

# The World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)

Corporate Presentation

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Organisation  
for Animal  
Health  
Founded as OIE

Organisation  
mondiale  
de la santé  
animale  
Fondée en tant qu'OIE

Organización  
Mundial  
de Sanidad  
Animal  
Fundada como OIE



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# WOAH in brief



## History

# *An international technical and science-based Organisation*

# World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)

1924

Creation:  
**Office International des  
Epizooties**  
(OIE)

1945

Creation of the  
United Nations

2003

New common name:  
**World Organisation  
for Animal Health**  
(OIE)

2022

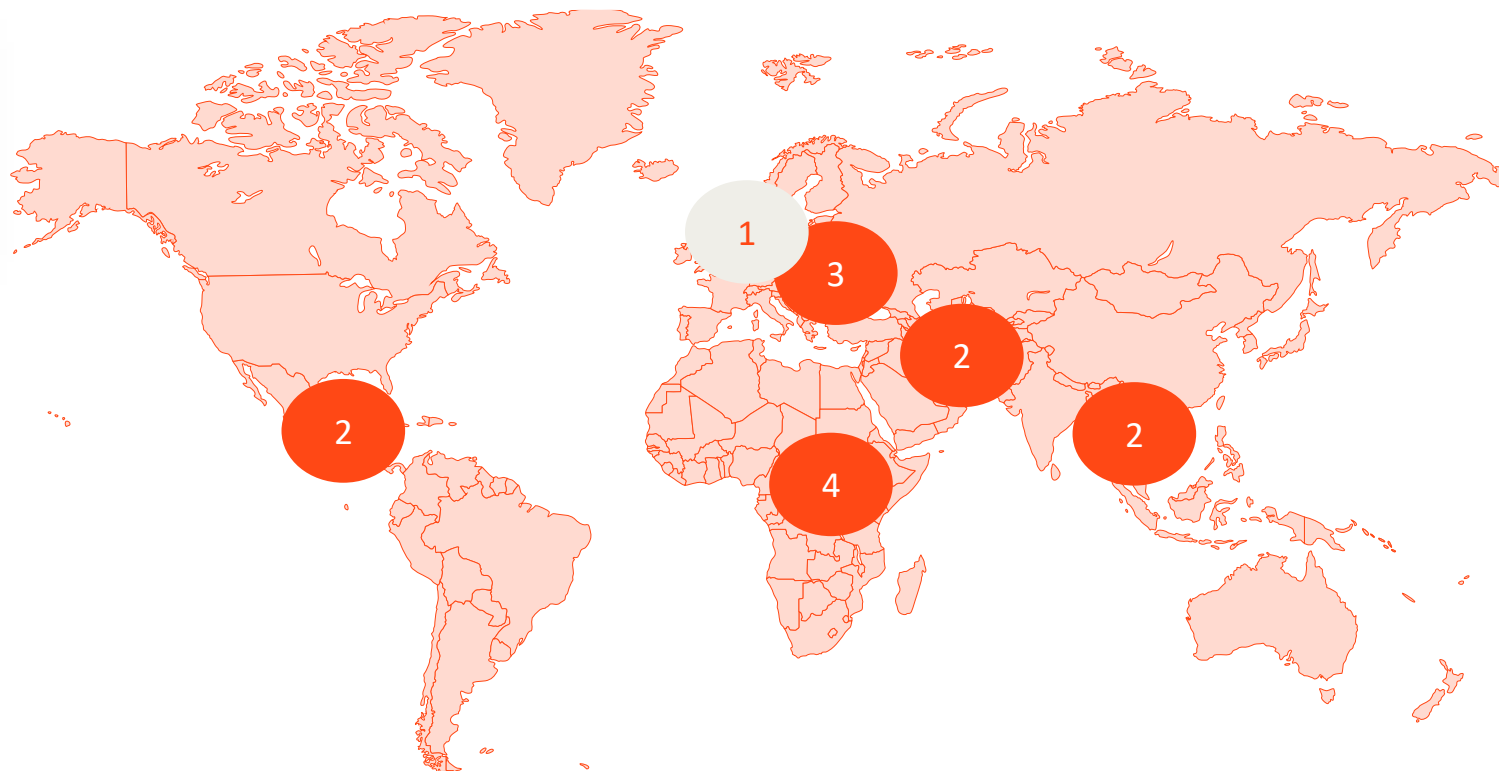
New common acronym:  
**WOAH**



## Regional and Sub-Regional Representations

***Under the direct authority of the Director General  
collaborate closely with Regional Commissions***

**1**  
Headquarters  
in Paris, France



**13**  
Regional and  
Sub-regional  
Representations

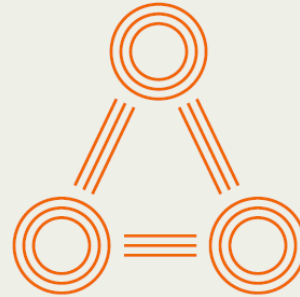


Our network

***We collaborate with partners and Members to achieve results for animals, humans and the planet.***



**182**  
Members



**75+**  
official  
partners

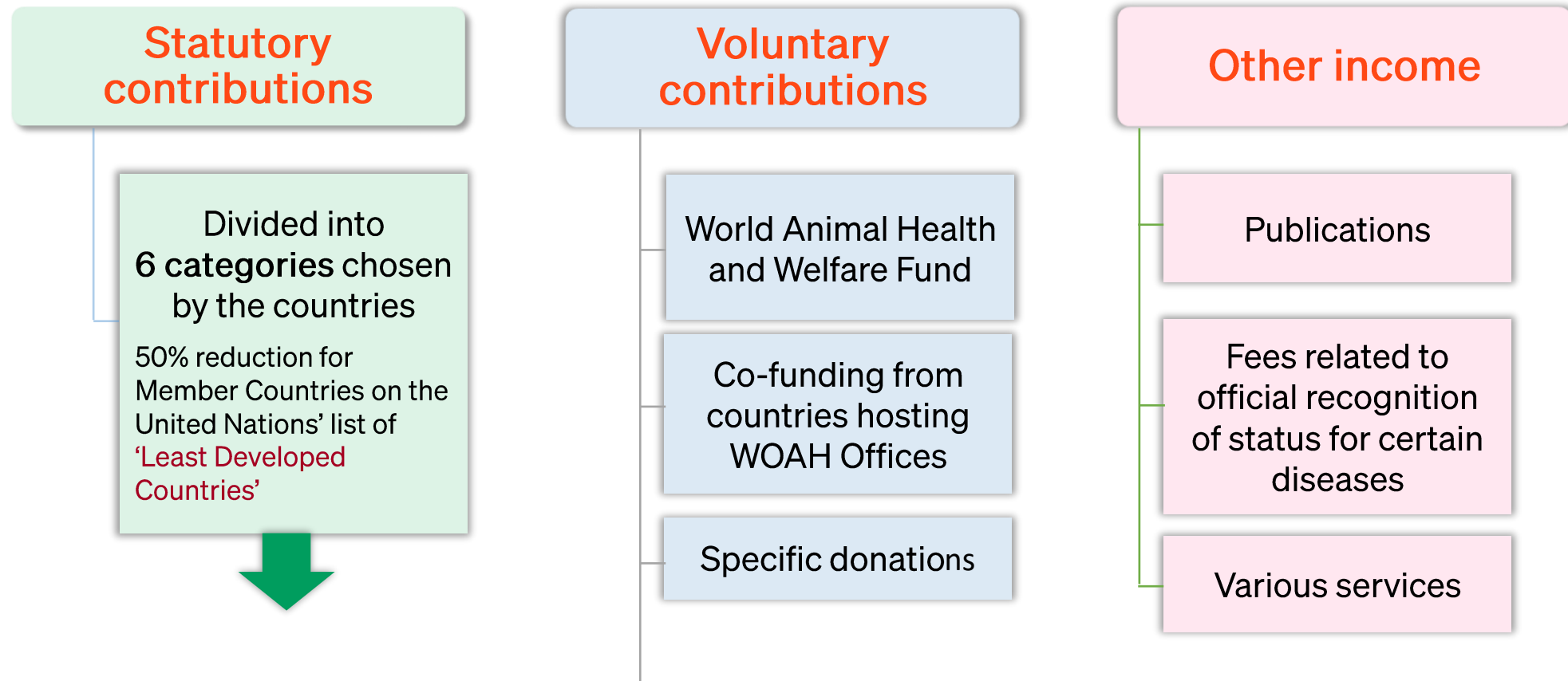


**300+**  
Reference Centres  
of expertise



