

The 3rd OIE Regional Meeting for OIE Reference Centres in Asia and the Pacific
24-25 February 2021, Tokyo, Virtual meeting

Meeting Recommendations – Priority actions during the next 2 years

Type of support/ cooperation/ collaboration
Information sharing mechanism
<p>OIE explores effective ways to 1) disseminate information about RC activities among Members and other stakeholders (e.g., online information sharing platform, email alerts) and 2) share information about Members' needs with RCs.</p> <p>OIE improves the online information sharing platform as suggested during the 3rd RCs meeting. I.e.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Improve the format, layout and functionalities- Enrich the contents, including more frequent updates and varieties of the information- Raise awareness of the platform <p>RCs actively contribute to the platform and regularly update and communicate to Members on technical services (e.g., Supply of standard reference reagents, Supply of vaccine, Proficiency test, Provision of diagnostic testing, Provision of trainings, etc) they can provide.</p>
Networks among RCs/Members/OIE
<p>Delegates/FPs establish or strengthen the network of laboratories and other technical experts within their country/territory to 1) determine the training and other capacity building needs; and 2) communicate/disseminate various opportunities offered by RCs and/or the OIE with laboratories/ institutes in their country/territory.</p> <p>RCs continue to improve existing networks and develop new networks in order to coordinate activities, facilitate collaboration and communication (e.g., joint research) and minimise overlapping efforts.</p> <p>OIE provides technical advices to various networks in the region and encourage resource sharing and synergise activities where relevant.</p>
Capacity building events/activities
<p>RCs continuously seek Members' needs and, in collaboration and coordination with other RCs, organise scientific and capacity building events/activities that address Members' needs, such as Laboratory Twinning Programme.</p> <p>RCs consider providing their knowledge and expertise to strengthen preparedness and response capacity to emerging diseases in the region including provision of proficiency testing programmes and diagnostic trainings.</p>

RCs proactively support sustainable development of regional and national laboratories e.g., equipment management training.

Delegates/FPs encourage active participation of laboratories/institutes in their country/territory in opportunities provided by RCs including Laboratory Twinning Programme.

Delegates/FPs consider potential benefits from laboratory PVS missions for their country/territory in consultation with relevant laboratories.

OIE continues to facilitate communication between RCs and Members regarding capacity building needs (e.g., conducts a needs assessment every ~2 years).

OIE identifies, in consultation with Members, priority diseases for capacity building in the region and, if appropriate, encourages pertinent laboratories to consider OIE-funded or self-funded Laboratory Twinning Programme.

OIE supports the implementation of RCs' activities across various levels (regional and national) and continue to coordinate activities with partner organisations.

Sharing of materials

Delegates/FPs encourage and facilitate more sample submission and diagnostic information/results sharing with RCs.

RCs consider or continue to share reference materials between RCs and also with Members in order to facilitate harmonization and standardization between RCs and to assist Members.