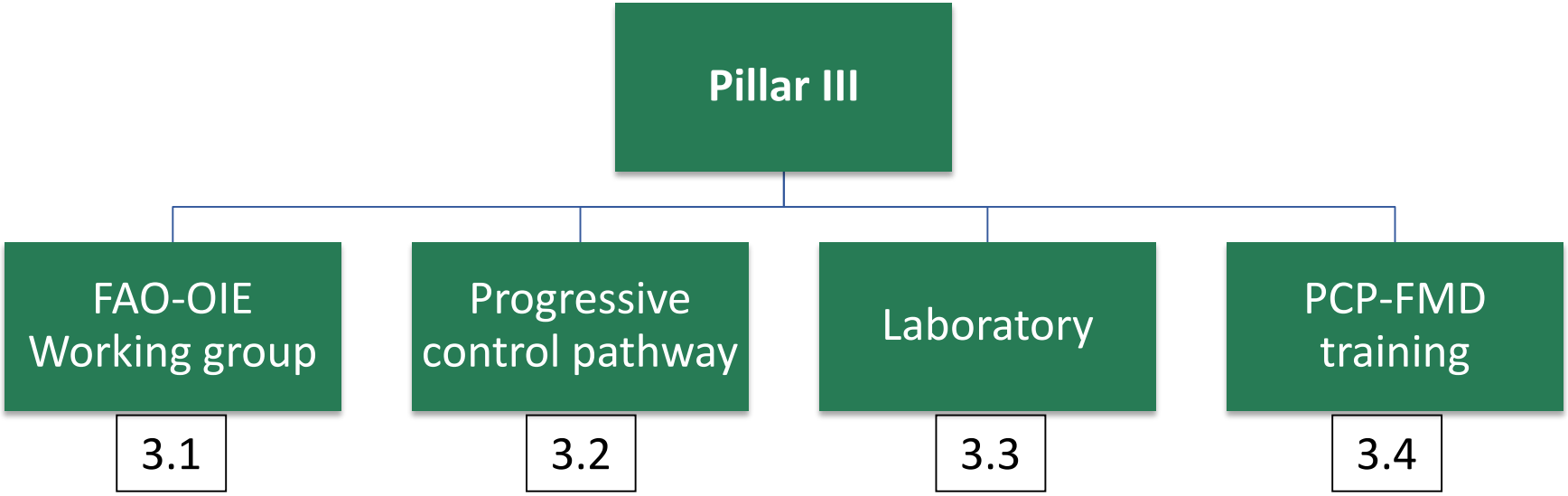
Pillar 3 – Promoting the Global Strategy for FMD control

