



World Organisation
for Animal Health
Founded as OIE

Introduction

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WOAH turns 100

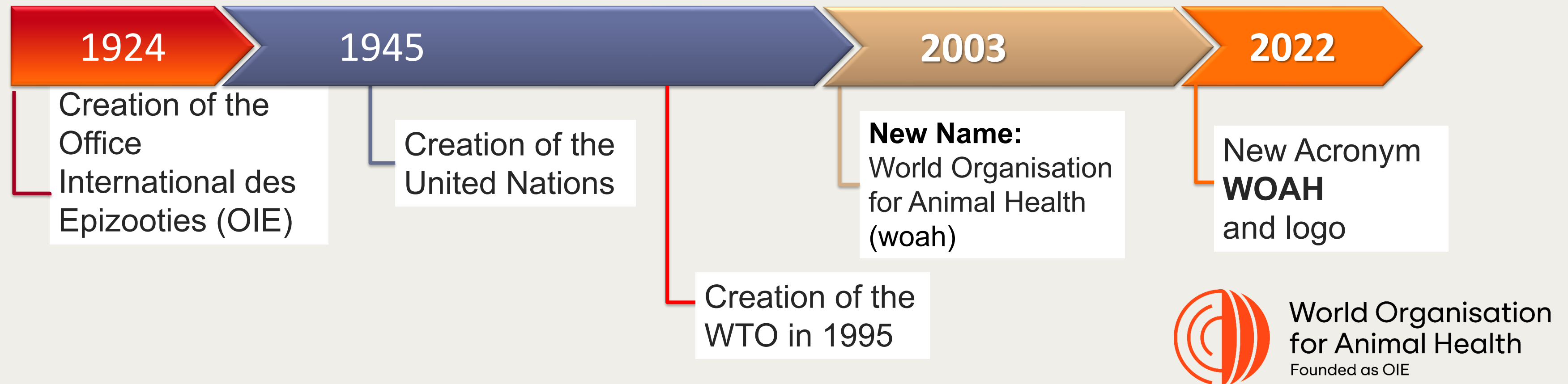
A century of improving animal
health and welfare



World Organisation
for Animal Health
Founded in 1914

History

An intergovernmental organisation established
20 years before the United Nations



- ◆ Headquarters in Paris (France)
- ◆ 5 Regional Representation
- ◆ 8 Sub-Regional Representations

◆ **183 Members**

WOAH Delegates and Focal Points

In each of the
183 Members:



One WOA Delegate



WOAH National Focal Points

- Animal disease notification
- Animal production and food safety
- Animal welfare
- Aquatic animals
- Communication
- Laboratory
- Veterinary Products
- Wildlife

8 areas of expertise appointed by the Delegate

All Delegates
worldwide
meet once a year
(General Session)

