

Interregional Webinar on Aquatic Animal Welfare

Middle East and Asia-Pacific

Strengthening Awareness and Capacity for the Integration of Aquatic Animal Welfare into Aquaculture Practices and Official Controls

Proposed Programme

Session 1 - Setting the Scene (20 min)	
Topic	Speaker / Expert
Opening Remarks - WOAH Regional Representation for the Middle East - WOAH Regional Representation for Asia and the Pacific Introduction - AQMENET follow-up actions and implementation of the Work Plan and training programme - Why aquatic animal welfare matters today	Dr Ahmad Al Majali , RRME Dr Tomoko Ishibashi , RRAP
Session 2 - WOA Standards and Global Perspectives (40 min)	
Topic	Speaker / Expert
Presentation WOAH Standards and guiding principles (update on the ongoing WOA work) Introduction to aquatic animal welfare Welfare as a driver for sustainable aquaculture, consumer confidence and market access	Dr Ana Rita Sancho Silva , Senior Coordinator, WOA Standards Department Dr Amedeo Manfrin , WOA Reference Laboratory for Fish, Mollusc and Crustacean Diseases, Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie
Session 3 - Regional Experiences and Case Studies (25 min)	
Topic	Speaker / Expert
Case Study from the Asia-Pacific Region Local countries'/territories' experience in implementing aquatic animal welfare measures Case Study from the Middle East Region Emerging initiatives and opportunities for integrating welfare considerations	National Focal Point , Asia and the Pacific National Focal Point , Middle East

Session 4 - Panel Discussion and Interactive Exchange (15 min)

Topic	Speaker / Expert
Discussion Topics - Challenges and opportunities for implementation (Mentimeter) - Roles of competent authorities and focal points - Future collaboration between AQMENET and Asia-Pacific partners	Dr Faycal Meziani , Technical Expert, RRME Dr Jaqueline Lusat , Animal Health Information Officer, RRAP Dr Chyna Yong Suit-B , Aquatic Animal Health Officer, RRAP

Closing Remarks (5 min)

Topic	Speaker / Expert
- Key messages and next steps - Future capacity-building opportunities under AQMENET	Dr Ahmad Al Majali , RRME Dr Tomoko Ishibashi , RRAP