

One Health Event: UN China promotes a multidisciplinary approach to fight against Emerging Infectious Diseases

Convened by the UN Theme Group on Health-sub-working group on Diseases at the human-animal interface, coordinated by ECTAD China, a **One Health Event** took place in the UN Compound on 29-30 June. The one-and-half day event was attended by participants from the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), Ministry of Health (MoH), State Forestry Administration (SFA), World Health Organization (WHO), EU Delegation, United States Agency for International Development (USAID), United National Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Environment Programme-Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (UNEP-CMS), FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (RAP), FAO HQs, FAO Emergency Center for Transboundary Animal Diseases (ECTAD) China, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention (China CDC), Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), China Animal Disease Control Centre (CADC), Max Planck Institute (MPI)-Germany, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)-Canada, African Union Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR)-Kenya, embassies, universities, Xinhua News Agency, etc.



▲ UN China One Health Event Group Photo

The meeting presentations and discussions were made around three themes: Lessons learned from highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) H5N1 and H1N1 Pandemic influenza, Integrated approach to Agricultural Health: Linking natural resource management, wildlife, livestock production and food security, and Disease emergence at the wildlife livestock interface. Furthermore, a roadmap for institution of "One Health" principle(s) in China was discussed among meeting participants and is currently under development. The event had a great impact and not only attracted attention of the international and national scientific communities, but also generated a lot of interest among policy makers who attended the meeting.



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Launching of the Scientific Task Force on Wildlife and Ecosystem Health



▲ Scientific Task Force on Wildlife and Ecosystem Health-Group Photo

In late-June 2011, the Scientific Task Force on Wildlife and Ecosystem Health was launched in Beijing, with the participation of 16 core affiliates, partners, observers, national, and student associates from more than 10 countries. FAO-Animal Health Service and United Nations Environment Programme-Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (UNEP-CMS) co-convened the workshop. The Task Force will serve as science-based information and networking resource for partners and other interested groups including national authorities. The launching workshop refined the most important wildlife and ecosystem health issues to be addressed by the Task Force, including development of a draft work plan and communication strategy. Outputs of the workshop will be reported at the upcoming CMS Conference of the Parties (20-25 November 2011 in Bergen, Norway).

The third module of China Field Epidemiology Training Programme for Veterinarians (FETPV)

The third module of the training was held from 20th June to 17th July. The first week of the training on wildlife diseases and ecosystem health took place in Beijing, while the remaining three weeks on field biostatistics, data presentation and outbreak investigation demonstration was held in Qingdao from 25th June to 17th July.

Upcoming activities:

1. Public-Private Partnership (PPP) launching workshop will be held in Beijing on 18th July.
2. PPP Stakeholder Meeting will take place in Guangzhou on 22nd July.
3. A Public Awareness Campaign for rabies will be conducted in Chongqing from 25th to 29th of July.