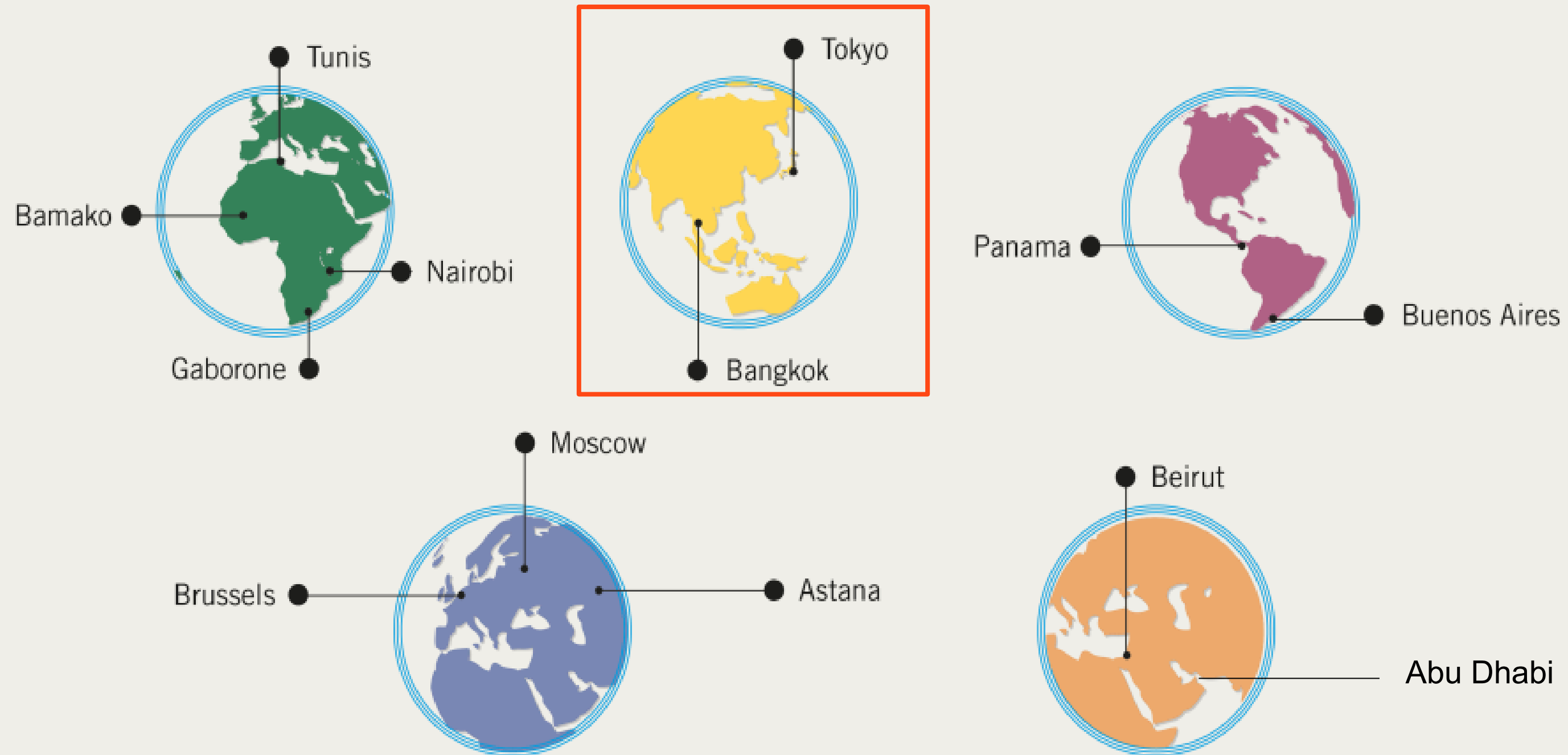


**WORLD ASSEMBLY
OF DELEGATES:**
The highest authority of
WOAH.

1 Member = 1 vote

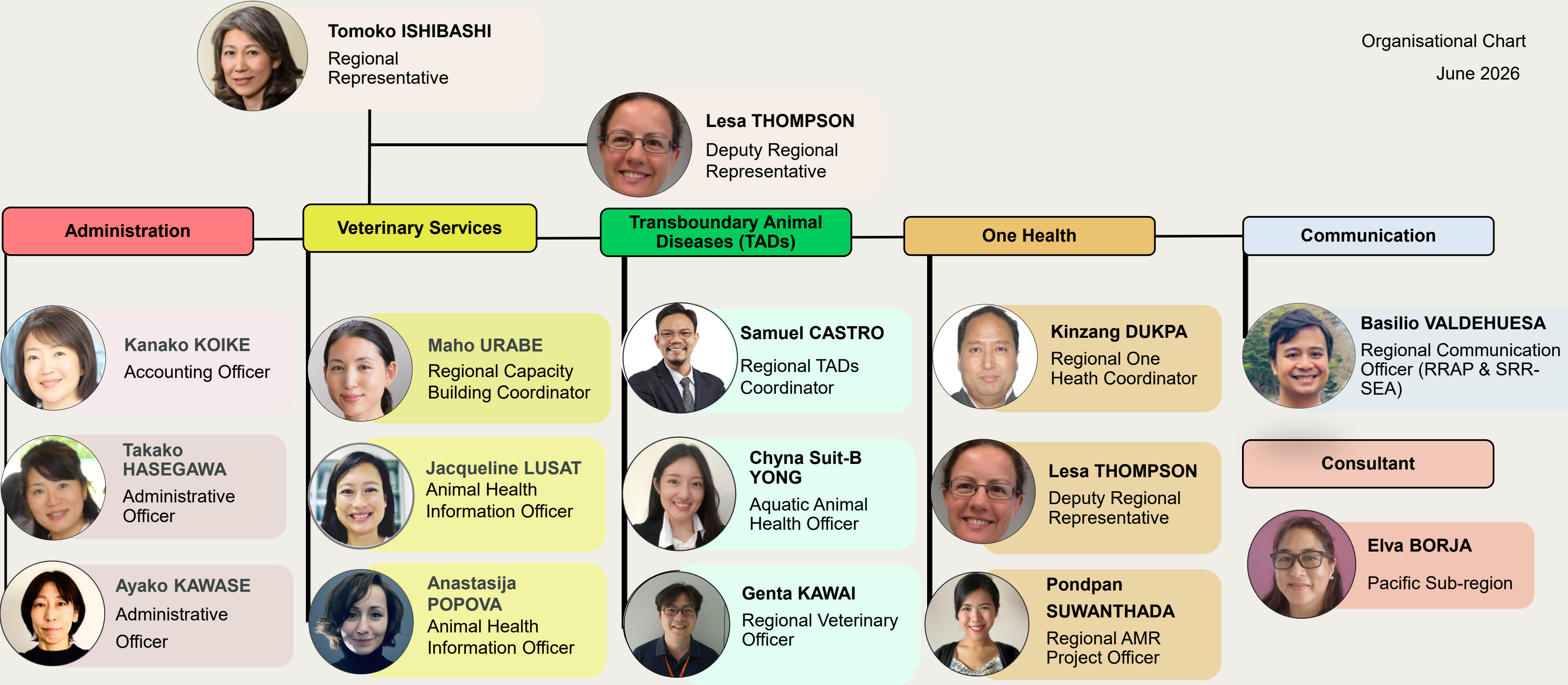
Regional (RR) and Subregional (SRR) Representations

