

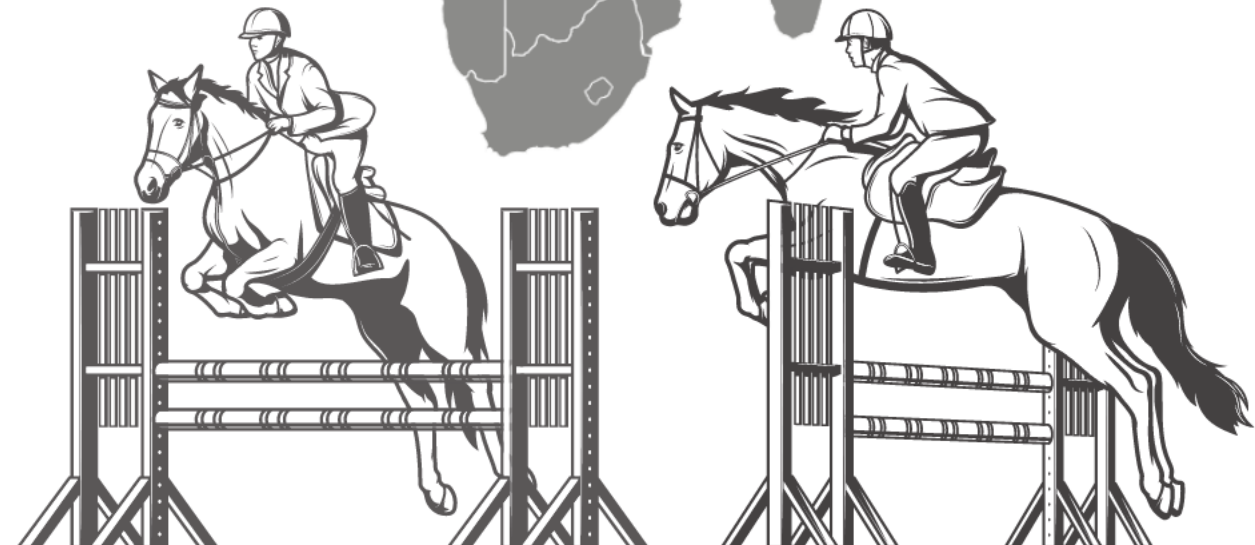


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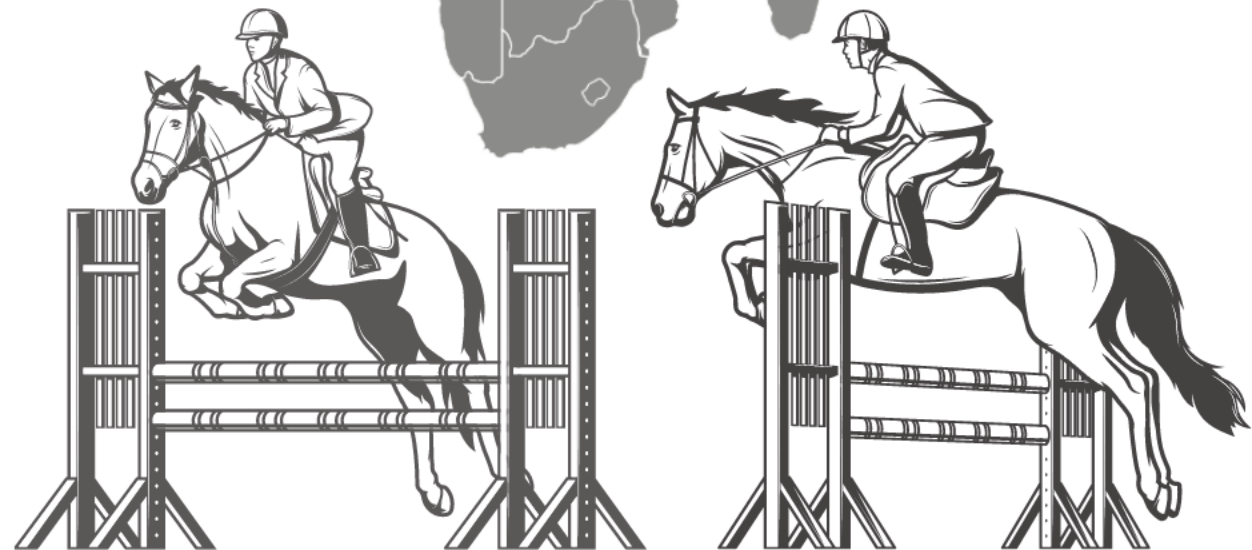
**WOAH international standards and tools to  
facilitate international movement of  
(competition) horses.**

