

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Regional Workshop for WOA National Focal Point for Animal Welfare in Asia-Pacific 2025 Tokyo, Japan 21 -23 January 2025

Objectives

- 1) to increase understanding and awareness of animal welfare issues and facilitate networking among WOA National Focal Points for Animal Welfare
- 2) to provide actionable steps to implement animal welfare activities in their countries/territories, aligned with WOA Standards and Guidelines as well as RAWS
- 3) to ensure that WOA National Focal Points for Animal Welfare have the necessary information to participate in WOA standard-setting processes, including commenting on draft chapters
- 4) to discuss achievements, experiences, and challenges in implementing WOA Standards and Guidelines for animal welfare, and
- 5) to raise understanding and visibility of the role of the Collaborating Centre and the Collaborating Centre Network.

21 January 2025 Tuesday		
Session 1: Opening/introduction (facilitate by WOA RRAP, Tokyo)		
Time	Session	Speaker
9:00 - 9:30	Registration	
9:30 – 9:40	Welcoming remarks	Dr M Okita (or a representative), WOA Delegate of Japan
9:40 – 9:50	Opening remarks	Dr H Kugita, WOA RRAP
9:50 – 10:00	Introduction and objectives of the workshop	Dr J Lusat, WOA RRAP
10:00 – 10:30	Self-introduction/ 'icebreaker ' Group photo	
10:30 – 10:50	Coffee break	
10:50 – 11:10	WOA Global Animal Welfare Strategy	Dr L Stuardo, Standard Department, WOA Headquarters
11:10 – 11:30	WOA Regional Animal Welfare Strategy (RAWS) for Asia-Pacific, RAWS Action Plan (2024-2028) and RAWS Advisory Group	Dr C Guy, RAWS Chair
11:30 – 12:30	Interactive session – Mentimeter (40 min) & presentation (20 min) Terms of Reference (ToR) for WOA National Focal Point on Animal Welfare & engaging in the standard setting process	Dr L Stuardo, Dr A Sutar, Dr J Lusat - WOA
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	
Session 2: Advancing implementation of animal welfare standards (facilitate by MAFF Japan)		
Time	Session	Speaker

13:30 – 14:00	One Health/One Welfare approach to animal welfare	Dr Rebecca Doyle, Deputy Director, Animal Welfare Centre, Uni. of Edinburgh
14:00 – 14:20	WOAH animal welfare standards: an update of recent changes	Dr L Stuardo, Standard Department, WOAH Headquarters
14:20 – 14:40	International Coalition for Animal Welfare (ICFAW): Updates	Jeff Zhou (Compassion in World Farming International) & Thi Hang Le (Humane Society International) - ICFAW
14:40 – 15:00	The role of the Asia-Pacific WOAH Collaborating Centre for Animal Welfare Science and Bioethical Analysis; the David Bayvel Consortium	Dr C Guy, MPI - WOAH Collaborating Centre for Animal Welfare Science & Bioethical Analysis; the David Bayvel Consortium
15:00 – 15:20	Coffee break	
15:20 – 15:40	Capacity building: Insight from Performance for Veterinary Services (PVS) Pathway on animal welfare	Dr M Urabe, Dr Law Siu-Lun (Lucia) - WOAH RRAP
15:40 – 16:00	Animal welfare during transport by land and sea: level of implementation of WOAH standards by Members' Veterinary Services (a study by WOAH Observatory)	Dr L Stuardo, Standard Department, WOAH Headquarters
Session 3: Strategies to progress animal welfare in the region (facilitate by Dr M Sinclair & Dr K Littin)		
Time	Session	
16:00 – 17:00	WOAH Member's presentation (5 Members X 5 min) and discussion (35 min) Topics for Member's presentations – 1. What progressions have been made in your country towards improving animal welfare? 2. What have been the most significant barriers to improving animal welfare in your country? 3. What could be the solutions to improving animal welfare in your country?	
18:00 – 20:00	Welcoming dinner hosted by WOAH	