## Financing WOAH

# *Our financing is spread out from different sources*



## Our donors and partners

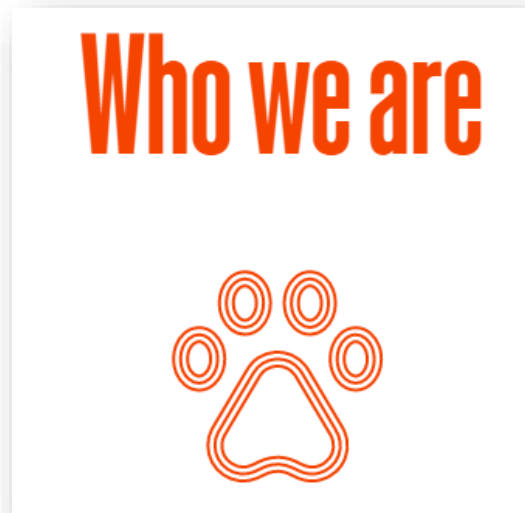






# Our identity

## Who we are



**We are the global authority on animal health: we work to ensure the health of animals, recognising that animal health impacts everyone's health.**

- We were founded in 1924 as the **Office International des Épizooties** in response to a devastating cattle-plague epidemic, called **rinderpest**.
- Since then, we have focused on the complexities of animal health and its impact on human and environmental health, and we have strived to develop and disseminate animal health knowledge.

## What we do

# What we do



**We disseminate information on animal diseases and develop science-based strategies to limit their impacts on society.**

- We monitor the emergence and evolution of animal diseases of domestic and wild animals, to help countries address them before they become a threat to public health.
- Collecting, verifying and sharing data and knowledge on diseases that affect terrestrial and aquatic animals from the country-level has been at the core of our mission since our creation.

What is our impact?

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our impact**