Nick Lyons

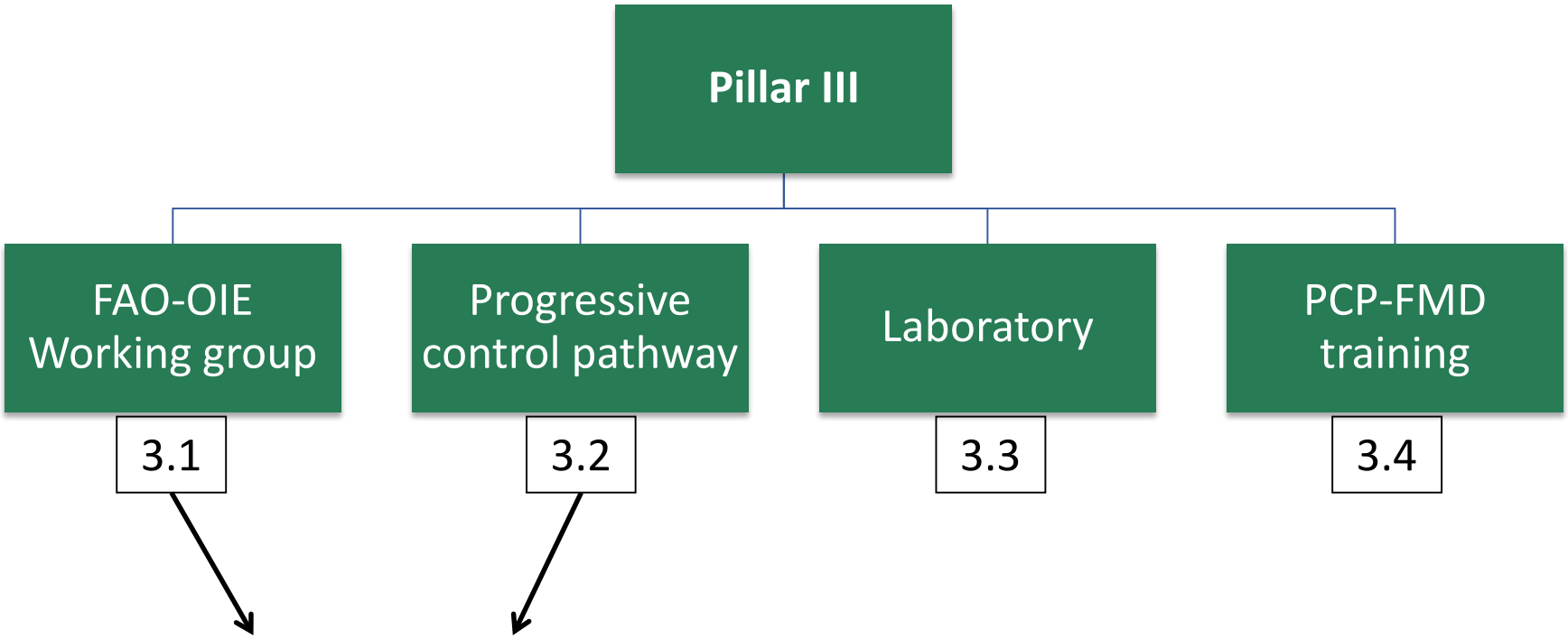
Executive Committee Meeting

7th March 2018

Promoting the Global Strategy for FMD control



Cross-component initiatives



PCP Support Officers (“PSOs”)

