

GLOBAL CONFERENCE

Global elimination of dog-mediated human rabies – The Time Is Now

Concept Note

BACKGROUND

Rabies remains an under-reported and neglected zoonosis with a case fatality rate of almost 100% in humans and animals.

Dog-mediated human rabies causes tens of thousands of human deaths annually despite being 100% preventable. Over 95% of human cases are caused by the bite of a rabies-infected dog and disproportionately affect rural communities, particularly children, from economically disadvantaged areas of Africa and Asia, where awareness of the disease and access to appropriate post-exposure prophylaxis is limited or non-existent. Unlike for many other zoonoses, the appropriate tools to eliminate dog-mediated human rabies already exist. Dog-mediated rabies can be eliminated at the source by vaccinating dogs, in conjunction with dog bite prevention and bite management, raising of public awareness and improved access to timely post-exposure prophylaxis.

It is in this context that the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and supported by the Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC) are organising the Global Conference on the “Global elimination of dog-mediated human rabies: The Time Is Now”.

The conference will convene key participants from Ministries of Health and Veterinary Services, national rabies coordinators from Member Countries, experts from the veterinary and the human health sectors and international organisations, policy-makers, other experts, non-governmental organisations, donors and the private sector.

OBJECTIVES

1. Disseminate results of the proof of concept for the elimination of dog-mediated rabies in different settings and explore expansion and sustainability into other endemic areas;
2. Build support and the case for investment to progress towards dog-mediated rabies elimination from national, regional, global and other stakeholders including the private sector;
3. Promote a One Health inter-sectoral collaboration approach between the human and animal health and other sectors;
4. Shape the forward vision agenda with shared purpose in collaboration with donors and stakeholders for the elimination of dog-transmitted human rabies.

Location: Executive Board Room, WHO Headquarters,
Geneva, Switzerland

Date: December 10-11, 2015

PROPOSED AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2015

17:00 – 19:00 REGISTRATION

DAY 1: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2015

08:00 – 09:00 REGISTRATION

SESSION 1: WELCOME AND SCENE SETTING

OBJECTIVES: Show high level leadership support for rabies and One Health.

TARGET OUTCOMES: Identify critical issues to be discussed during the conference towards rabies elimination.

09:00 – 10:15

REMARKS BY WHO DIRECTOR GENERAL - Dr Margaret Chan [10 minutes]

REMARKS BY OIE DIRECTOR GENERAL - Dr Bernard Vallat [10 minutes]

REMARKS BY FAO REPRESENTATIVE – TBC [5 minutes]

REMARKS BY GARC REPRESENTATIVE – Prof Louis Nel [5 minutes]

REMARKS BY INSTITUT PASTEUR DIRECTOR GENERAL - Christian Brechot [5 minutes]

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS, SCENE SETTING AND OBJECTIVES BY THE CONFERENCE CHAIR AND FACILITATOR - David Heymann & Daniel Normandeau [15 minutes]

KEYNOTE: DOG-MEDIATED HUMAN RABIES ELIMINATION IS FEASIBLE - Dr Bernard Vallat [25 minutes]

10:15 - 11:00 GROUP PHOTO AND COFFEE BREAK

SESSION 2: PROOF OF CONCEPT FOR ELIMINATION

OBJECTIVES: Dissemination of results with different starting points, including economic aspect, success stories, best practices and lessons learned including private public partnerships considering cross sectoral collaboration.

TARGET OUTCOMES: Demonstrate and disseminate country level success stories and lessons learnt on how to break status quo.

11:00 – 12:30 OBJECTIVES OF THE SESSION – [5 minutes]