Under the direct authority of the Director General
Collaborate closely with regional Commissions



Regional Representation for Asia and the Pacific

Organisational Chart
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The four pillars of WOAH

Improving animal health and welfare worldwide



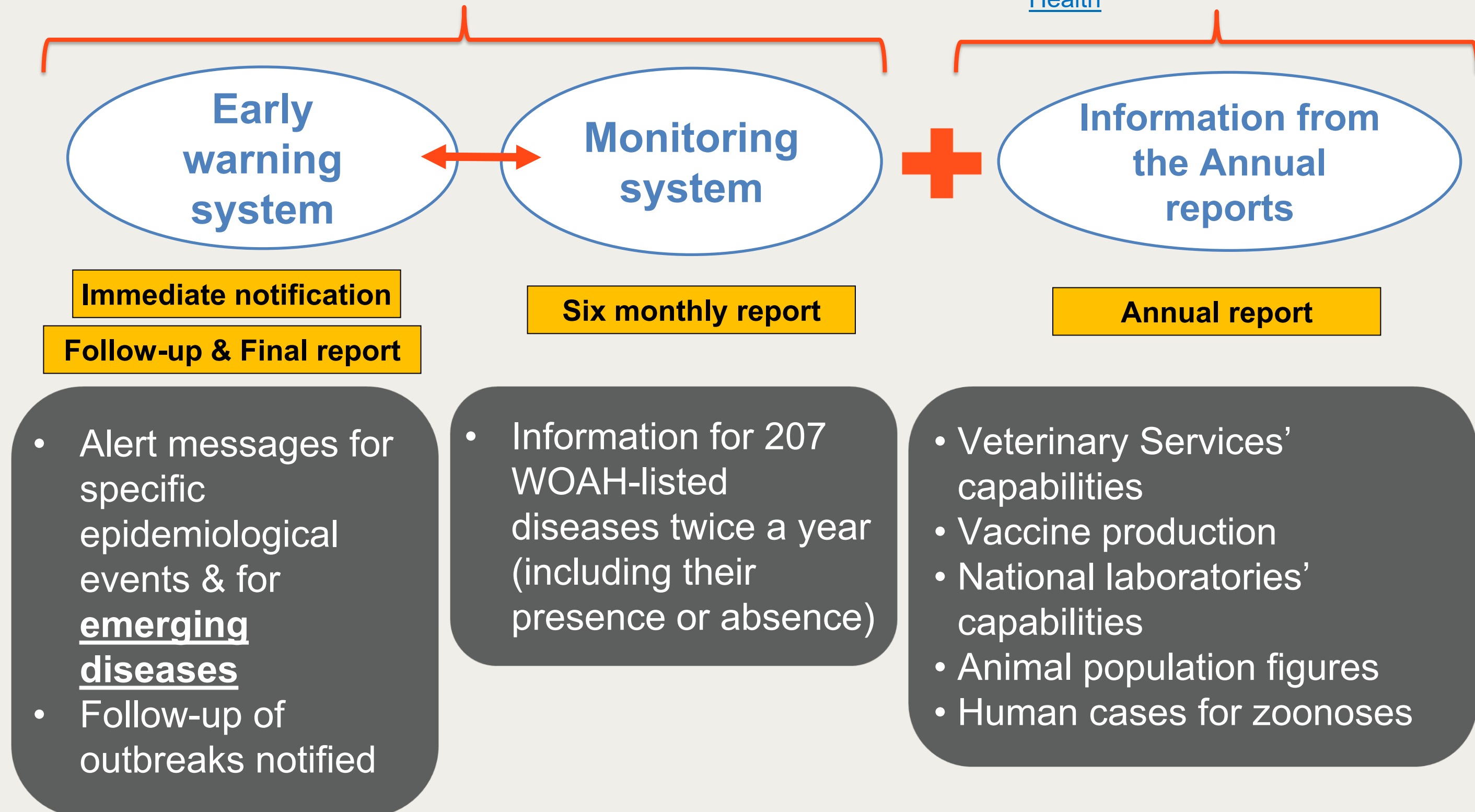
Transparency

- World Animal Health Information System -

WAHIS

183 countries online

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Standards

- WOAAH Code and Manual -

THE “3 SISTERS”

Standard-setting organisations

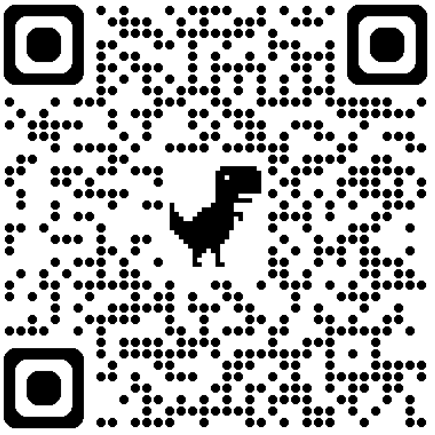


Codex = Joint FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission
WOAH = World Organisation for Animal Health
IPPC = International Plant Protection Convention (FAO)

