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Middle East Regional Core Group (RCG)

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Objectives

- Explain the RCG mechanism
- Present the RCG ToRs
- Define the next steps



The Regional Core Group (RCG)

- The Regional Core Group is a **communication mechanism** to support the Regional Commission activities.
- Main task:
 - ✓ To better link and coordinate the work of the Bureau of the Regional Commission for the Middle East in line with the Council advise.
 - ✓ To ensure the regional needs are better addressed.
 - ✓ To facilitate regional inputs to the work of the OIE.



Terms of Reference of the RCG

- . Establishment of the RCG
- . Functions of the RCG
- . Regional Work Plan Framework
- . Composition and functioning of the RCG



What is in the ToRs?

Functions of the RCG

- . To support the Bureau in specific areas of their responsibilities.
- . To act as a bridge between the OIE.
- . To improve regional participation in the OIE standard setting process.



Functions of the RCG

- . To raise high-level authorities' awareness of OIE activities**
- . To lead the regional contribution to the scientific expertise of the OIE. To promote active formal and informal communication among all Members of the region and international/regional organisations, using mainly the OIE regional website**



What is in the ToRs?

Regional Workplan Framework

- The Regional Work Plan Framework for the period 2021-2026, in compliance with the OIE- 7th Strategic Plan
 - Supporting the Bureau of the OIE Regional Commission for the ME.
 - Covering OIE activities.
 - Organizing meetings to discuss progress in surveillance of priority diseases and safe trade issues.



What is in the ToRs?

Composition of the RCG

- The Members of the **Bureau** are de facto members of the RCG. The **Member of the OIE Council** representing the Region is also member.
- Two additional **Delegates** will be included in the RCG
- The **Chair of the GF-TADs Regional Steering Committee** is also a member
- The **President of the OIE Regional Commission for the Middle East** is the chairperson of the RCG.



What is in the ToRs?

Composition of the RCG

- The representatives of the OIE Regional and Sub-Regional offices will ensure the secretariat



Next steps / Upcoming Meetings

- Officialise/adopt the ToRs
- Define and adopt the Regional Work Plan Framework
- Two meetings prior to the General Session in December 2021 and in April 2022.
- A third meeting will be organised during the OIE General Session in May 2022.
- The RCG decided to have other meetings on regular basis monthly or each two months, or by e-mail or teleconference to discuss and provide inputs to the Regional Commission.



Thank You for listening!

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