

4th Session of the FAO COAG Sub-Committee on Livestock (SCL 4^o)

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Item 2: “Draft Global Plan of Action for Sustainable Livestock Transformation”

WOAH’s Statement delivered on 3 June 2026

- 1- I’m speaking on behalf of the World Organisation for Animal Health, WOAHA.
- 2- First of all, I would like to warmly thank the Director General of FAO for inviting WOAHA to participate in this Fourth Session of the COAG Subcommittee on Livestock and for taking into account our comments on the proposed Global Plan of Action (GPA) for Sustainable Livestock Transformation.
- 3- WOAHA appreciates its full involvement in the drafting process from the beginning as clear manifestation of effective partnership, and fully supports the FAO GPA-SLT, as we have already stated at the previous session of the FAO Sub-Committee on Livestock, in March this year.
- 4- WOAHA reiterates its call to scale up investment – both domestic and global - in animal health systems as the foundation for sustainable Livestock transformation. The 93rd General Session of the WOAHA in Paris issued a landmark declaration on investing in animal health to prevent pandemics, secure food supplies, and protect economies. WOAHA Delegates adopted a dedicated Resolution on “Investing in Animal Health to secure Everyone’s Future “
- 5- WOAHA would like to share additional comments on two topics: PPR and the Nagoya Protocol.

First, on PPR, WOAHA agrees with the analysis and rationale to revise the PPR eradication timeline as presented on the paper. WOAHA acknowledges the need to propose an alternative timeline to the COAG and sees 2040 as a potential realistic proposal. WOAHA recommends that the revision of the eradication target date be also based on scientific and technical discussion. A study is currently

undergoing to support this process. The outputs will be shared with FAO and discussed in the Specialist Commission for Animal Disease to inform the revision of the timeline and subsequent adoption.

Second, about the Nagoya Protocol:

- WOAHA concurs on the importance of facilitating access to animal pathogens and ensuring the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their use.
 - At the 2025 General Session, the 183 WOAHA Members adopted Resolution No. 29, requesting WOAHA to promote the effective implementation of the Nagoya Protocol. This includes developing technical guidance, establishing emergency access mechanisms for pathogens, and supporting national legislation that enables disease surveillance, control, and vaccine innovation.
 - In response to this mandate, WOAHA has convened an expert group, comprising representatives from FAO and WHO, to support Members in the proper implementation of the Nagoya Protocol.
 - WOAHA remains committed to collaborating with FAO and its Quadripartite partners to facilitate timely access to animal pathogens, thereby strengthening national, regional, and global disease prevention and response efforts.
- 6- Once again, WOAHA commends FAO for engaging stakeholders, International Organisations and National competent authorities and for its proactive approach to ensuring the GPA reflects diverse perspectives. We look forward to continued contributions and collaboration with FAO and stand ready to assist in refining and advancing this important initiative.

Thank you for your kind attention. /