WTO SPS Agreement recognises WOAH as **a reference organisation for international standards** on animal health including zoonoses

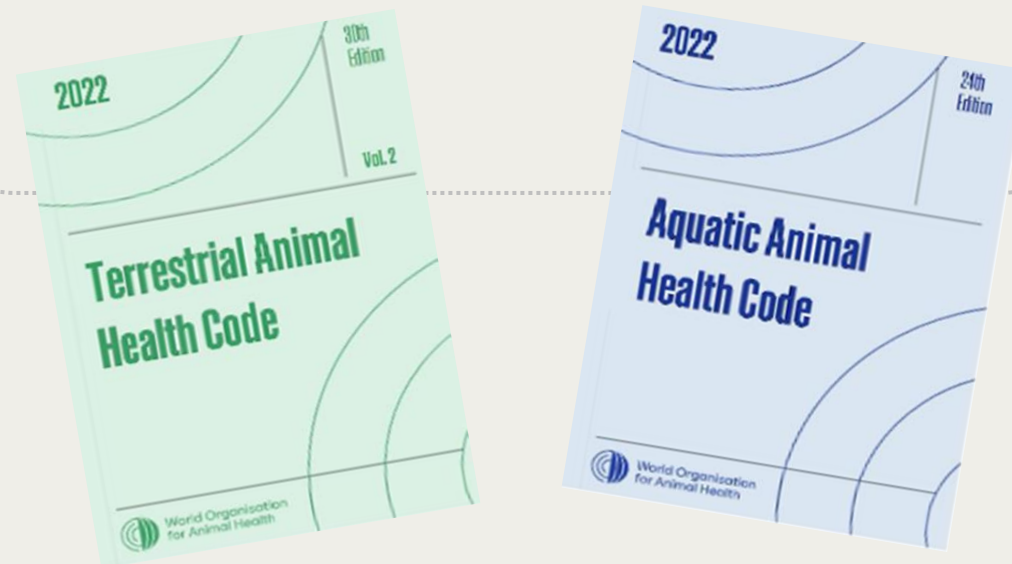
WOAH STANDARDS

Available on the
WOAH website
(www.woah.org)



CODES

Health standards for trade in animals and animal products



MANUALS

Biological standards for diagnostic tests and vaccines



- ❑ Standards to improve health and animal welfare, and veterinary public health
- ❑ Adopted by WOAH Member Countries during General Session each May by consensus
- ❑ This is the only way for adoption

WOAH Listed Diseases (2026)

Terrestrial Animal

Total	173
• Multiple species	26
• Bovine	16
• Sheep/goat	15
• Equine	12
• Swine	11
• Avian	19
• Lagomorph	2
• Bee	2
• Wild animals	54
• Others	13

