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Regional Animal Welfare Training Conference

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Vang Vieng, Lao PDR



Objective and Agenda

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Objectives

Training of trainers (ToT) Workshop on Humane Killing of Animals for Disease Control Purposes
Vientiane, Lao PDR

Oct 8-15, 2025



Training of trainers (ToT) Workshop on Animal Welfare in Pig Production Systems
Da Nang, Vietnam

Oct 29-5 Nov, 2025





Media coverage

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Sunday 09/11/2025, 16:09 (GMT+7)

Comments on the Document of the 14th Congress 80 years of Agriculture and Environment Land Data Agricultural extension learn

Putting animal welfare into livestock and disease control practices

ICFAW and WOAHA organized training to help Southeast Asian countries apply animal welfare standards to animal husbandry, slaughter, and disease control in a humane and sustainable way.

- Humane farming increases competitive advantages for the poultry egg industry
- Promoting animal welfare in laying hens and sow farms
- An open market for animal welfare farming
- Ensuring animal welfare for sustainable livestock development

integrating content on animal welfare and more humane slaughter methods with interactive group discussions. During the last two days, practitioners act as instructors, sharing knowledge and coordinating sessions for a wider group of learners, turning learning into action.



Practitioners visited a field farm applying animal welfare standards in Vientiane (Laos). Photo: NT.

Julia Havenstein, President of ICFW, said that by bringing together veterinary and technical experts from leading agencies, the program shows that strong partnerships can drive substantial progress on animal welfare.

"ICFW members bring deep expertise and a commitment to collective action. We are ready to



Training opportunities

ToT Workshop on Humane Killing for Disease Control Purposes (Chapter 7.6) Vientiane, Lao PDR (7-15 Oct 2025)

Country	Short term training plans	Long term training plans
Cambodia	1. Integrate training component into upcoming training programme such as biosecurity	1. Conduct national training
Lao PDR	1. Assess the opportunities to integrate training component into provincial, district and village veterinary workers training programme	1. Conduct national training 2. Integrate training component into existing Epi training programme
Thailand	1. Provide overview for the newbie DLD vet seminar 2. Integrate Chapter 7.6 into sim-ex	1. Organise seminar on killing of animals for disease control purposes 2. Handbook /SOP development for DLD staff
Vietnam	1. Translate training materials 2. Review the equipment's particularly electrical stunning, sorting boards, etc.	1. Pilot training at several provinces



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ToT Workshop on Animal Welfare in Pig Production Systems (29 Oct -5 Nov 2025)

Country	Short term training plans	Long term training plans
Cambodia	Share information about the training with colleagues in the department and sub-national staff at the veterinary services	Integrate training component into upcoming training programme such as CAVET programme
Lao PDR	- Organise ToT for the Provincial and District Provincial and Forestry Officers. - Sharing materials with colleagues - Conduct public awareness - Identify farms that can apply animal welfare	- Develop animal welfare training programme - Strengthen partnership - Integrate animal welfare standards - Advocate for policy change - Promote awareness
Thailand	- Workshop for new veterinary officers in Thailand - Training programme for auditors focusing on animal welfare.	- Integrate animal welfare and environment components into Good Animal Husbandry Practice (GAHP) - Become sustainable animal welfare in the future
Vietnam	Translate training materials Review the equipment's particularly electrical stunning, sorting boards, etc.	Pilot training at several provinces



Objectives

- 1)** **Collaboration amongst Trainers:** Bring together the national cadre from both ToT programmes to create a unified pool of trainers who can collaborate, share experiences, and harmonise training approaches for the implementation of WOAHA animal welfare standards (Chapter. 7.6 and Chapter 7.13).
- 2)** **Showcase Training Competencies:** Provide a regional platform for national trainers to demonstrate their technical expertise and pedagogical skills to a wider audience.
- 3)** **Enhance Stakeholder Awareness and Coordination:** Strengthen , collaboration, and information exchange among stakeholders through updates on global guidance, and research related to WOAHA standards on animal welfare and partner updates.
- 4)** **Review Progress and future:** Assess the status of cascading training within national Veterinary Services and other sectors and outline next steps



Outputs

- 1) A consolidated sub-regional network of trainers is established.
- 2) Participants are updated with the latest WOAH animal welfare standards, guidance, and related developments, enhancing their understanding and ability to apply these standards consistently in national and regional training, policy, and implementation activities.
- 3) Draft national action plans for cascading training are developed and reviewed by the four target Members (countries).