	SOUTH AFRICA - [15 minutes]
	PHILIPPINES - [15 minutes]
	TANZANIA - [15 minutes]
	FACILITATED Q&A AND PANEL DISCUSSION – [25 minutes]
12:30 - 14:00	LUNCH BREAK
SESSION 3: REGIONAL APPROACH AND PROGRESS	
OBJECTIVES: Show success stories on how regional approach and strategies are implemented and linked.	
TARGET OUTCOMES: Highlight improved coordination and identify regional needs to achieve regional elimination goals.	
14:00 – 15:45	OBJECTIVES OF THE SESSION [5 minutes]
	PROGRESS IN ASIA - [10 minutes]
	PROGRESS IN AFRICA - [10 minutes]
	PROGRESS IN THE AMERICAS - [10 minutes]
	PROGRESS IN MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA - [10 minutes]
	PROGRESS IN EUROPE – [10 minutes]
	FACILITATED Q&A AND PANEL DISCUSSION – Daniel Normandeau [50 minutes]
15:45 – 16:15	COFFEE BREAK AND POSTER SESSION
SESSION 4: OPERATIONALIZATION OF DOG-TRANSMITTED RABIES ELIMINATION THROUGH PREVENTION AT THE SOURCE	
OBJECTIVES: Demonstrate the operational approaches to achieve rabies elimination.	
TARGET OUTCOMES: Dog vaccination the main and most cost-effective intervention. Recognise the role of cross sectorial collaboration.	
16:15 – 17:45	OBJECTIVES OF THE SESSION – [5 minutes]
	TACKLING DOG VACCINATION CAMPAIGNS – [10 minutes]
	DOG BITE PREVENTION FOR RABIES ELIMINATION – [10 minutes]

	ONE HEALTH. CROSS SECTORIAL COLLABORATION – [10 minutes]
	EDUCATION OF AT RISK COMMUNITIES – [10 minutes]
	FACILITATED Q&A AND PANEL DISCUSSION – [50 minutes]
18:30 – 20:30	WHO/OIE RECEPTION
DAY 2: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2015	
SESSION 5: CATALYSING ACTION. EXISTING TOOLS AND STRATEGIES	
OBJECTIVES: Identify existing tools to support country efforts in rabies elimination and challenges to be overcome.	
TARGET OUTCOMES: Demonstrate available tools to support country efforts in rabies elimination.	
09:00 – 10:45	RECAP OF DAY 1 AND OVERVIEW OF DAY 2 – [15 minutes]
	VACCINE BANKS AND QUALITY OF VACCINES – [10 minutes]
	MAKING POST EXPOSURE PROFILAXIS ACCESSIBLE – [10 minutes]
	THE ROLE OF PRIVATE VETERINARIANS IN RABIES ELIMINATION – [10 minutes]
	IMPACT FROM THE RECIPIENT COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE – [10 minutes]
	FACILITATED Q&A AND PANEL DISCUSSION – [50 minutes]
10:45 – 11:15	COFFEE BREAK AND POSTER SESSION
SESSION 6: THE GLOBAL CAMPAIGN FOR RABIES ELIMINATION	
OBJECTIVES: Describe strategies to increase awareness and political will.	
TARGET OUTCOMES: Highlight the importance of community engagement in rabies elimination.	
11:15 – 12:45	OBJECTIVES OF THE SESSION – [5 minutes]
	THE HEALTH-COSTS OF RABIES PREVENTION – [10 minutes]
	LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPALITIES. MOTIVATING COMMUNITIES – [10 minutes]
	CROSS BORDER COLLABORATION. THE INFLUENCE OF THE CHAMPION COUNTRY [10 minutes]
	AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN. SEVEN YEARS OF WORLD RABIES DAY. END RABIES CAMPAIGN – [10 minutes]

	FACILITATED Q&A AND PANEL DISCUSSION – [45 minutes]
12:45 – 14:00	LUNCH BREAK
SESSION 7: AIMING FOR SUCCESS	
<p>OBJECTIVES: Identified gaps and opportunities for investment in rabies elimination. Understand donors’ motivation to invest in rabies. Action needed to achieve effective rabies elimination and determine the performance measures required to demonstrate progress and define success.</p> <p>TARGET OUTCOMES: Achieve engagement of donors to invest in rabies elimination programmes.</p>	
14:00 – 16:00	OBJECTIVES OF THE SESSION – [5 minutes]
	MOTIVATION FOR INVESTMENT. THE DONOR PERSPECTIVE – [15 minutes]
	THE RATIONALE FOR RABIES ELIMINATION – [15 minutes]
	ROUND TABLE – FACILITATED DISCUSSION – [50 minutes]
	FINAL CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS – [15 minutes]
	OFFICIAL CLOSING – Dr Margaret Chan and Dr Bernard Vallat [20 minutes]
16:00	DEPARTURE