**We are building a better future through better animal health.**

- Because human societies interact with animals daily, both domestic and wild, their health concerns are also our own. We support the Veterinary Services across the world through our programmatic work, and develop animal health standards, guidance, and recommendations so that veterinarians around the world can control health risks for both animals and humans.
- We provide millions of vaccines against priority diseases from our vaccine banks to ensure the safety of animals, and safeguard the food security and livelihoods of vulnerable regions.

## Our vision, mission and purpose



### Our vision

Our vision is to help create a future in which humans and animals benefit and support each other, for a healthier, more sustainable world.



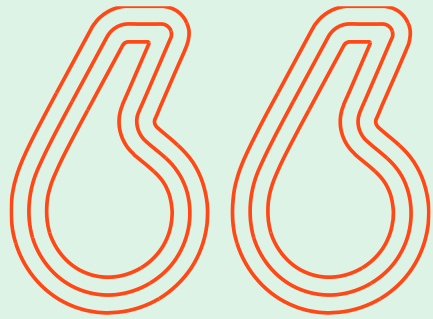
### Our mission

Our mission is to improve animal health globally, thereby ensuring a better future for all.



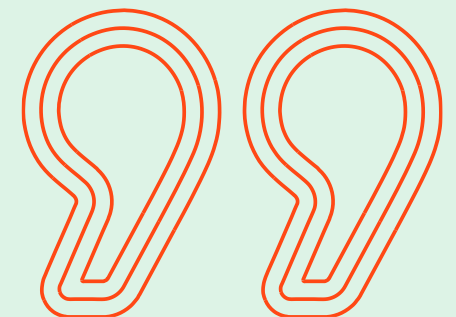
### Our purpose

Our purpose is to contribute to a more sustainable world, so that livelihoods are transformed, economies are boosted and the future is safer and healthier for everyone.



We help policy-makers and governments create a future in which humans and animals benefit and support each other so that livelihoods are transformed, economies are boosted and the world is safer and healthier for everyone.

We do that by improving animal health, globally.

