animal* in relation to the conditions in which it lives and dies.

An *animal* experiences good welfare if the *animal* is healthy, comfortable, well nourished, safe, is not suffering from unpleasant states such as *pain*, fear and *distress*, and is able to express behaviours that are important for its physical and mental state.

“Animal welfare is a complex, multifaceted, international and domestic public policy issue with scientific, ethical, economic, legal, religious and cultural dimensions plus important trade policy implications.

It is a responsibility that must be shared between governments, communities, the people who own, care for and use animals, civil society, educational institutions, veterinarians and scientists.”

WOAH Global Animal Welfare Strategy

This webinar supports these responsibilities for animal welfare.

The aims are to:

- allow participants to share experiences and implications of the WOAHS Standards for animal welfare,
 - a. transport of animals by land
 - b. dog population management
 - c. slaughter of animals, and
 - d. culling of animals for disease control purposes,
- emphasise roles of RAWS for Asia and the Pacific in supporting WOAHS Members and WOAHS Partners in the implementation of WOAHS Standards for animal welfare,
- reiterate WOAHS Standards for animal welfare; focused on the proposed topics.



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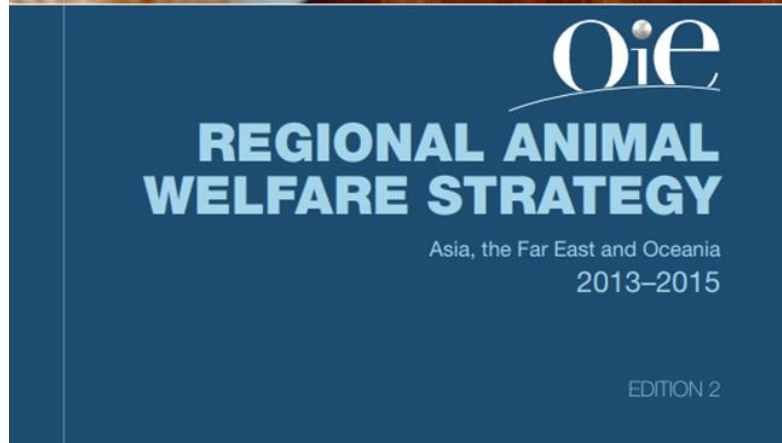
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The Regional Animal Welfare Strategy for Asia Pacific was developed in 2007 to provide an overarching, agreed framework and guidance for WOAH Members, non-WOAH members and partners in the region when implementing WOAH Standards, and to serve as the basis for the development of Action Plans.

Vision: A region where the welfare of animals is respected, promoted and incrementally advanced, simultaneously with the pursuit of progress and socioeconomic development.





2007 - RAWS created as an outcome of the 4th OIE Strategic Plan (2006-2010); to emphasise the importance of animal welfare, and to influence adoption of the OIE guidelines for animal welfare in the region.

2008 - RAWS endorsed by the OIE 78th General Session (May 2008).

2013 - Second edition released.

2015 - RAWS management was established under the Regional Commission for Asia, the Far East and Oceania and a new RAWS Advisory Group; agreed at the 29th Conference of the WOAHP Regional Commission in Ulaanbaatar.

2022 - RAWS Advisory Group was reactivated after COVID-19 pandemic. The Regional Commission agreed to new membership and terms of reference at its meeting on 16 May 2022.

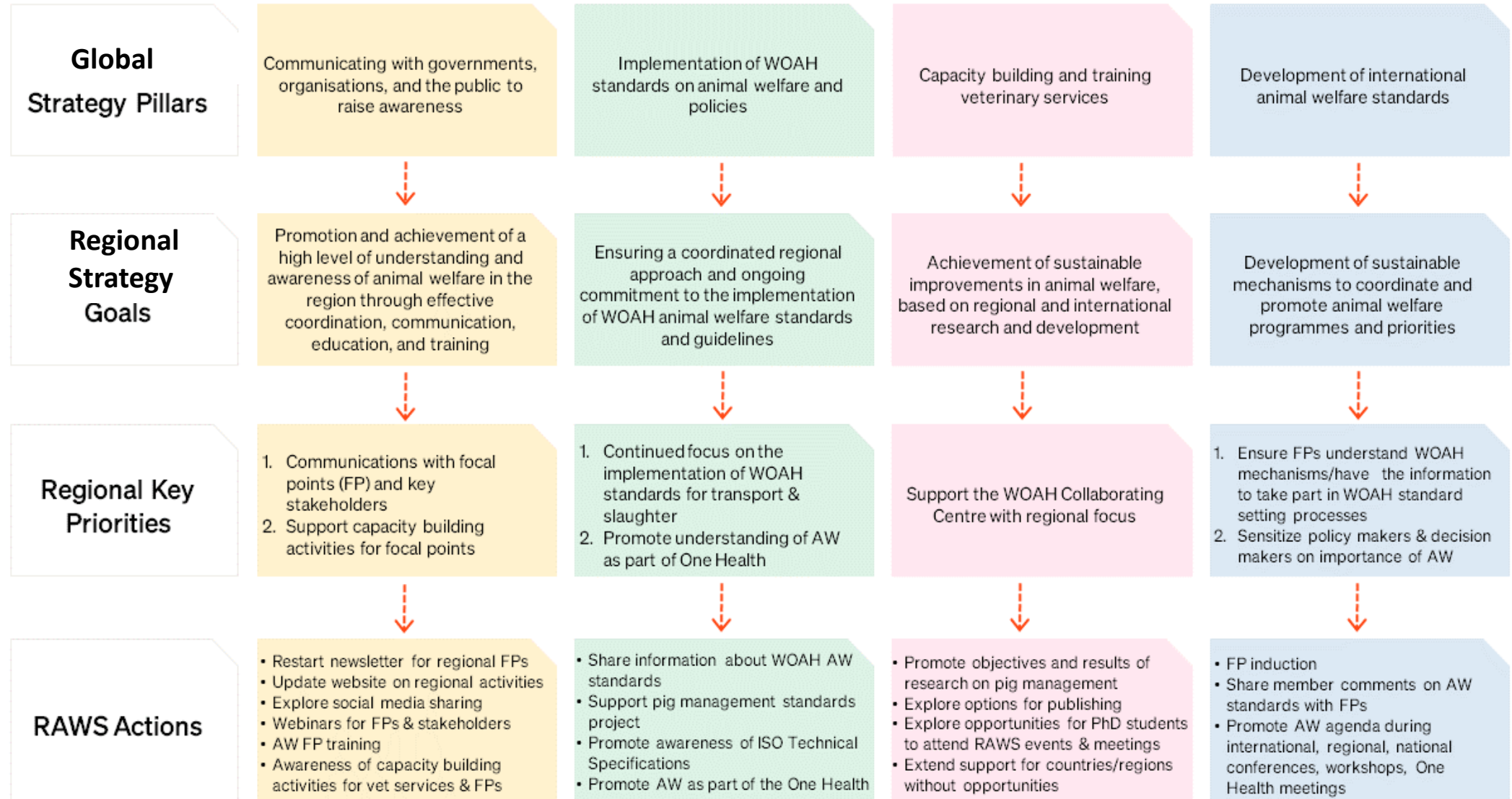
2023 - New advisory group members endorsed. Action plan under review.

RAWS Advisory Group supports the implementation of the WOAH Regional Animal Welfare Strategy for Asia and the Pacific and ensures it remains up-to-date.

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Thank you!

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