## **Roadmap for Veterinary Services**

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- A. Coordination for the implementation of the roadmap at national level
  - ❖ Short term
  - ❖ Long term
- A. Coordination for the implementation of the roadmap at regional level
- B. Coordination for the implementation of the roadmap at international level



# Roadmap at national level (Short term)

1. Harmonisation of national regulations in compliance with the OIE standards on horse movement.
2. Establishment of credible health certification(e-certificate)
3. Implementation of registration and identification of equines especially horses.
4. Assessment of major equine diseases situation in the region and at risk: AHS, Glanders, EIA, EVA, EI, Dourine, piroplasmosis, ECM.
5. Collection of all information needed in support of the risk analysis including PVS reports, and WAHIS data.
6. Reinforcing disease surveillance network, and contingency planning, in support of disease notification.
7. Implement awareness activities work of focal points and develop regulatory framework to support notification of equine diseases by horse' owners and private veterinarians to the NVA.





# Roadmap at national level 1 (medium term)

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1. **Strengthening capacities of the veterinary services (e.g PVS pathway). (WOAH Equine mission: Diseases surveillance, Free status recognition, Self-declaration, HHP, EDFZ)**
2. **Reinforcing laboratory diagnostic tools, (Laboratory twinning).**
3. **Developing policies to ensure that border inspection posts are equipped with appropriate infrastructures and that competent veterinarians are permanently posted.**
4. **Improve communication with Customs Authorities to better plan for border crossing, in respect to animal welfare, and to avoid delay and agree on possibility to submit the required documentation ahead of border inspection.**



# Roadmap at national level 2 (medium term)

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1. Continuous dialog, between the public & private sectors, (Equestrian federation, racing authorities, Farmers/equine owners associations, to improve coordination to facilitate horse movement conditions.
2. Planning regular training workshops on equine movement control including animal welfare procedures during transport. (WOAH Code).
3. Establishment where needed, of Equine Diseases Free Zones (EDFZ) and implementation of the High Health High Performance Horses concept (HHP), to facilitate movement of competition horses for sport events.