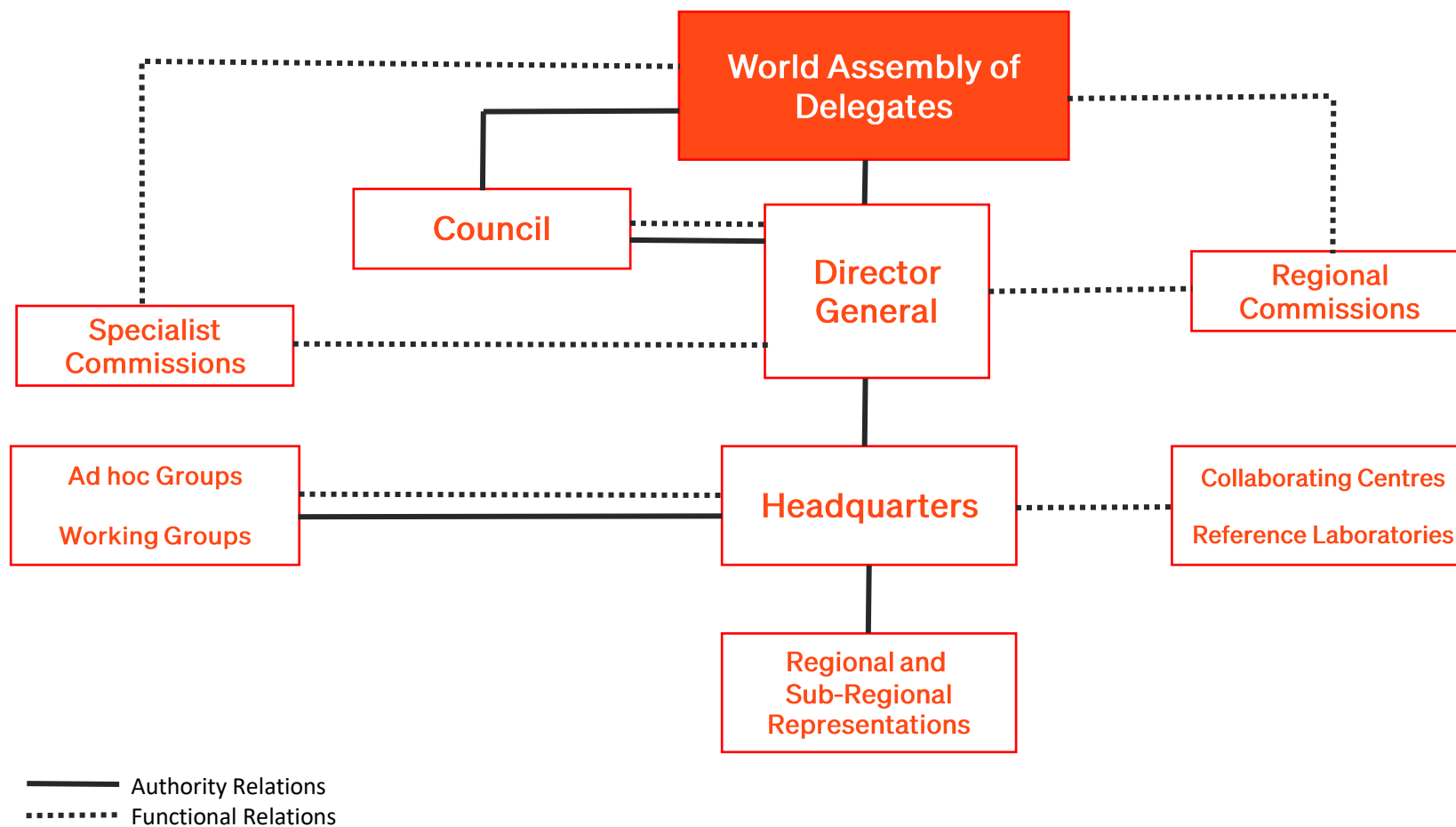




# Our structure



## Governance structure: World Assembly of Delegates





# World Assembly of Delegates

*Highest authority of WOA*

- Composed of all national Delegates of WOA
- Convenes at least once a year in May

**Adopts the Standards published in the WOA Codes and Manuals**



**1 Member = 1 vote**



# The Delegate

*National Representative for WOAHA*



- Responsible for negotiating international veterinary standards
- Notification to the OIE of the national animal disease situation
- National representative with international status

**Appointed by the national government**  
*(most frequently, the country's Chief Veterinary Officer)*



# National Focal Points

*8 areas of expertise*

<b>Aquatic animals</b>	<b>Communication</b>
<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>Animal welfare</b>
<b>Animal disease notification</b>	<b>Animal production food safety</b>
<b>Veterinary products-AMR</b>	<b>Veterinary Laboratories</b>

**Appointed by the Delegate**



# National Focal Points

Assist the Delegate to

- **Comment on draft standards** proposed by the OIE
- **Prepare** and implement **appropriate legislation**

