



88TH General Session 2021

GOING VIRTUAL



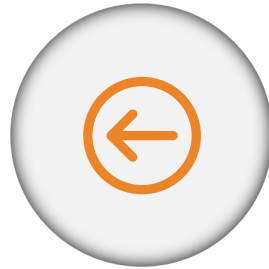
BACKGROUND



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KEY MESSAGES



BACKGROUND



COUNCIL DECISION – OCTOBER 2020

- Council provided with a discussion paper providing two scenarios for 2021 GS:
 - Hybrid
 - Virtual – agreed option
- OIE General Rules (Basic Texts) does not preclude the possibility for the General Session to be held remotely
 - Art. 39 – “Except when the Assembly at a previous session, or in exceptional circumstances the Council, decides otherwise, the Annual Session of the Assembly shall be the held in the month of May in Paris.”



AAR LESSONS LEARNT – 2020 ADAPTED PROCEDURE

■ Positive aspects to keep:

- Seeking advice for options – done with Council
- Adoption of some resolutions electronically
- Increased diversity of audience

■ To be improved:

- Communication both internal and external
- Coordination – GSSC!
- Consultation and involvement of Presidents of Specialist Commissions and Working Groups



GOVERNANCE



GOVERNANCE - GENERAL

- The organisation of the GS is coordinated through a Steering Committee – **General Session Steering Committee (GSSC)**
 - Composition on next slide
- The GSSC defines the overall approach to the preparation and holding of the next General Session → virtual
- The GSSC reports to the ExCom and consult other institutional bodies as need be
- The GSSC meets at least once a week
 - Follow-up meetings between some members



GOVERNANCE – GENERAL SESSION SC

- **Chief of staff** – F. Caya (Chair)
- **Events Coordination Unit**
 - Mara Gonzalez
 - Margherita Recchia (*project support*)
- **DTISD**
 - Audrey Thery
 - Paulina Lopez
- **Specialist Commissions Secretariats**
 - Francisco D'Alessio (TAHSC)
 - Stian Johnsen (AAHSC)
 - Gregorio Torres (SCAD+BSC)
- **Status Department**
 - Neo Mapitse
- **Preparedness and Resilience Department**
 - Keith Hamilton
- **AMR and Veterinary Products Department**
 - Elisabeth Erlacher-Vindel
- **Regional Activities Department**
 - Montserrat Arroyo
- **Communication**
 - Gerrit Beger
 - Paula Pinet
 - Yael Farhi
- **Legal Affairs**
 - Rodney de Souza
- **Budget Unit**
 - Alix Weng
- **Regions** - Laure Weber-Vintzel
- **General Services** – *at a later stage*
 - Quentin Mirgon



APPROACH



APPROACH - GENERAL

- The GS will be held through a series of **5 virtual sessions** of no more than **4 hours each** starting at around midday Paris time
 - Dates – From Monday 24 to Friday 28 May 2021
- This time is not sufficient for allowing all the presentations nor for addressing all the resolutions usually presented for adoption during a presential General Session
- There is thus a need to develop a web portal – part of the GS Website – where:
 - Some presentations/videos will be uploaded in advance
 - Members will be able to send comments/questions on some documents before GS
 - Members will be able to vote on some resolutions in advance (status, Ref. Centres, Diagnostic Kits, among others)



PRE-GENERAL SESSION INFORMATION WEBINARS

- In order to ensure the timeliness of the technical virtual sessions (mainly standards), it is proposed to hold information webinars some weeks before the GS.
- These meetings will be an opportunity for the regional members of the Specialist Commissions to explain the standards put for adoption and to gather the general feeling back to the Presidents and OIE Secretariats
- Based on this information, the Presidents of the respective Specialist Commissions would have a greater understanding of what they must focus on during the GS discussions
- Some standards where it is felt that a consensus would be difficult to reach could be drop.



BEFORE THE GENERAL SESSION



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- Meeting of the Specialist Commissions (SCs)
- Drafting of SCs Reports and fast-track translation

- Week of 12 April – Specialist Commissions’ Webinars
- Week of 19 April – Publication of SCs Reports – Part B
- Week of 26 April – SCs/WGs Interview and other videos

March

February

Avril

- Week of 22 March - Publication of administrative documents (SG Docs) + graphic summary
- Publication of SCs Reports Part A in three OIE official languages
- 9-25 March - Preparatory meetings with Regional Commissions
- Week of 22 March - Start of the New Delegate Training (up to May)



BEFORE GENERAL SESSION - 2

- Members submit comments on SG Docs
- Members request to take the floor

- Deadline for submitting comments

- Close - Adoption of some resolutions electronically

Week of 10 May

17 May

3 May

12 May

24 May

- GS Process Webinars

- Publication of all draft resolutions
- Start - Adoption of some resolutions electronically



DURING GENERAL SESSION



GENERAL SESSION

Meetings of the Regional Commissions

Tuesday 25 May

Second Plenary Session

- Scientific Commission for Animal Disease – 30mn
- Biological Standards Commission – 1h20
- Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission – 2h