Aquatic Animal

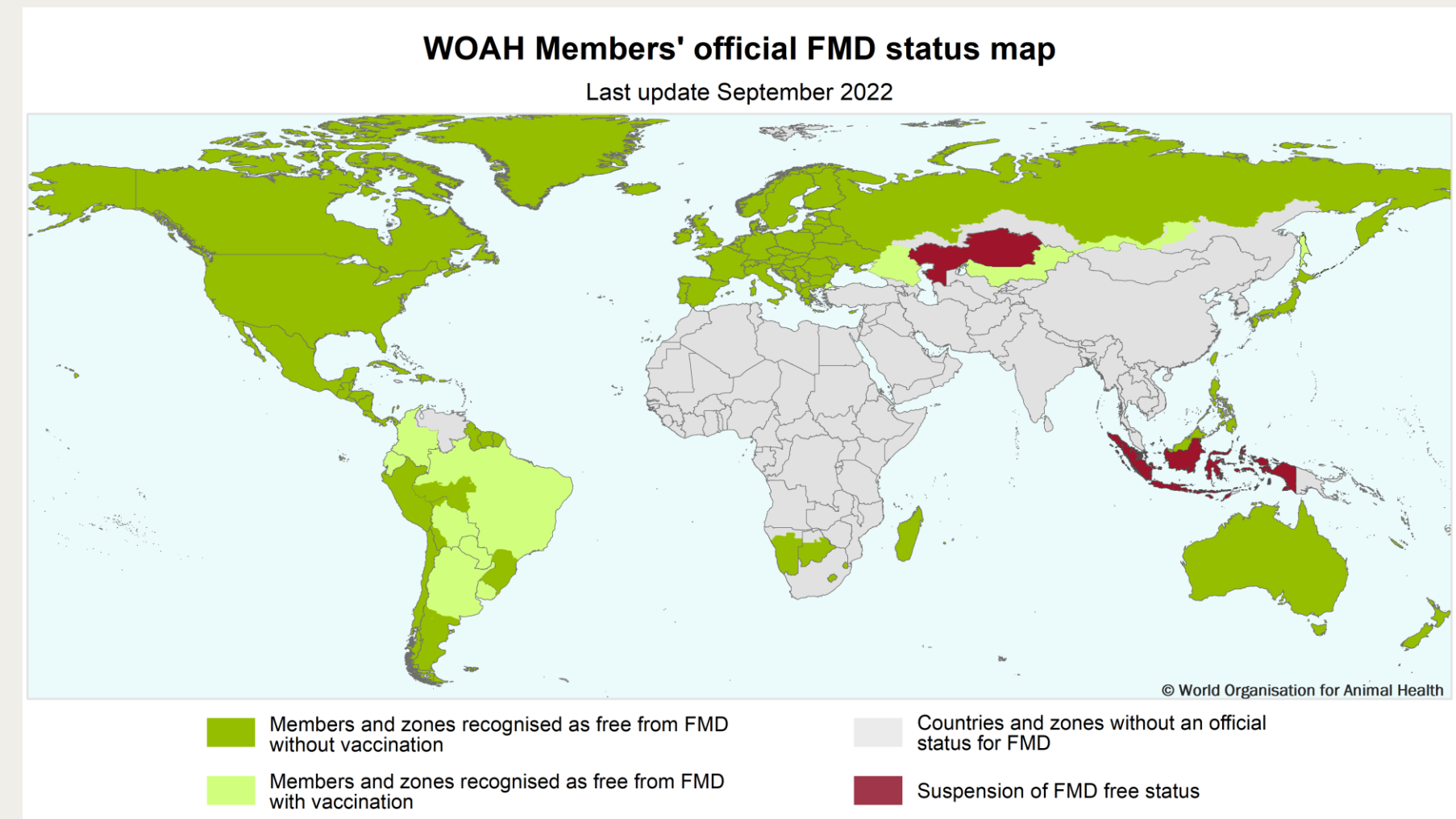
Total	34
• Fish	13
• Molluscs	7
• Crustaceans	11
• Amphibians	3

WOAH Listed Diseases
 $173 + 34 = \underline{207}$

Official Disease Status

- Since 1998, WOAHA has the mandate from the WTO to officially recognise specific disease-free areas of countries for trade purposes.
- The procedure for the official recognition of disease status by WOAHA is voluntary and applies currently to six diseases:

- *African horse sickness*
- *Foot and mouth disease*
- *Bovine spongiform encephalopathy*
- *Peste des petits ruminants*
- *Classical swine fever*
- *Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia*
- *Rinderpest (Declared eradicated in 2011)*



