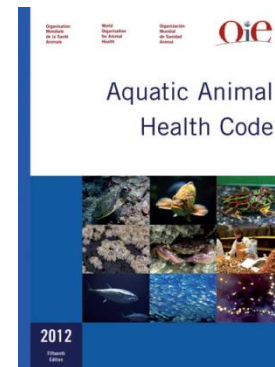
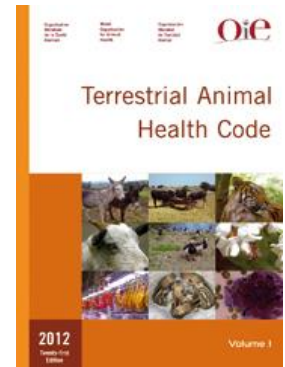


# OIE OBJECTIVES

- Support the member countries to implement **OIE animal welfare standards** (ten standards in Terrestrial Code and four in Aquatic Code);
- **Implications of animal welfare for international trade**, including international, regional and bilateral trade agreements;
- OIE animal welfare guidelines and identify the **role and responsibility of national Veterinary Services, esp. Focal Points** in this field;
- **Share experience** among member countries and provide practical examples to help Veterinary Services develop and implement veterinary legislation;
- Promote the discussion on the role of **regional strategies** to support implementation of the OIE animal welfare standards.



# ROLES OF THE DELEGATES



Adopt 5-year Strategic Plan

Adopt annual Work Programs of the Spec. Comm.

1 Propose a new chapter or an amendment to an existing chapter

2 Comment on the draft chapters

3 Adopt the new / amended chapters

4 Keep the VS and AD diagnostic lab updated on the OIE standards, and  
Monitor national legislation to ensure their alignment with OIE standards, recommendations and guidelines

# TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE OIE NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS <sup>1/3</sup>

- **Activities** of the focal points in relation to OIE obligations are under the authority of the OIE Delegate.
- **Information transmitted** to the OIE from focal points must be under the designated authority of OIE Delegate whether focal points are:
  - under the jurisdiction of the Veterinary Authority, or
  - located in other Departments or Ministries not under VA jurisdiction
- From a legal perspective, the OIE considers the official OIE Delegate to be the **unique representative of the country**.

# TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE OIE NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS <sup>2/3</sup>

Terms of reference:

- Establish a **network** of animal welfare experts within his country or communicate with existing network;
- Establish **dialogue, cooperation and communication** between the Competent Authority for animal welfare and other relevant authorities;

# TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE OIE NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS <sup>3/3</sup>

- Receive reports of the Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission (Code Commission) and of the OIE Animal Welfare Working Group and other relevant reports and **conduct the in-country consultation process;**
- **Prepare comments** for the Delegate on relevant meeting reports, including comments on the proposals for new or revised OIE standards related to animal welfare.



# Role of the Animal Welfare Working Group (AWWG) and Responsibilities of OIE's National Focal Points



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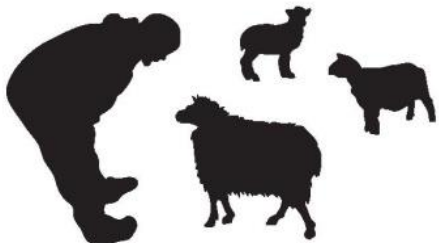
*Protecting animals, preserving our future*

# FIFTH STRATEGIC PLAN 2011-2015 REINFORCING PRIORITY MISSIONS



Animal welfare: a strategic commitment by the OIE

- Animal health is a key component of animal welfare
- The OIE is recognised worldwide as the leader in developing international standards on animal welfare





# OIE ANIMAL WELFARE WORKING GROUP (AWWG)

One of the OIE's 3  
permanent  
working groups

# ➤ **AWWG MANDATE**

- Development of standards leading to good practices in animal welfare (AW);
- Provision of expert advice on AW issues to OIE Specialist commissions;
- Provision of expert advice on AW issues to OIE Members and to stakeholder groups, including:
  - other international organisations;
  - industry / consumers;
- Provision of reports on AW issues;
- Maintaining international databases on:
  - AW information, including different national legislation and policies;
  - internationally recognised AW experts;
  - examples of good AW practice and implementation of OIE standards.

## ➤ **AWWG MISSION**

- To advise the Director General and the Aquatic and Terrestrial Commissions concerning OIE priorities and proposed activities in the field of animal welfare;
- Preparation and circulation of educational material to enhance awareness of OIE Members and stakeholders;
- Promotion of the inclusion of AW in undergraduate and post-graduate veterinary curricula;
- Identification of AW research needs and encouragement of collaboration between centres of research.

