

## AGENDA

# Regional meeting on **Anthrax in West Africa**

Lomé, Togo • 28-30 September 2015



Food and Agriculture Organization  
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28 September

Monday

8:30-9:00

Registration

#### OPENING CEREMONY

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8:30-09:30

Welcome Address:

- Director of Veterinary Services-Togo
- Representative of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC –USA)
- FAO Representative in Togo
- Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Hydraulics

#### SETTING THE SCENE OF THE WORKSHOP

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9.30-10.00

Introduction to the workshop objectives, expected outcomes and agenda

*Ahmed El Idrissi (FAO)*

Introduction of the participants

10:00-10:30

Group photograph and break

#### SESSION I: DISEASE SITUATION AND CONTROL STRATEGIES AND TOOLS

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*Chair: Ahmed El Idrissi*

10:30-12:30

Strategies and options for prevention and control of Anthrax in humans and animals

*Sean Shadomy & William (CDC)*

Anthrax diagnostic methods in humans and animals

*Robyn Stoddard (CDC)*

Global distribution of Anthrax

*Karim Tounkara (OIE)*

Overview of Anthrax situation in Africa

*Hiver Boussini (AU-IBAR)*

Discussion

12:30-14:00

Lunch break

#### SESSION II: COUNTRY REPORTS ON ANIMAL AND HUMAN ANTHRAX

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*Chair: Komla Batasse Batawui (CVO Togo)*

14:00-15.30

Country reports:

- Benin
- Burkina Faso
- Ghana
- Niger
- Togo

Discussion

15:30-16:00

break

#### SESSION III: ANTHRAX IN HUMANS

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*Chair: Karim Tounkara*

16:00-17:00

Human Anthrax in West Africa

*Dossou Vincent Sodjinou (WHO/AFRO)*

Anthrax and public health messages

*Rita Traxler (CDC)*

Discussion



## SESSION IV: ANTHRAX PROJECTS AND STUDIES IN WEST AFRICA AND OTHER REGIONS

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*Chair: Hiver Boussini*

<b>8.30-10:00</b>	<p>FAO response to Anthrax outbreaks in West Africa</p> <p>Regional Anthrax control programme</p> <p>Ghana mapping project</p> <p>Preliminary investigations on Anthrax and environmental factors</p> <p>Integrated investigation and surveillance of Anthrax in Georgia</p> <p>Anthrax outbreaks in Bangladesh</p> <p>Discussion</p>	<p><i>Berhanu Bedane (FAO)</i></p> <p><i>Kouadjo Théodore Domagni (UEMOA)</i></p> <p><i>Rita Traxler (CDC)</i></p> <p><i>Claudia Pittiglio (FAO)</i></p> <p><i>Sean Shadomy &amp; Rita Traxler (CDC)</i></p> <p><i>Sean Shadomy &amp; Robyn Stoddard (CDC)</i></p>
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**10:00-10:30** Break

## SESSION V: WORKING GROUPS

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<b>10:30-12:30</b>	<p>Breaking up into three groups to work on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main challenges for Anthrax prevention and control in the region</li> <li>• Local practices favoring Anthrax outbreaks</li> <li>• Capacity development needs to provide effective support to national prevention and control programmes</li> <li>• Intersectoral collaboration</li> <li>• Regional coordination</li> </ul>
<b>12:30-14:00</b>	Lunch break
<b>14:00-15:30</b>	<p>Continue discussions as above</p> <p>Feedback from group discussion to the plenary (Group I)</p> <p>Discussion</p>
<b>15:30-16:00</b>	Break
<b>16:00-17:00</b>	<p>Feedback from group discussion to the plenary (Group II &amp; Group III)</p> <p>Discussion</p>



30 September

Wednesday

## SESSION VI: CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

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*Chair: Berhanu Bedane*

**08:30-10:00**

Summary of day 1 and day 2

*Ahmed El Idrissi (FAO)*

Recommendations

Next steps and final discussion

**10:00-10:30**

**Break**

**10:30-12:30**

Wrap up and closing (Final Communiqué)

FAO Representation in Togo

Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Hydraulics

**12:30-14:00**

**Lunch break**



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