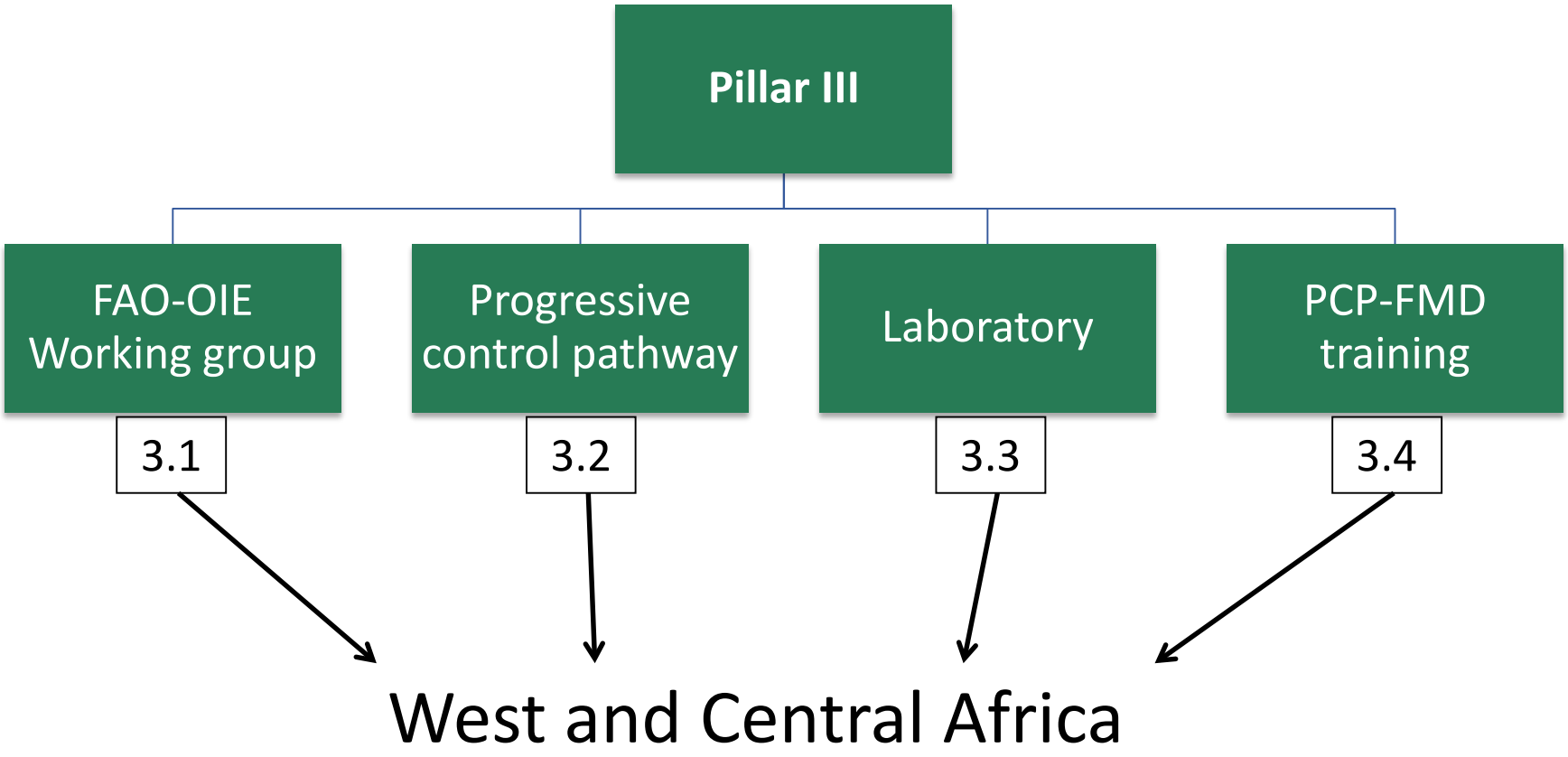
PCP Support Officers

- New initiative to support countries in PCP stage advancement and maintain momentum between roadmap meetings
- Work with national PCP focal points and relevant regional FAO and OIE offices to provide guidance on PCP progression
- Initial focus on countries in provisional PCP stages (currently 25)
- System has been agreed by the FAO-OIE working group

PCP Support Officers

- PSOs will satisfy certain criteria including and understanding or experience of:
  - Supporting RAGS at Regional roadmap meetings
  - PCP online e-learning courses
  - Technical aspects of FMD (surveillance, epidemiology, etc)
  - OIE-PVS assessment processes
- A route for training new officers is foreseen for priority regions
- EuFMD can support process (mostly from PIII but also PII where appropriate) but further support from partners would maximise the potential of this system

Cross-component initiatives



West and Central Africa

- Support to region requested from FAO-OIE Working group

- Limited data on disease impact and relative lack of surveillance…
  - ….yet there are risks to North Africa and beyond (e.g. 2017 reports of A/AFRICA/G-IV)
  - and limited knowledge on appropriate vaccine strains for region

- FMD control in the region is lacking with no countries in PCP stage 2 from 2016 Roadmap meeting in Togo

West and Central Africa

- In time, FMD is expected to become more important for region as livestock systems develop

- As an example, recent evidence from ground level in Nigeria is that FMD is an important disease for farmers even if limited efforts to control from government

- Major projects in region (World Bank, USAID) do not currently address FMD

West and Central Africa

- Internal Strategy Paper developed between EuFMD, FAO, OIE and reference centres
  - Following meeting in Paris on 7th November, 2017
  - Identifying priorities
  - How to efficiently use Pillar III resources to initiate change in region, but with limited financial support

West and Central Africa

- Plans for support to WCA include:
  - Identifying key partners in region
  - FAR on regional surveillance using lateral flow devices (VSF/ANSES/BI)
  - CIRAD LoA
    - Review and translation into French of training material on socio-economic impact
    - Assessment of market potential of FMD vaccines in regional disease control from 2020-2050
  - Training (e-learning)
    - FITC courses in English and French; Socio-economic impact in French
  - Expert support to PCP advancement (to be decided with Working group); need for Francophone PSOs

Pillar III - Conclusion

- Resources are very limited for the proposed cross-component work under Pillar III
- Proposed work has **sustainability** within the funds available within Pillar III
- **Efficient** use of resources by engaging with partners active in the region (WCA) and a desk-based system with people of relevant experience (PSO)
- Expect some results by Open Session, 2018