Thursday 27 May

Fourth Plenary Session

- Presentation and adoption of resolutions
- Second Administrative Session - Closed**
- Elections
- Fifth Plenary Session**
- Dates of 89th GS and Technical Item
 - Closing Ceremony

Monday 24 May

Opening Ceremony

First Plenary Session

- Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission – 3h
- Technical item – 30mn

Wednesday 26 May

Third Plenary Session

- Presentation and adoption of technical resolutions
- Activities and Recommendations of Regional Commissions

First Administrative Session

- Activities of the Council
- Administrative and financial reports and adoption of administrative resolutions

Friday 28 May



APPROACH TO SOME TECHNICAL MATTERS

- Working Groups (AMR and Wildlife)
 - No resolution
 - Pre-recorded video published on the GS website in advance
- Technical Item
 - “Lessons learned from the pandemic: How the OIE can support Veterinary Services achieve OH resilience”
 - Pre-recorded video and paper published in advance
 - Resolution worked on by a committee made of various Delegates and partners
 - Adoption during GS



OTHER ASPECTS



COMMUNICATION

- **Communication Narrative: One Health approach in a post-COVID world**
 - **Objective:** a modern image, with a One Health approach, to outline activities of the OIE that meet our world's contemporary challenges in animal health following the emergence of COVID-19
 - **Tools:** video production, social media, OIE website, digital administrative summary document and digital newsletters
- **General Session Opening & Address of Government Authorities: March – 21 May**
 - Open the OIE's 88th General Session and showcase short statements from at least 1 Minister from each OIE region
 - Emphasize the One Health approach and of role of animal health using a storyline format/approach



COMMUNICATION

- **@OIEforMembers New Twitter account: Launched February 2021**
 - The account will be dedicated to relevant content to the 88th General Session
 - Targeted messaging to GS participants and to share more technical information

We encourage all to follow and share the @OIEforMembers Twitter handle

Working together to protect and preserve the future of all.

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Dr Eloit also gives a warm word of heartfelt thanks to Dr Bothe Michael Modisane, OIE Delegate of South Africa.

She worked closely w/ him in the implementation of the 6th Strategic Plan during his time as President of the OIE World Assembly & Council from 2015-2018.

#OIEAfrica



IT SYSTEMS

■ GS dedicated website

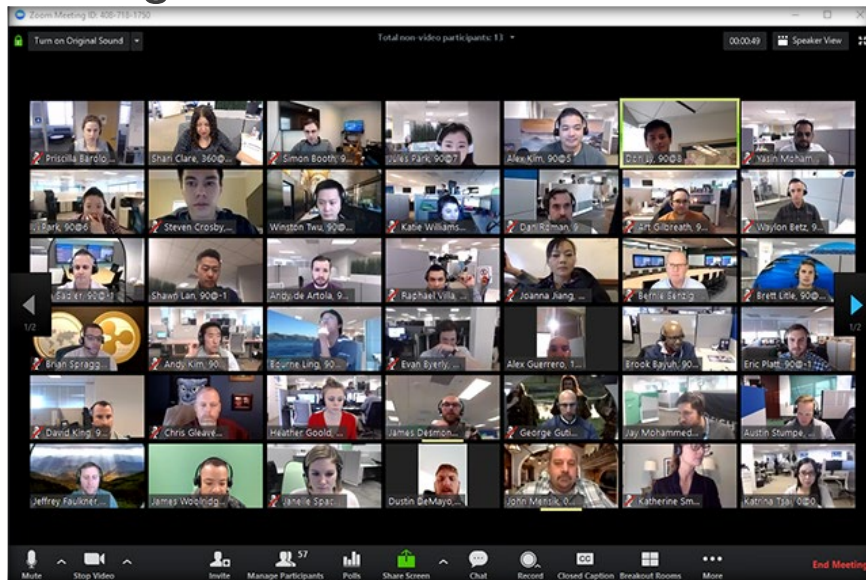
- All information and audio-visual material related to the 88 GS will be made available here.
- Dedicated pages for OIE Delegates with restricted access to them and the appointed members of their Delegations.
- OIE Delegates and appointed members of their Delegations will have access to all SG documents and resolutions.
- Specific interactive features accessible to OIE Delegates only.
- Access to live broadcast of GS sessions open to public.



IT SYSTEMS

■ ZOOM Videoconferencing Software

- **“Meeting”** format for Pre-GS Information Webinars on Standards proposed for adoption and Regional Commission meetings



- **“Webinar”** format for the General Session





KEY MESSAGES



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- Being virtual does not change the nature of the GS – Institutional meeting
 - Responsibility for Members to participate
 - Quorum needed throughout for adoption of resolutions and elections
- Two participants per Member will be allowed to attend the GS
 - Delegates will be invited to nominate the other participant
 - The GS will also be webcasted – Except the elections
- Internet connectivity
- Importance to well-follow all the related information to ensure optimal participation!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION



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