# ➤ AWWG MEMBERSHIP

- Representation from all OIE regions
    - international NGOs and industry
    - inputs from academia, the research community and relevant stakeholders.
  - Dr Sira Abdul Rahman (Chair), Retd. Dean Bangalore Veterinary College (India)
  - Dr David Bayvel, Chief Veterinary Advisor WAP (New Zealand)
  - Prof. Hassan Aidaros, Professor of Hygiene and Preventive Medicine. Faculty of Veterinary Medicine Banha Univ. (Egypt)
  - Prof. David Fraser, Professor and Chair in Animal Welfare Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Centre for Applied Ethics University of British Columbia (Canada)
  - Dr Andrea Gavinelli, Head of Unit European Commission Directorate General Health and Consumers Unit D5 – Animal Welfare (Italy)
  - Dr Marosi Molomo, Director of Livestock Services Department of Livestock Services Ministry of Agriculture and Food (Botswana)
  - Dr Peter Thornber, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Australian Government (Australia)
- Other Participants (Industry)
- Mr Luc Mirabito, Chef de projet "Bien-être animal" - International Dairy Federation Institut de l'Elevage (France)
  - Dr Vincent Guyonnet, International Egg Commission (France)
  - Dr Jacques Servièrè, International Meat Secretariat (France)

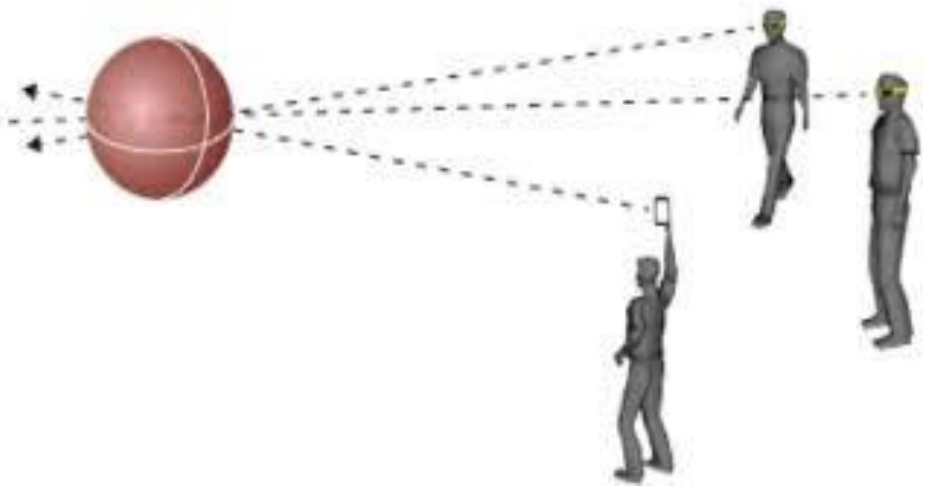
# OIE AWWG <sup>1/2</sup>

- Animal welfare collaborating centres
- Ad hoc Group meetings
- Representing the OIE in relevant expert meetings
- Proposing future priorities to the Commissions for submission to Member countries.

# OIE AWWG <sup>2/2</sup>

- Amendments to adopted standards
  - New scientific evidence
  - Standard setting procedure
- Aquatic animal welfare standards
- Regional Commission engagement
  - Regional Animal Welfare Strategies (RAWS)
  - Focal point seminar programme

# FOCAL POINTS



# RESPONSIBILITIES

## Focal points

- The Delegate is requested to designate, if possible, national focal points to comply with national obligations and to support him/her in the following fields:

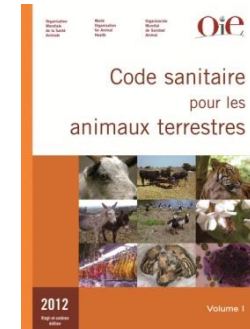
- Animal disease notification;
- Wildlife;
- Aquatic animals;
- Veterinary products;
- Animal production food safety;
- **Animal welfare;**
- Communication.



