



Climate Change and Animal Health – Emerging Risks and Regional Preparedness

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Introduction

- Climate change had an increasingly significant impact on animal health and is among the many challenges currently facing WOAH Members.
- WOAH supports its Members in strengthening their preparedness for and resilience against emerging risks.
- WOAH provides standards, tools and guidance to improve emergency management capabilities, encourages the adoption of the One Health approach to address cross-sectoral challenges and promotes the sharing of practical experience among its Members.
- This session will introduce the main elements of WOAH's work in this area, explain why cross-sector coordination under the OH approach is essential



Objectives

- Understand the implications of climate change in animal health risks.
- Remind the support provided by WOAH, particularly with regard to emergency preparedness and the use of the Incident Management Systems (IMS).
- Understand why coordination across the animal, human and environmental sectors is necessary under the One Health approach.
- Learn from a Member's experience of adapting preparedness and response capacities in the face of climate-related risks.



Contents

- Why coordination matters : Climate change and animal health from OH perspective. (Dr Chadia Wannous, WOAHA One Health Senior Specialist and Global Coordinator)
- What WOAHA provides: Emergency management standards and Incident Management System (IMS) (including ideas to be implemented at national level) (Dr Madison Wimmers, WOAHA Project Officer, Biological) 10'
- Country experience (Practical example) (Dr Anastasios Matsikaris, Meteorological Officer, Cyprus).10'
- Time for discussions (speakers and participants) 25'