Expertise

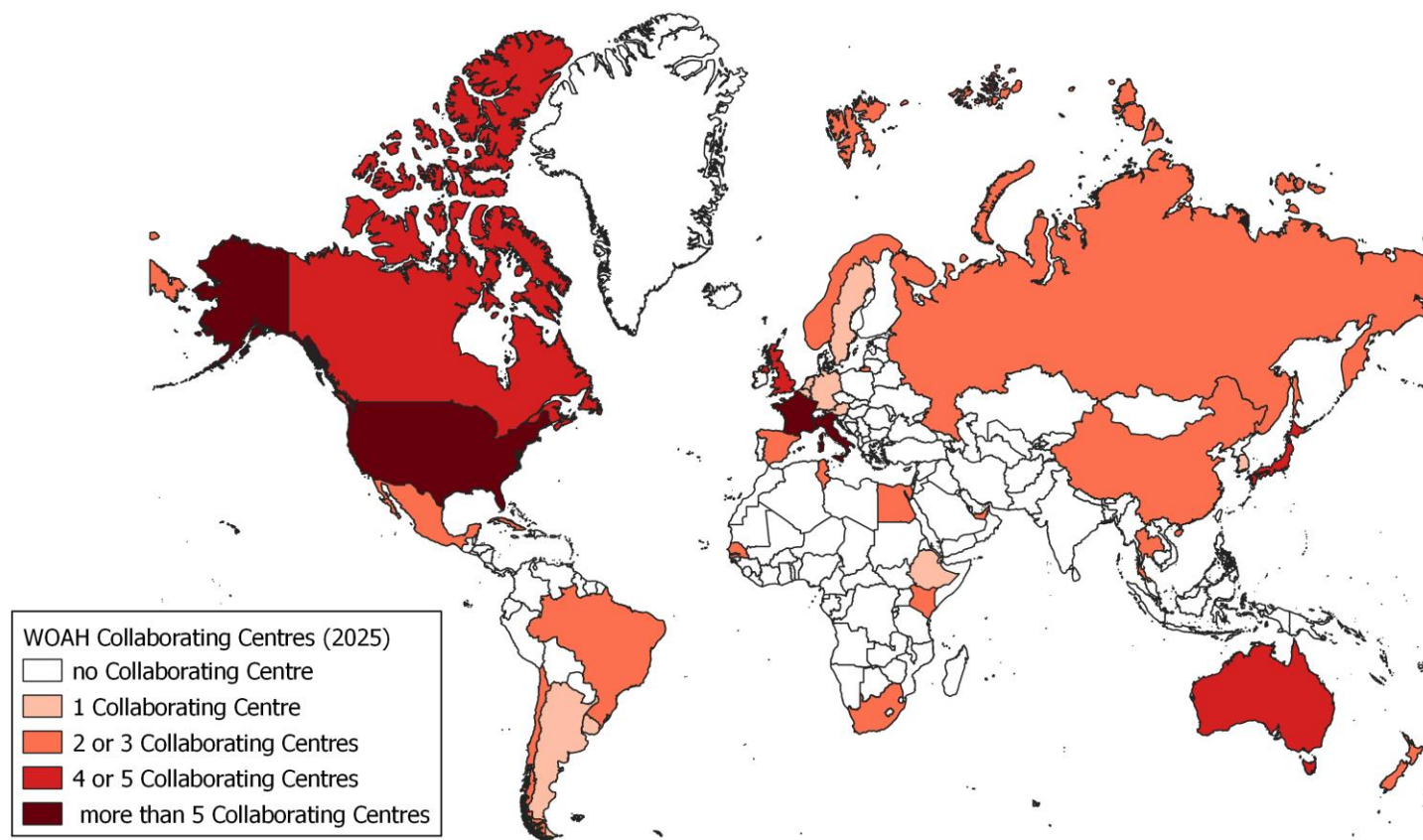
- Scientific Network -

WOAH Reference Centres

Collaborating Centre

World centre of research, expertise, standardization of techniques and dissemination of knowledge on a specialty