Agenda



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Time	Topic	Responsibility
Day -1 Wednesday, 25 February 2026 (Theme: Updates & Practical Application)		
08:30 – 09:00	Registration	WOAH
	Opening Session	
9.05	Welcome remark by WOAHS Sub-regional Representative for Southeast Asia	Dr Naree Ketusing, WOAHS
9.10	Opening remark by WOAHS Delegate of Lao PDR, DDG, Department of Livestock and Fisheries (DLF)	Dr Souphavanh Keovilay, DLF
9.15	Objectives of the Regional Training Conference Agenda Housekeeping	Dr Ashish Sutar, WOAHS
	Session 1: Animal Welfare	
9.40	Introductions	All
10.00	Global update (inclu WOAHS Chapters, Guidelines, E-module) Updates on the Global Animal Welfare Strategy (GAWS)	Dr Leopoldo Stuardo, WOAHS
	Q&A	All
10.30	Coffee break and group photo	
10.45	Updates on the Regional Animal Welfare Strategy (RAWS) for Asia-Pacific	Dr Jacqueline Lusat, WOAHS
11.15	Research update on animal welfare	Ms Bronwyn Stevens, University of Melbourne
11.45	ToT Workshops in Lao PDR and Vietnam update	Ms Bronwyn Stevens and Dr Jessalyn Taylor, University of Melbourne, Dr Ashish Sutar, WOAHS
12.00	Q&A and discussions	All
12.30	Lunch	
	Session 2: Humane Killing of Animals for Disease Control Purposes (Chapter 7.6)	
13.30	Overview of ToT Workshop in Lao PDR (Chapter 7.6) update	Dr Dennis Will, Expert
13.45	Country team presentation	Cambodia

14.15	Country team presentation	Lao PDR
14.45	Q&A, and discussions	All
15.15	Coffee break	
	Session 2: Continued	
15.45	Country team presentation	Thailand
16.15	Country team presentation	Vietnam
16.45	Q&A, and discussions	All
17.15	Poster walk	All
17.30	Close of Day 1	
18.30	Dinner	
DAY 2 Thursday, 26 February 2026		
8.30	Recap Day 1 & agenda for Day 2	Participant
	Session 3: Animal welfare and pig production in systems (Chapter 7.13)	
8.45	Overview of ToT Workshop in Vietnam (Chapter 7.13) update	Ms Bronwyn Stevens and Dr Jessalyn Taylor, University of Melbourne
9.00	Country team presentation	Vietnam
9.30	Country team presentation	Thailand
10.00	Q&A, and discussions	All
10.15	Coffee break	
	Session 3: Continued	
10.45	Country team presentation	Lao PDR
11.15	Country team presentation	Cambodia
11.45	Q&A, and discussions	All
12.30	Lunch	
	Session 4: Enhancing stakeholder engagement and coordination	
13.30	Presentation and panel / round table discussion ICFAW Producer (TBC) University of Melbourne (WOAH CC) WOAH Members	Ms Hang Le Lao PDR Ms Bronwyn Stevens Country representative
14.45	Q&A	All
	Session 5: Advocacy	
15.00	Advocacy to improve animal welfare	Partner/WOAH
15.30	Coffee break	
15.50	Advocacy workshop (Group Exercise)	All
	Closing session	
16.50	Follow up on the implementation of National Cascading training – Prioritization, timeline and follow up (virtual)	Dr Ashish Sutar, WOAHS
17.20	Next steps and way forward	WOAHS
17.30	Closing remark by WOAHS Closing remark by the host country	Dr Naree Ketusing, WOAHS Dr Souphavanh Keovilay, DLF



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