22 January 2025 Wednesday		
Session 3 continued: Strategies to progress animal welfare in the region (facilitate by WOAH SRR, Bangkok)		
Time	Session	Speaker
9:30 – 9:40	Summary of key discussion	WOAH RRAP Intern
9:40 – 10:10	Animal welfare advances in poultry production	Dr Ashleigh Bright, Food & Sustainability Researcher and Consultant
10:10 – 10:40	Advancing animal welfare for good business: economics and fish welfare	Dr Lu Chen, Catch Welfare Platform
10:40 – 11:00	Update on WOAH animal welfare activities: ISO/TC 34 'Food products'	Dr L Stuardo, Standard Department, WOAH Headquarters

11:00 – 11:20	Coffee break	
Session 3 continued: Strategies to progress animal welfare in the region (facilitate by Dr M Sinclair & Dr K Littin)		
11:20 – 12:20	WOAH Member's presentation (5 Members X 5 min) and discussion (35 min) Topics for Member's presentations – 1. What progressions have been made in your country towards improving animal welfare? 2. What have been the most significant barriers to improving animal welfare in your country? 3. What could be the solutions to improving animal welfare in your country?	
12:20 – 13:20	Lunch	
Session 3 continued: Strategies to progress animal welfare in the region (facilitate by WOAHSRR, Bangkok)		
13:20 – 13:50	Best practices in animal welfare legislation and enforcement	Dr Katherine Clift, Inspector-General of Animal Welfare & Live Animal Exports, DAFF Australia
13:50 – 14:10	Pre-recorded presentation (20 min) WOAH-ICFAW joint project to support the implementation of WOAHS standards on animal welfare in Southeast Asia (ToT workshop on humane killing/culling for disease control purposes and ToT workshop on pig production systems)	Dr L Hemsworth, Uni. of Melbourne - Asia-Pacific WOAH Collaborating Centre for Animal Welfare Science & Bioethical Analysis; the David Bayvel Consortium
Session 3 continued: Strategies to progress animal welfare in the region (facilitate by Dr M Sinclair & Dr K Littin)		
14:10 – 15:10	WOAH Member's presentation (5 Members X 5 min) and discussion (35 min) Topics for Member's presentations – 1. What progressions have been made in your country towards improving animal welfare? 2. What have been the most significant barriers to improving animal welfare in your country? 3. What could be the solutions to improving animal welfare in your country?	
15:10 – 15:30	Coffee break	
15:30 – 17:00	Breakout workshops (90 min) Active participation from WOAHS Members is expected during this session. Participants will be divided into three groups. For detailed information on the workshops, please refer to the Appendix. Title: Challenges and solutions for implementing WOAHS animal welfare standards 1. Focal point discussions on implementing WOAHS animal welfare standards (Dr. K Littin & Dr. M Sinclair) (*please note that this session is for focal points only) 2. Scientific and industry perspectives on improving poultry welfare (Dr. A Bright) 3. Scientific and industry perspectives on improving fish welfare (Dr. L Chen)	

23 January 2025 Thursday		
Session 4: Recommendations and way forward (facilitate by Dr C Guy)		
Time	Session	Speaker
9:30 – 9:50	Animal welfare in emergencies	Dr A Sutar, SRR SEA Bangkok

9:50 – 10:10	Summary of breakout focus groups	Dr K Littin & Dr M Sinclair
10:10 – 11:10	Participatory panel discussion (60 min) This session will be moderated by the facilitators Title: Recommendations and way forward	Facilitators X 2 Experts X 3 WOAH FPs X 4 WOAH X 1
11:10 – 11:30	Coffee break	
11:30 – 11:40	Closing remarks from the Chair of RAWs Advisory Group	Dr C Guy, RAWs Chair
11:40 – 11:50	Closing remarks from the Pacific Community SPC	Ms. Elenoa Salele
11:50 – 12:00	Closing remarks	Dr H Kugita, WOAH RRAP
12:00 – 12:10	Certificate for participants	Dr H Kugita, WOAH RRAP
12:10 – 12:20	Feedback and evaluation (Microsoft form)	WOAH RRAP
12:20 – 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 – 14:30	Side event: For RAWs AG members/observers (tbc) RAWs AG meeting (9)	RAWs AG Chair RAWs AG Secretariat