





Plant and animal health, food safety and quality

Achieving One Health goals in agriculture through sound legal and institutional frameworks









One Health in the agriculture sector

How FAO can assist

Our experience shows us that law is essential to strengthening policies and institutions. We have unique expertise in combining technical and legal knowledge and in enabling people in institutions to work together. This is fundamental for addressing changing needs, new risks and challenges, as well as new technical advances and developments that affect plant and animal, food safety and quality.

FAO can provide:

- Advice on how to implement international treaties, reference standards and good practices that contribute to One Health in the areas of food and agriculture;
- Capacity building for the improved functioning of authorities responsible for animal and plant health and production, food safety and quality;
- Knowledge for preventing the entry into markets of unregulated, mislabeled or substandard food, veterinary medicinal products and agriculture inputs;
- Tailor-made recommendations for improved consumer protection through appropriate food information.





Agriculture and One Health

How FAO can assist

By providing:

- Knowledge about regional harmonization for regulatory control and requirements for the safe trade and management of agricultural products and inputs;
- Tailor-made recommendations for developing legislation that fits into national legal and institutional frameworks, and reflects their legal traditions;
- Advice on how to set up participatory legal drafting processes, with special attention to vulnerable groups.



Capacity development

Some results

Revision of national legislation

 More than 30 countries have been supported in the revision of their animal health, plant health and food safety and quality legislation since 2015.

Regional-level harmonized systems

 We have supported a range of regional organisations to harmonize their legislation with international reference standards for animal and plant health, food safety and quality.

Legal training for lawyers and regulators

 We have conducted various regional and national workshops on agriculture legislation and participatory legal drafting processes for lawyers and regulators.

Our aim is to enhance capacities of Member States in plant and animal health, food safety and quality, by supporting countries in the revision and update of their national legislation and legal frameworks.

We are here to help

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