Technical contact points for the OIE regional offices and Headquarters

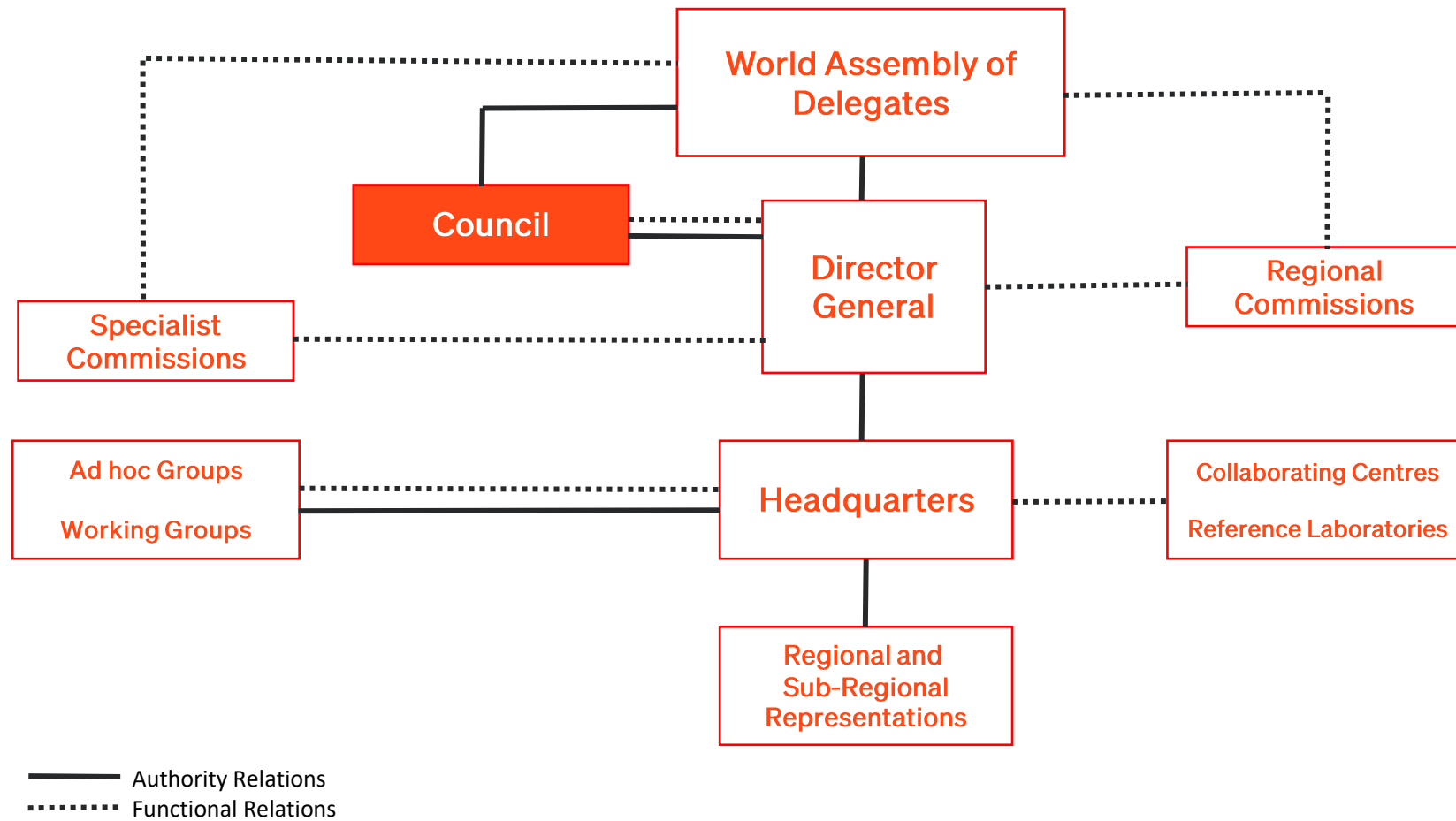
- Under the authority of the Delegate

Information exchange and international **networking**





## Governance structure: Council





# Council

*Represents the World Assembly of Delegates*

- Members elected by WOAHA Delegates

## Functions

3-year  
Term

2021  
2024

- Examines the technical and administrative documents prepared by the Director General and submitted to each Member Country prior to the World Assembly of Delegates
- Approves WOAHA's provisional budget and monitors its implementation
- Represents the World Assembly of Delegates between General Sessions

# Council

## Constitution



### President

- Dr Hugo Idoyaga Benítez
- *Paraguay*



### Past President

- Dr Mark Schipp
- *Australia*



### Vice President

- Dr Christianne Brushcke
- *The Netherlands*

+ 6  
Members

Dr Komla Batassé Batawui  
(Togo)

Dr Him Hoo Yap  
(Singapore)

