



# **Strengthening Scientific Excellence of Middle East Region through WOAHA Reference Centres network**

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# Regional Collaborating Centres

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The Central Laboratory for Evaluation of Veterinary Biologics in Egypt serves as the regional centre for the **quality control and evaluation of veterinary vaccines**, ensuring that safe and effective biologics are used across the Middle East.



Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority (UAE) contributes to regional capacity through its work on **quality management systems** and advancing knowledge and capabilities in **camel disease prevention and control**.



Cairo University – Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (Egypt) leads regional efforts in **Day-One Veterinary Competencies**, supporting improvements in veterinary education and professional readiness in the Middle East.

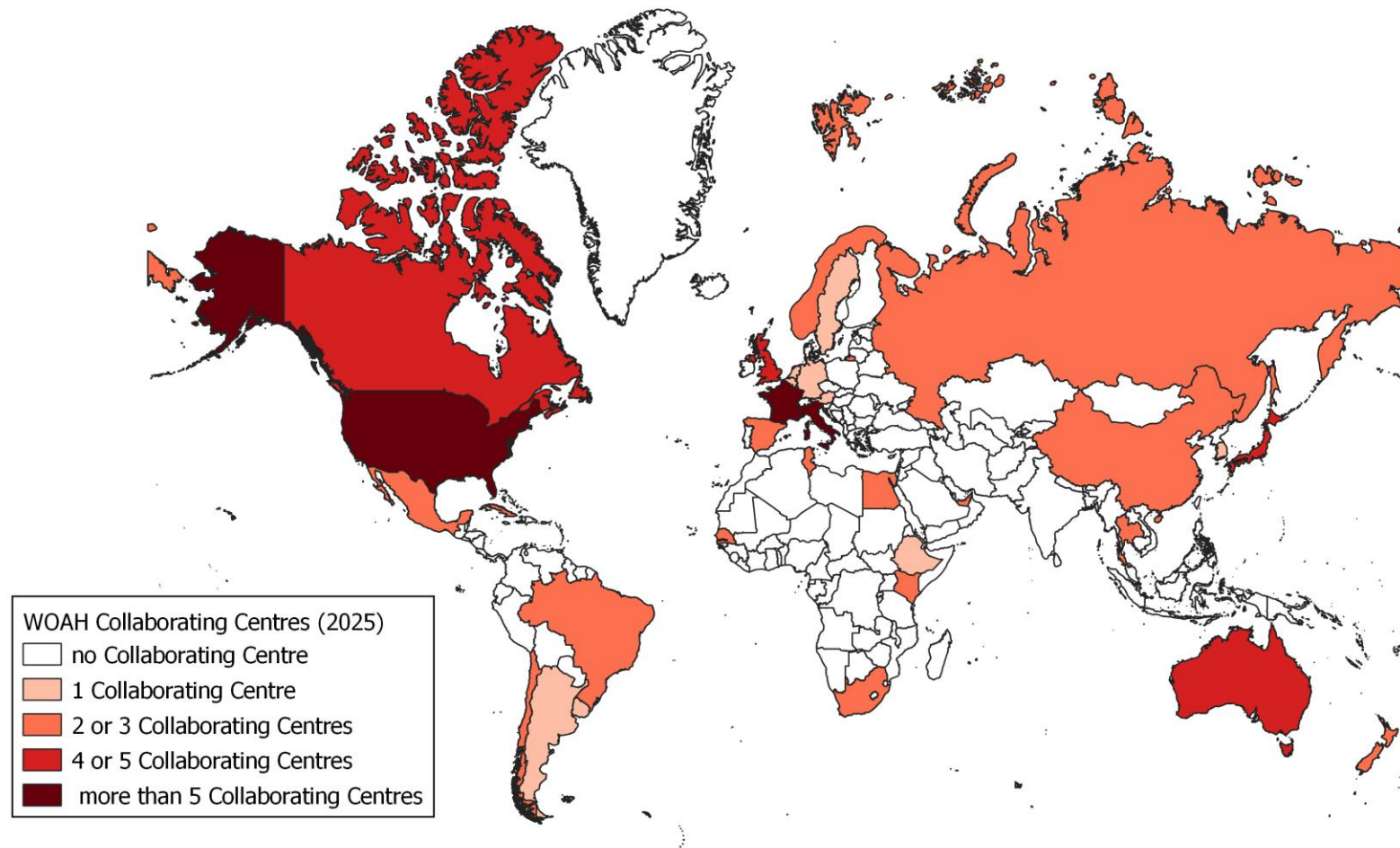


The Central Laboratory for Aquaculture Research (Egypt) strengthens the region's aquaculture sector through its leadership in **fish health management**, enhancing diagnostics, monitoring and sustainable aquatic animal health practices.