# Coordination at regional level (Regional working Group)

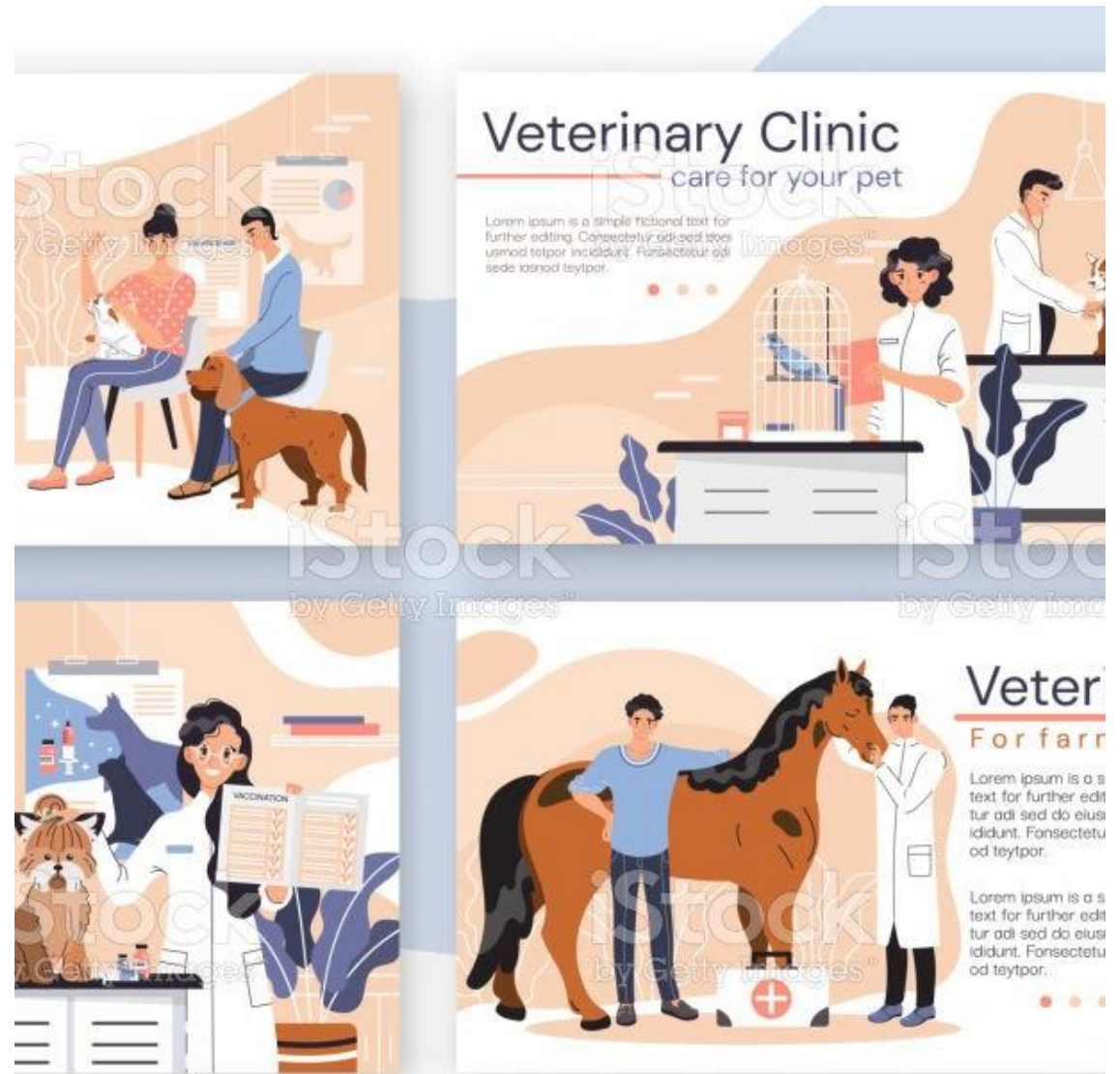
Establishment of a regional working group which may include members of the regional commissions core group for Middle East and North Africa from one side and board of the FEI Group VII from other side. The WOAHA regional and sub regional representations, will serve as coordinator for this group. The terms of Reference of this group should include:

1. Identify of roadmap issues and enhance regular regional coordination, event's development, survey campaigns, measures implementation.
2. Identify all relevant NVA contacts ("focal points") and centralisation in a database of contacts
3. Harmonise national regulations in accordance with the OIE related standards (Manual and Code), in particular for sanitary requirements: vaccination, testing protocols, quarantine/isolation procedures.
4. Harmonise veterinary certificates for temporary importations of sports horses within countries of FEI Group VII (including transit & round trip).
5. Coordination with competent authorities, governmental and private, in order to facilitate the procedures for the temporary movement, transit crossings of sport horses.
6. Organisation for regular meetings, regional capacity building, networking and information exchange, reporting.



# Coordination for the implementation of the roadmap at international level.

1. **Continuous supervision and assistance of the WOA: Workshops on implementation of standards, PVS missions, Laboratory twinning,**
2. **Permanent dialogue with FEI, ISHC to support regional activities,**
3. **Encourage delegates to participate actively in the setting standards procedures**
4. **Continuous support of national federations to Veterinary Authorities to improve implementation of Tasks especially in surveillance planning and dossiers' submission to WOA for official recognition of disease status, and the establishment of EDFZ and HHP mechanisms.**
5. **Dialogue between OIE and other Authorities (e.g EU) to simplify measures with countries having appropriate status for equine diseases.**
6. **Coordination with the world Customs Organisation (WCO) on the procedures for the implementation ATA carnet, including training on application procedures.**





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