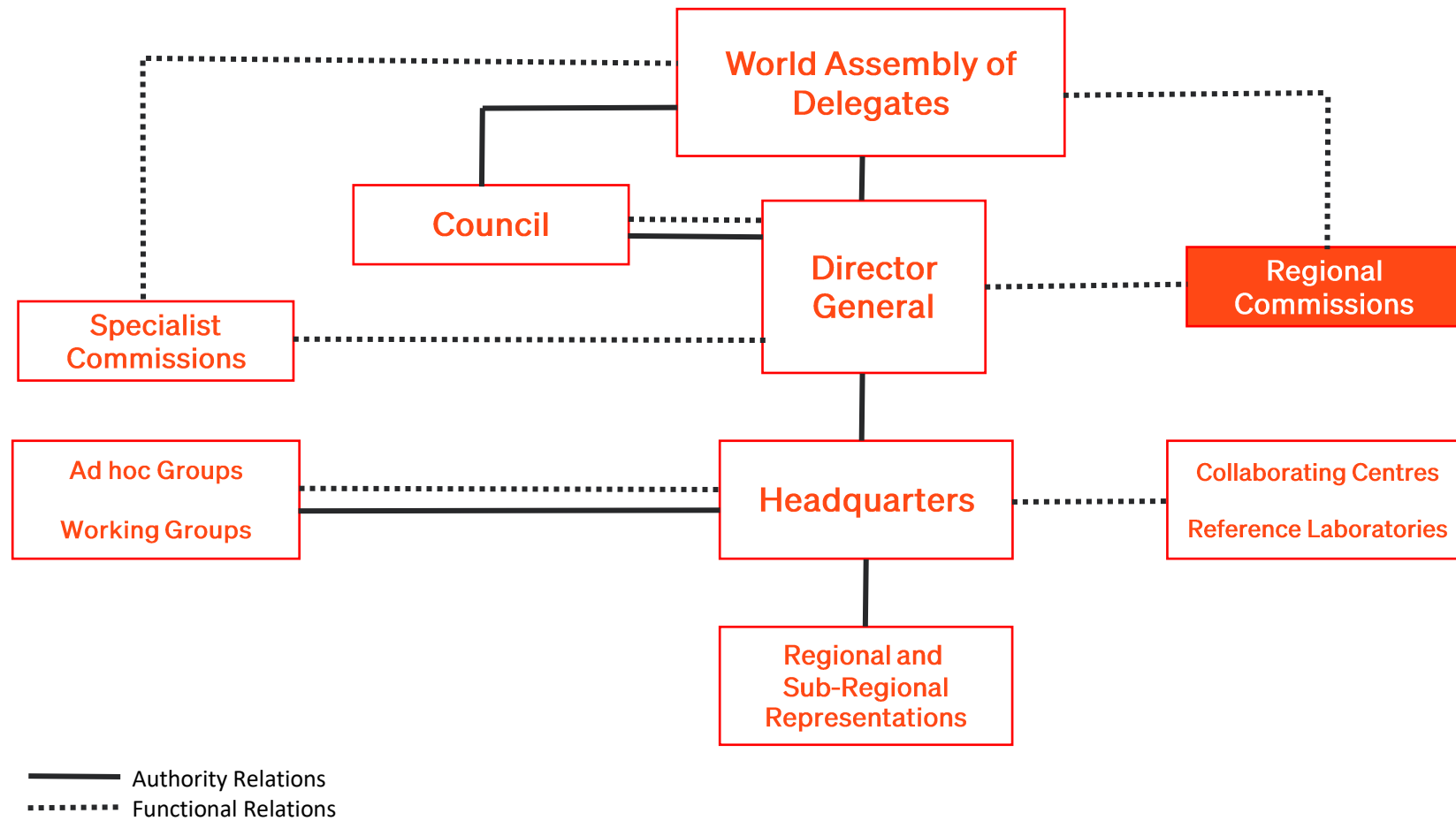
Dr Roland Xolani Dlamini  
(Eswatini)

Dr Konstantin Savenkov  
(Russia)

Dr Fajer Al Salloom  
(Bahrain)