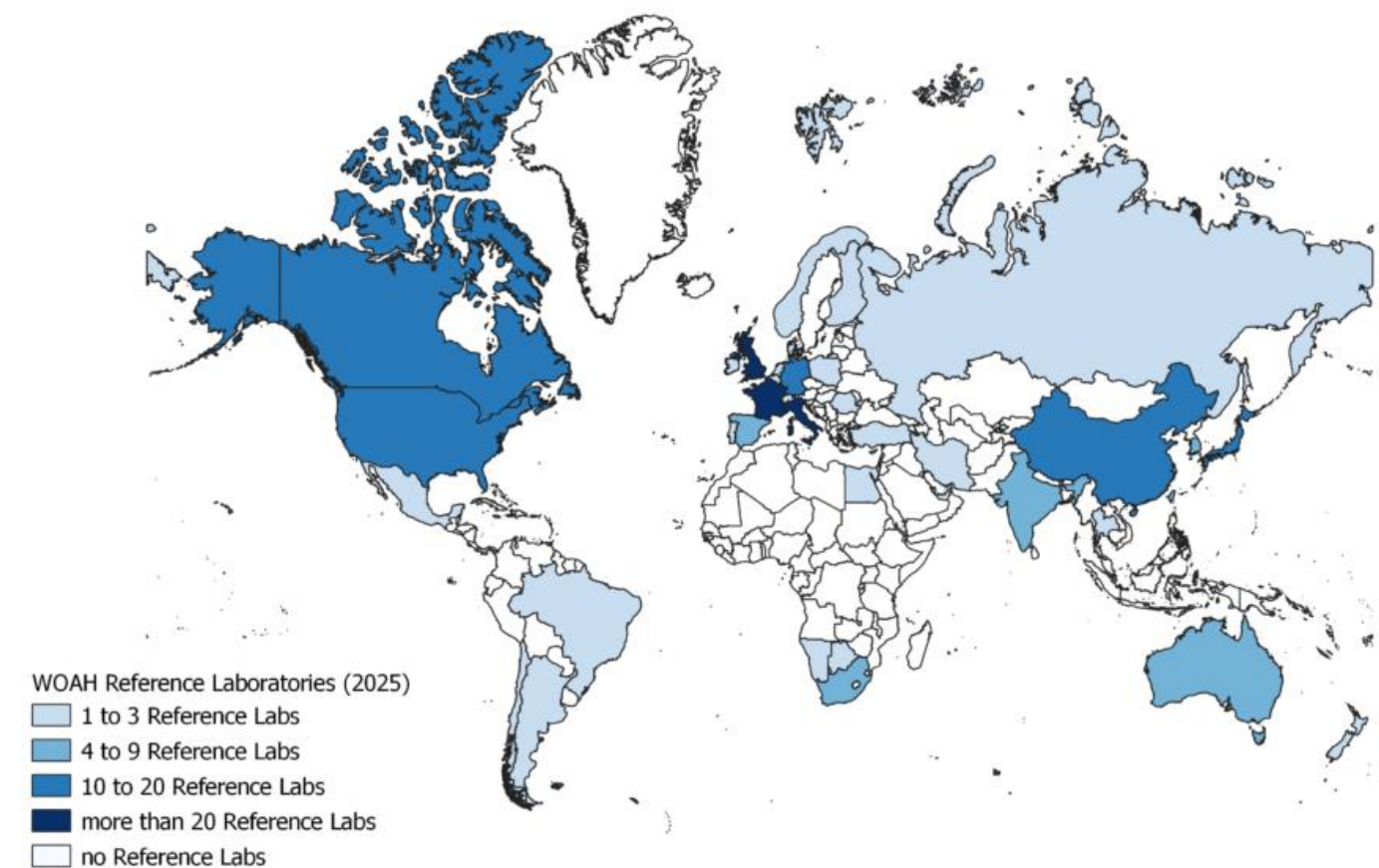
World distribution of WOAH Collaborating Centres



Reference Laboratory

World reference centre of expertise on designated pathogens or diseases

World Distribution of WOAH Reference Laboratories



To be updated

WOAH Reference Centres

Collaborating Centre

4 topics / 6 organisations

Topic	Name of the Organisation
DIAGNOSIS AND CONTROL OF ANIMAL DISEASES AND RELATED VETERINARY PRODUCT ASSESSMENT IN ASIA	National Institute of Animal Health / National Veterinary Assay Laboratory
FOOD SAFETY	Rakuno Gakuen University / Research Center for Food Safety
SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL OF ANIMAL PROTOZOAN DISEASES	National Research Center for Protozoan Disease
ANIMAL FEED SAFETY AND ANALYSIS	Food and Agricultural Materials Inspection Center (FAMIC)

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Disease	Name of the Organisation
Equine Rhinopneumonitis	Equine Research Institute, Japan Racing Association
Equine Influenza	
Bovine babesiosis	National Research Center for Protozoan Disease
Equine piroplasmosis	
Surra (Trypanosoma evansi)	
Bovine spongiform encephalopathy	National Institute of Animal Health
Classical swine fever	
Rinderpest	
Swine influenza	
HPAI and LPAI (poultry)	Research Center for Zoonosis Control
Koi herpesvirus disease	Japan Fisheries Research and Education Agency
Oncorhynchus masou virus disease	Laboratory of Biotechnology and Microbiology
Infection with Megalocytivirus pagrus1	National Research Institute of Aquaculture

