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17th Conference of the Regional Commission for the Middle East
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 1 to 5 October 2023

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER 2023

- 11:00 a.m. Registration of participants and distribution of documents
- 1:00 p.m. Opening ceremony
- 2:00 p.m. Group Photo
- 2:20 p.m. Approval of the Programme
Appointment of the Conference Committee (Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and General Rapporteur)
Appointment of session chairpersons and rapporteurs (Technical Items and Animal Health Situation)
- 2:30 p.m. WOA: Improving animal health globally to ensure a better future for all (Dr Monique Eloit, WOA: Director General)
- 3:00 p.m. Discussions
- 3:30 p.m. Analysis of the Animal Health Situation in Member Countries in the region during 2022/2023 (Dr Jenny Hutchison, Head of the World Animal Health Information and Analysis Department)
- 4:00 p.m. Discussions
- 4:30 p.m. Break
- 5:00 p.m. Revision of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code: Process, September report highlights and key topics for Middle East region (Dr Etienne Bonbon, President of the Terrestrial Code Commission)
- 5:30 p.m. Discussion
- 6:00 p.m. End of the day

MONDAY 2 OCTOBER 2023

- 8:30 a.m. Revision of the Aquatic Animal Health Code: Process, September report highlights and key topics for Middle East region (Dr Ingo Ernst, President of the Aquatic Code Commission)
- 9:00 a.m. Discussions



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- 9:30 a.m. Technical item I (with questionnaire)
One Health: coordination, communication and cooperation between Veterinary, Public Health and Environmental Protection Services (Dr Salama Al Muhairi, Member of the One Health, High Level Expert Panel (OHHLEP) and Research and Development Department Manager at the National Emergency Crisis and Disasters Management Authority and Dr El Moubasher Abubakr Farag, Member of OHHLEP and Acting Head of Communicable Diseases Control Programs at the Ministry of Public Health of Qatar)
- 10:15 a.m. Discussion
- 10:45 a.m. Break
Preparation of Recommendation No. 1 by designated small group
- 11:15 a.m. Session on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR): The Leadership Role from the Middle East Region
- 12:30 a.m. Lunch break
- 2:00 p.m. Towards Zero by 30: Rabies Control in the Middle East (WOAH Science Department)
- 2:30 p.m. Discussion
- 3:00 p.m. Update on the Camel Middle East Network (CAMENET) (Dr Asma Abdi Mohammed Shah, Director, Veterinary Laboratory, Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority (ADAFSA))
- 3:30 p.m. Discussions
- 4:00 p.m. Update on the Regional Network for Aquatic Animal Diseases (AQMENET) (Dr Ali Al Shaikhi, Chair of the AQMENET Steering Committee, Director General of Fisheries at the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture of Saudi Arabia)
- 4:15 p.m. Discussion
- 4:30 p.m. Break
- 5:00 p.m. Report on the activities conducted in the Region since the last Regional Conference (Dr Sanad Alharbi, Delegate of Saudi Arabia and President of the Regional Commission for the Middle East)
- 5:30 p.m. Discussion
- 6:00 p.m. End of the Session
- 7:30 p.m. Official dinner

TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER 2023

- 9:00 a.m. Technical item II (without questionnaire): Ensuring strong performing and financially sustainable Veterinary Services in the Region (Dr Ahmed ElIdrissi, External Consultant)
- 9:45 a.m. Funding possibilities through the pandemic fund and one health funds (Dr Franck Berthe, Senior Health Specialist, One Health Lead, World Bank)
- 10:00 a.m. Discussion
- 10:30 a.m. Fostering WOAH - Middle East Partnership: Unlocking Investment Potential (Dr Nada Essawy, Resource Mobilisation and Grants Management Officer, Engagement and Investment Department)
- 10:45 a.m. Discussion



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- 11:00 a.m. Break
Preparation of Recommendation No. 2 by designated small group
- 11:30 a.m. Panel discussion: Effective resource mobilisation to ensure financial sustainability of Veterinary Services
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. The threat of vector borne diseases in the Middle East region and Members preparedness (Dr Paolo Calistri, Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell'Abruzzo e del Molise (IZSAM) G. Caporale, Teramo)
- 2:30 p.m. Discussion
- 3:00 p.m. Discussion of recommendations
- 4:00 p.m. Break
- 4:30 p.m. Special session on WOAHO Delegates Responsibilities around the year
(for Delegates only)
- 5:30 p.m. End of the Session
- 7:30 p.m. Official dinner

WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER 2023

- 8:30 a.m. Special session on the new PVS Information System
(for Delegates and members of delegations only)
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 11:00 a.m. Special session on the new PVS Information System (cont.)
(for Delegates and members of delegations only)
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch break
- 2:00 p.m. Cultural technical visit

THURSDAY 5 OCTOBER 2023

- 9:30 a.m. Promoting and supporting laboratory scientific excellence in the region (Ms Jennifer Lasley, Senior Programme Coordinator, Capacity Building Department)
- 10:00 a.m. Discussion
- 10:30 a.m. Observatory: Evidence-based approach to address Members' needs and encourage the implementation of international standards (Dr Gaspar Avendano Perez, Technical Coordinator, WOAHO Observatory)
- 11:15 a.m. Break
- 11:45 a.m. Proposal of date and venue of the 18th Conference of the Regional Commission for the Middle East
- 12:00 p.m. Conference conclusions and Adoption of Recommendations
- 12:30 p.m. Closing ceremony
- 1:00 p.m. End of the Conference