

## *Concept Note*

# The 8<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Workshop on Multi-sectoral Collaboration at the Animal-Human-Ecosystems interface

9-11 April 2019, Bangkok, Thailand

## Background

One Health is an integrated approach for preventing and mitigating health threats at the animal-human-plant-environment interfaces with the objective of achieving public health, food and nutrition security, sustainable ecosystems and fair trade facilitation. Health threats have become more complex due to globalisation, increasing population, climate change, deforestation, etc. Majority (75%) of emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases are animal origin and more than 70% of additional animal protein will be needed to feed the world by 2050. Hence, we are losing more than 20% of animal production in the world due to animal diseases. Furthermore, animal diseases pose a direct threat to incomes of rural communities that are dependent on livestock production. Considering complexity of health threat, controlling health risk can only be dealt with multi-sectoral collaboration through a good health system in place.

During the past several years, multidisciplinary and intersectoral One Health approach is increasingly being adopted at the global, regional and country levels as a way to address common concerns on health threats covering animal-plant-human health with relevant environmental issues.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and the World Health Organization (WHO) have institutionalised a tripartite coordination mechanism to support countries with surveillance, prevention and control of emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases including zoonoses at the human, animal, plant and environmental interfaces. Regional tripartite partners strengthened multi-sectoral collaboration in the Asia-Pacific region to define the way forward to further strengthen multi-sectoral collaboration and coordination by organising regular workshops since 2010.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Workshop on Multi-sectoral Collaboration at the Animal-Human-Ecosystems interface will give opportunities to reflect on achievements made as well as lessons learned through multi-sectoral collaboration on One Health perspectives beyond infectious diseases at country and regional levels. The workshop will also touch on how multi-sectoral collaboration could be utilised to address other relevant public health concerns. Tripartite are developing global strategies and tools to ensure a consistent, harmonised approach throughout the world, and to better coordinate human-animal-environmental health policies at the national, regional and global level. Therefore, the workshop will not only deliver messages on focused area, but expand towards horizontal topics such as strengthening health system as well as topics beyond infectious diseases. It will also look into what sustainable multi-sectoral coordination mechanisms are promoted/setup at the regional and country levels.

## Objectives:

1. Provide an update of emerging and re-emerging zoonotic diseases and other public health threats at global, regional and country levels
2. Review progress made and challenges encountered in terms of multi-sectoral coordination, including information sharing, coordinated response and risk reduction, at regional and country levels
3. Make recommendations on further improve coordinated action at animal-human-ecosystems interface among different sectors

## Expected Outputs:

1. Summary of current situation of EIDs & other health concerns such as AMR
2. Recommendations on way forward to strengthen coordination and collaboration between different sectors on overall health concerns
3. Meeting report; documentation of progress on the recommendations for multi-sectoral coordination and collaboration

**Expected Participants:** Approximately 100 people would attend the workshop. FAO and OIE will sponsor participants from animal health (and environment) sectors whereas WHO will sponsor participants from public health sector. Each of the organisations will put the statement in the invitation that both of animal and human health sector officials will be invited to the workshop sponsored by relevant organisation.

No.	List of Invitees
1	Senior government officers who are involved in decision-making and technical implementation of disease control including: Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, People's Republic of China (including Hong Kong SAR and Macao SAR), Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Nepal, Pakistan, PNG, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Samoa, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Vanuatu, Viet Nam
2	Representatives from ASEAN, SAARC, SPC
3	External Experts (global/regional)
4	Potential collaborators & Development partners
5	Tripartite partners (FAO/OIE/WHO)

**Dates:** 9-11 April 2019 (3 days + 1/0.5 day secretariat prep meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> April)

**Venue:** Bangkok, Thailand

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Provisional Agenda

	Day 1 (9 Apr)	Day 2 (10 Apr)	Day 3 (11 Apr)
<b>AM</b>	<p>Opening</p> <p>Introduction (objectives)</p> <p>Scene setting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Drivers to OH</li> <li>- Expectations</li> <li>- Short video</li> </ul>	<p>strengthen health system (also covers emergency response/preparedness)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- IHR-PVS, JEE, JRA, TZG, APSED III, etc.</li> <li>- How tools applied into country systems</li> </ul>	<p>Share experience to engage other sectors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Env't (UNEP)</li> <li>- Wildlife</li> <li>- Etc.</li> </ul>
<b>PM</b>	<p>3 Flagship topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Highlights achievements on MS collaboration</li> </ul> <p>➔ Could combine as country PPT &amp; world café format?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Progress made from the last meeting</li> </ul> <p>➔ Recommendation into action; by questionnaire survey (TBD)</p>	<p>OH operationalisation @ global/regional/sub-regional/country levels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How countries apply tools into their systems</li> <li>- Qs analysis from past ws; see progress made during past years (combined analysis like Joy mentioned?)</li> </ul>	<p>Any other overarching topics, such as NTDs</p> <p>&amp; Wrap up</p>