Solidarity

- Global & Regional Initiatives for TADs Control -

Global Initiatives

GF-TADs

Joint **FAO/OIE initiative** for the fight against TADs, launched in 2004



One Health

A global strategy for managing risks at the **Animal – Human - Ecosystems** interface



Zoonotic
influenzas

Rabies

AMR

Food Safety

Wildlife

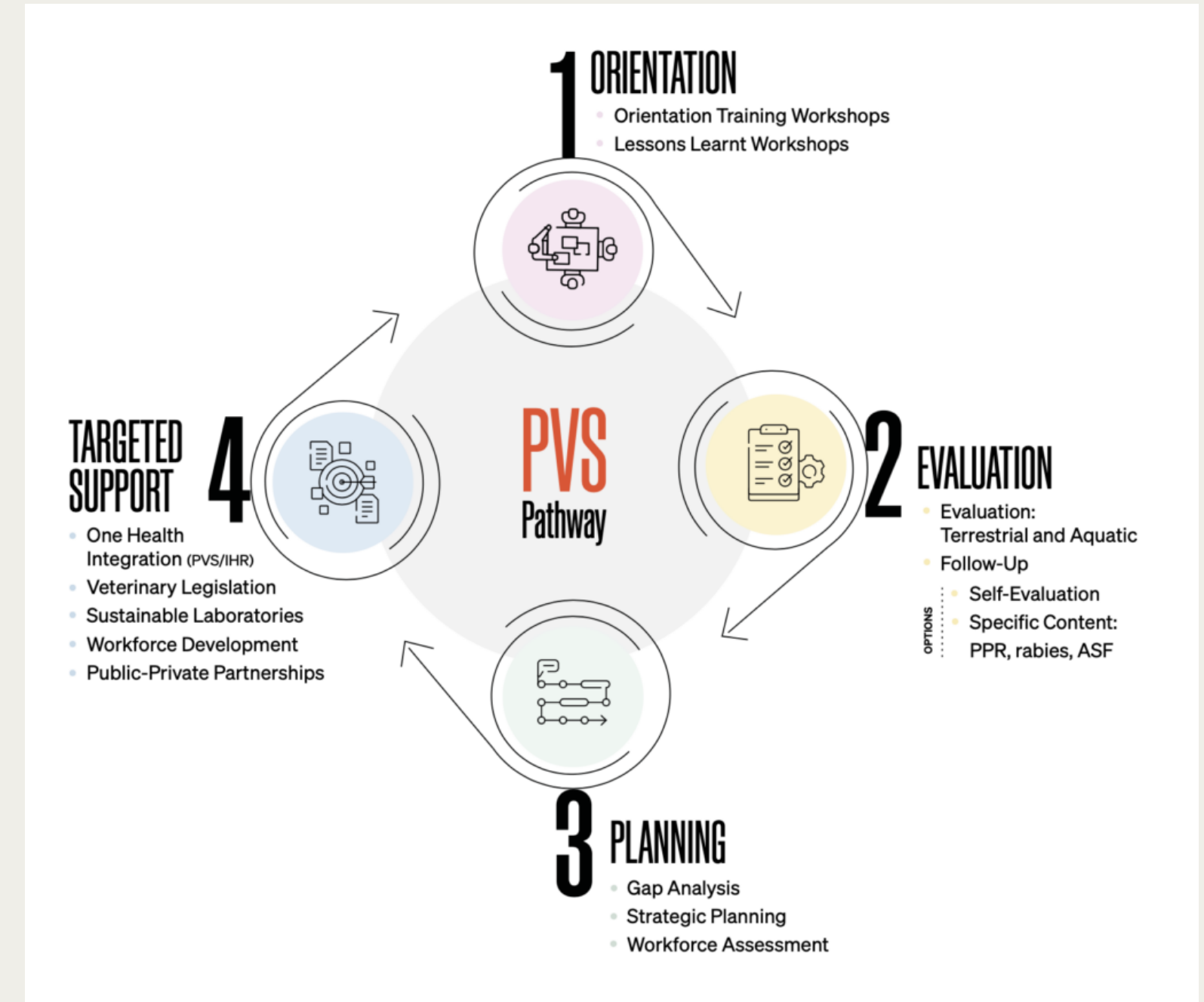
Health System



What is PVS pathway?

PVS: Performance of Veterinary Services

- WOAHA has developed the PVS pathway to realize the sustainable improvement of national veterinary services
- Delivered based on Member requests (voluntary)





THANK YOU