## Governance structure: Regional Commissions







# Regional Commissions

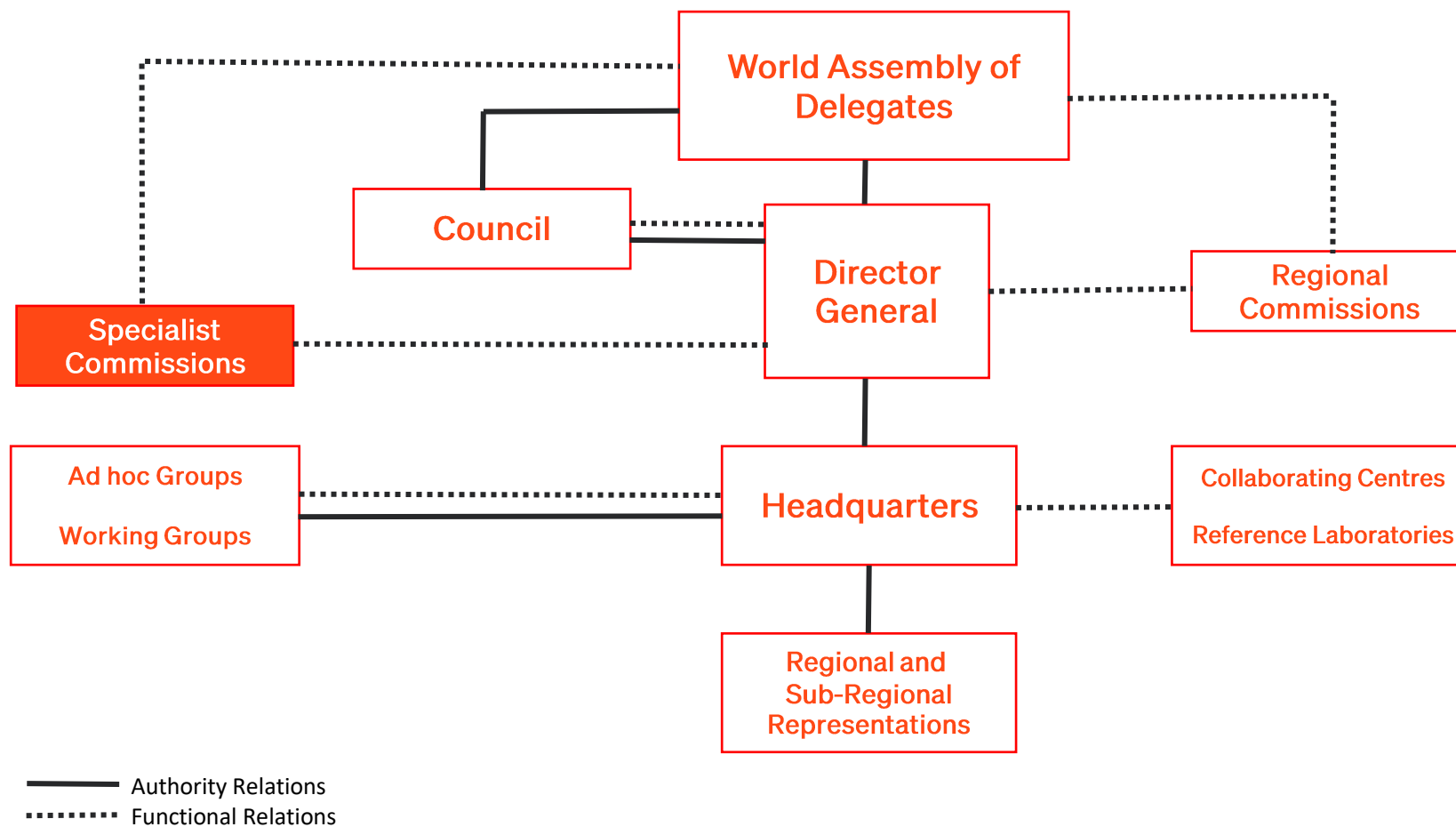
*Address specific local issues*



- Can be fully considered as **regional institutions**
- Board composed of **4** Delegates elected for a **3-year** term of office by the World Assembly
- Regional Commission Conferences
  - Every 2 years
  - In one of the countries of the region
- **Recommendations** submitted to the World Assembly for approval and implementation by the Director General
- Meet annually during the World Assembly



## Governance structure: Regional Commissions





# Specialist Commissions

- Elected by the World Assembly of Delegates

## Functions

3-year  
Term

2021  
2024

- Study **epidemiological** and **scientific** issues
- Animal disease prevention and control methods
- Develop, update and propose international **standards** and **guidelines** for adoption by the World Assembly of Delegates
- Study **scientific** and **technical** issues raised by Members, excluding **trade** issues for which the Director General may propose mediation



Terrestrial Animal Health Standards  
Commission

## Code Commission

- Annually updates the WOAHA Terrestrial Code and specific standards, recommendations and guidelines

Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases

## Scientific Commission

- Supports strategies and identification measures for
  - Disease surveillance
  - Disease prevention and control
- Submits corresponding proposals to the Code Commission
- Examines Members' requests regarding their animal health status