World Organisation  
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## World distribution of WOAH Collaborating Centres





## Razi Vaccine & Serum Research Institute (RVSRI)

Location: Hessarak, Karaj, Teheran, Iran

Key Disease Focus: Sheep pox and goat pox

## Central Veterinary Research Laboratory (CVRL)

Location: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Key Disease Focus:

- Middle East respiratory syndrome
- Glanders
- Camelpox
- Brucellosis (*B. melitensis*, *B. canis*, *B. abortus*)

## Animal Health Research Institute (AHRI)

Location: Dokki, Giza, Egypt

Key Disease Focus:

- Brucellosis (*B. melitensis*, *B. abortus*)
- Avian influenza

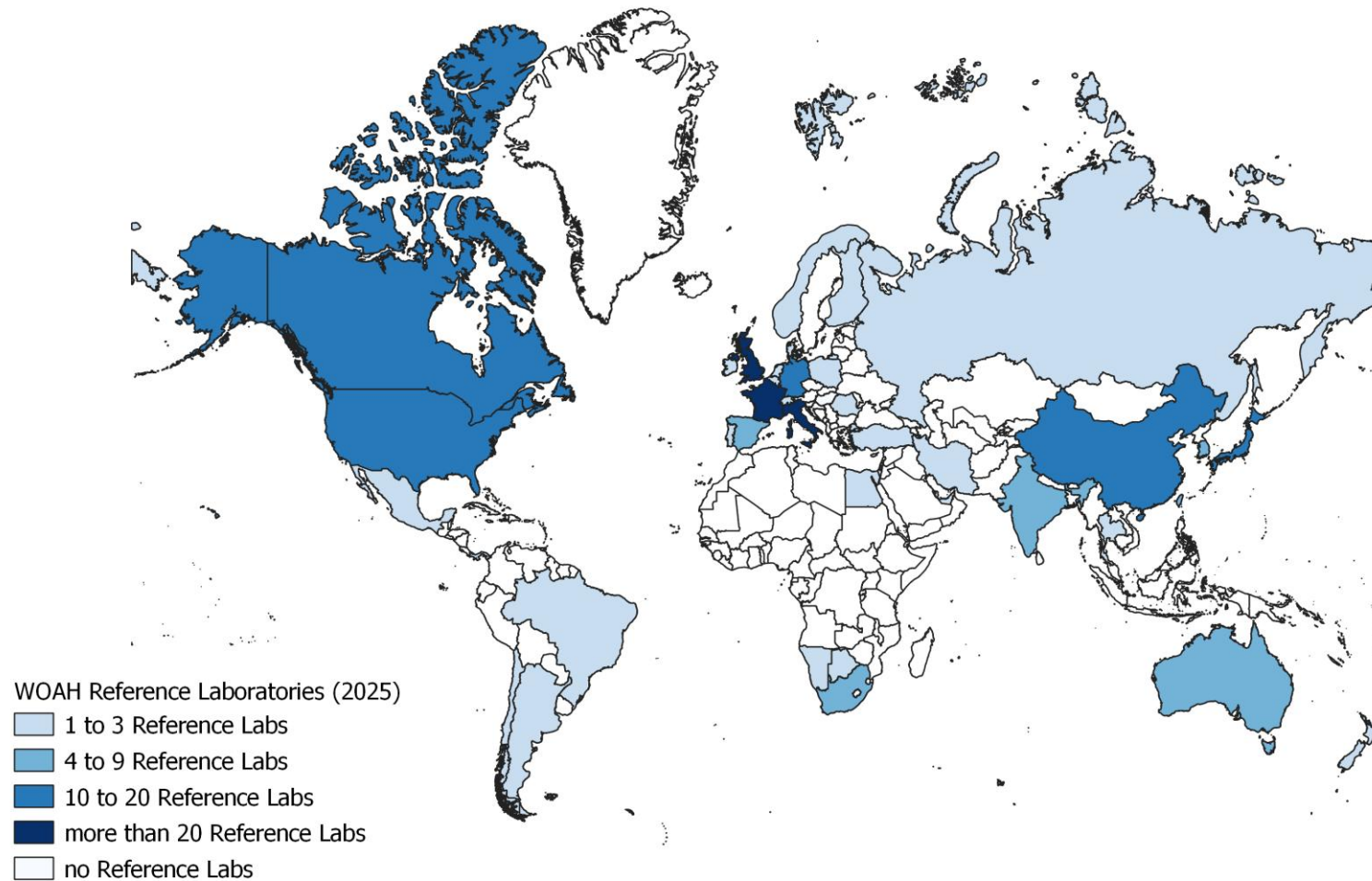
## Pendik Veterinary Control Institute

Location Istanbul, TÜRKİYE

Key diseases: CCPP, Avian Mycoplasma



## World Distribution of WOA Reference Laboratories



# Strengthening Reference Centres – Panelists

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**Panel Topic: How Reference Centres contribute to scientific excellence, capability and support for WOA H Members.**