# STANDARD SETTING PROCEDURE

# OIE SPECIALIST COMMISSIONS AND STANDARDS

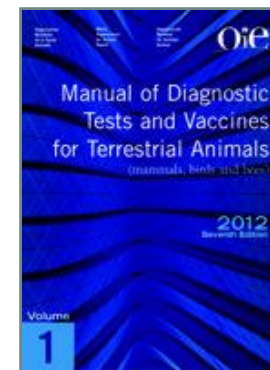
## Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission "Code Commission"



## Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission "Aquatic Animals Commission"

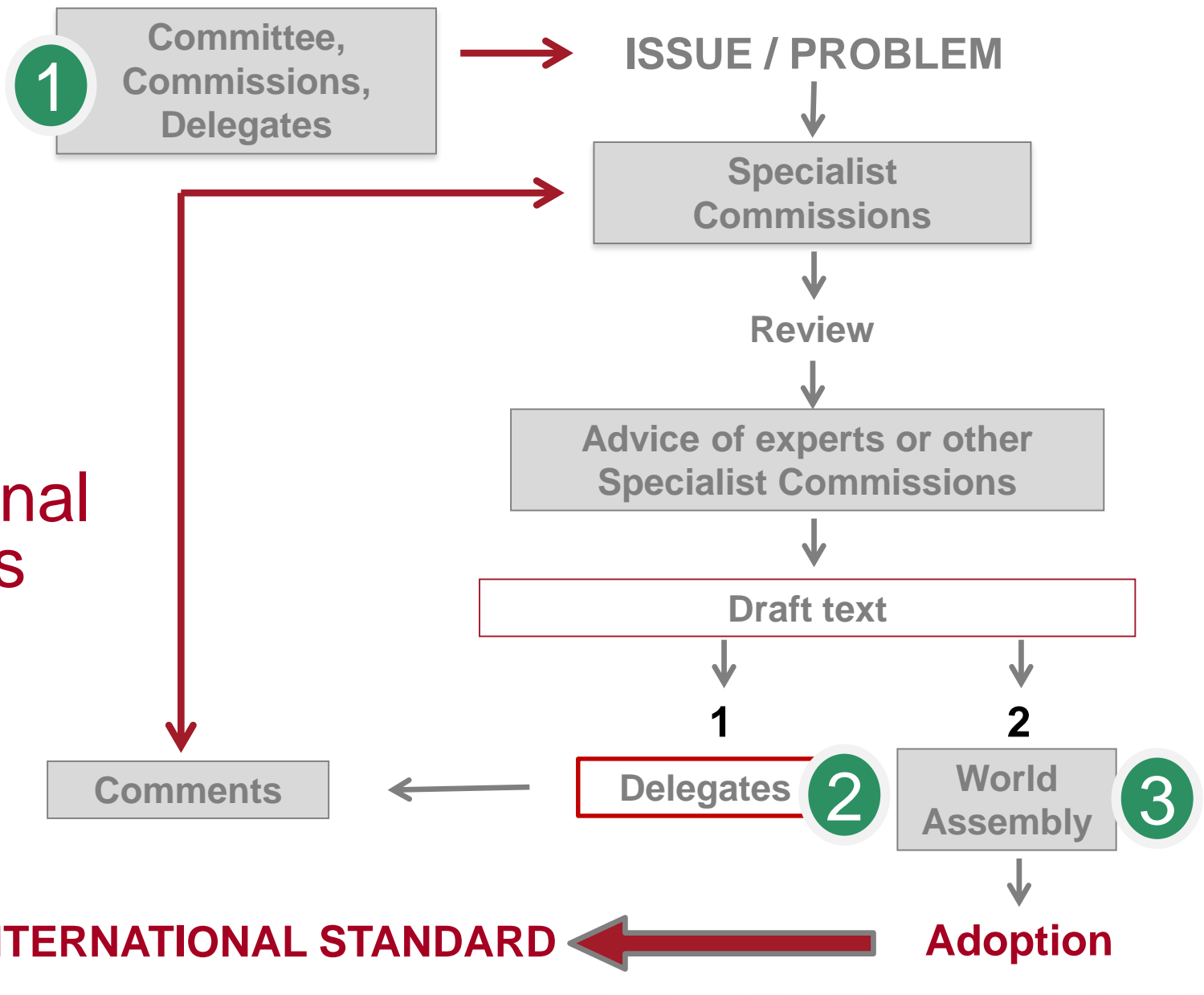
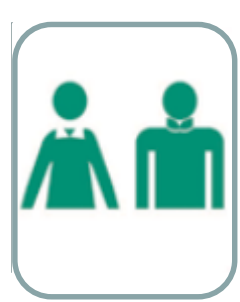


## Biological Standards Commission "Laboratories Commission"



Each one of the 178 OIE Member Countries  
has an equal voice in the development  
and adoption of standards  
and

**EACH MEMBER COUNTRY HAS A  
RESPONSIBILITY TO ENGAGE WITH THE  
OIE IN THIS IMPORTANT WORK.**



# Updating International Standards

**4 OIE INTERNATIONAL STANDARD**