

## WAHIS+ STRATEGIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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OIE is developing an ambitious project called WAHIS+ in order to upgrade its World Animal Health Information System (WAHIS). WAHIS is a fundamental part of the OIE's mandate and a vital tool for 181 OIE Member Countries, which serves as the worldwide early warning system to inform the international community about animal disease threats, including emerging diseases that can spread rapidly if not reported and controlled. **WAHIS will become WAHIS+**. The sustainability of this platform and its continuous use by national Veterinary Services and international organizations as well as by trading partners and livestock industry, is at the core of the OIE Sixth Strategic Plan 2016-2020, and will continue to remain a predominant priority for the OIE for the coming years.

Given that WAHIS is a major pillar of the OIE mandate to the global community, the OIE has defined a specific governance for the WAHIS+ project, in particular by setting up a Strategic Advisory Committee, whose objective is to provide medium and long-term strategic advice to assure that innovative and strategic thinking, directions and priorities will continue to guide the constant evolution of WAHIS+. This is intended to ensure its applicability and validity, not just for the immediate term but for the future.

The First meeting of WAHIS+ Strategic Advisory Committee, held in the OIE Headquarters, on 13 December 2017, marks the official launch of the project. In order to be representative of the OIE Partners, the Committee gathers national Delegates and/or their representatives from the 5 regions of the OIE, as well as representatives of the WHO and FAO within the framework of the Tripartite cooperation developed with the OIE, representatives of scientific and academic partners, as well as representatives of foundations and other partners. It is chaired by the Director General of the OIE (see the composition in annex).

During this First meeting of the WAHIS+ Strategic Advisory Committee, Committee Members were provided with detailed information on the advancement of the project, accomplishments and current and future strategic challenges. In addition, OIE presented ways to strengthen the success of the project via strong communication and advocacy strategy.

Exchanges among Members of the Committee allowed to provide recommendations on WAHIS+ project and identify any critical steps to be considered.

Members of the WAHIS+ Strategic Advisory Committee confirmed the high expectations around this project and especially on the aim to encourage transparency and have better quality data, highlighting WAHIS+ as a greater source for risk assessment and for decision making.

The second meeting will be held in December 2018.

**LIST OF WAHIS+ Strategic Advisory Committee Members**

ORGANISATION / COUNTRY	POSITION / TITLE
Advisory Committee Chair	Director General, OIE
Mexico	Member of the OIE Council, Delegate of Mexico
Canada	Delegate for Canada, Canadian Food Inspection Agency
Ethiopia	Delegate for Ethiopia, Minister of Livestock and Fisheries
Japan, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	Delegate for Japan
Switzerland, Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office (FSVO)	Delegate of Switzerland, Multilateral Relations Sector
United Arab Emirates	Delegate for the United Arab Emirates
World Health Organization (WHO)	Global Capacities Alert & Response
World Trade Organization (WTO)	Agriculture and Commodities Division
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO )	Director, Animal Production and Health Division
European Union (EU), Directorate General Health & Food safety (DG SANTE)	Directorate G Crisis Management in Food, Animals and Plants
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (US-CDC)	Director, One Health Office
Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA), USA	Cooperative Biological Engagement Program
Agency for International Development (USAID)	Director, Global Health Security and Development
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	Livestock team- Agriculture Development Global Growth and Opportunity
Academia Representative	Professor J. Rushton - Institute of Infection and Global Health University of Liverpool (UK)