Aquatic Animal Health Standards  
Commission

## Aquatic Animal Commission

- Annually updates the WOAHA Aquatic Code and Manual
- Formulates recommendations relating to the prevention and control of diseases of fish, molluscs, crustaceans and amphibians

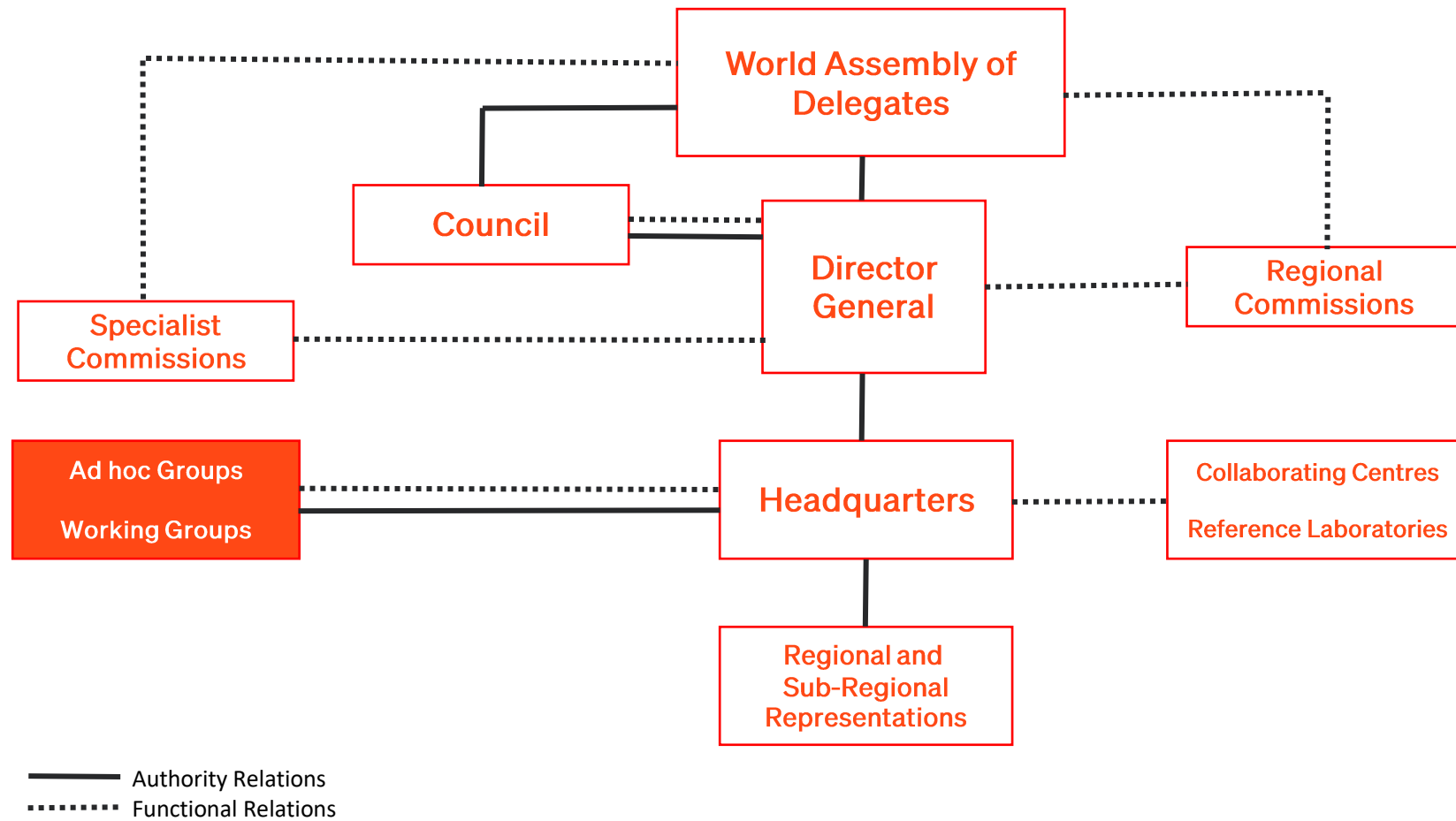
Biological Standards Commission

## Biological Commission

- Develops diagnostic methods for diseases in mammals, birds and bees
- Defines quality criteria of biological products, including vaccines
- Oversees the development of the Terrestrial Manual
- Supports the Director General in supervising the global network of WOAHA Reference Centres



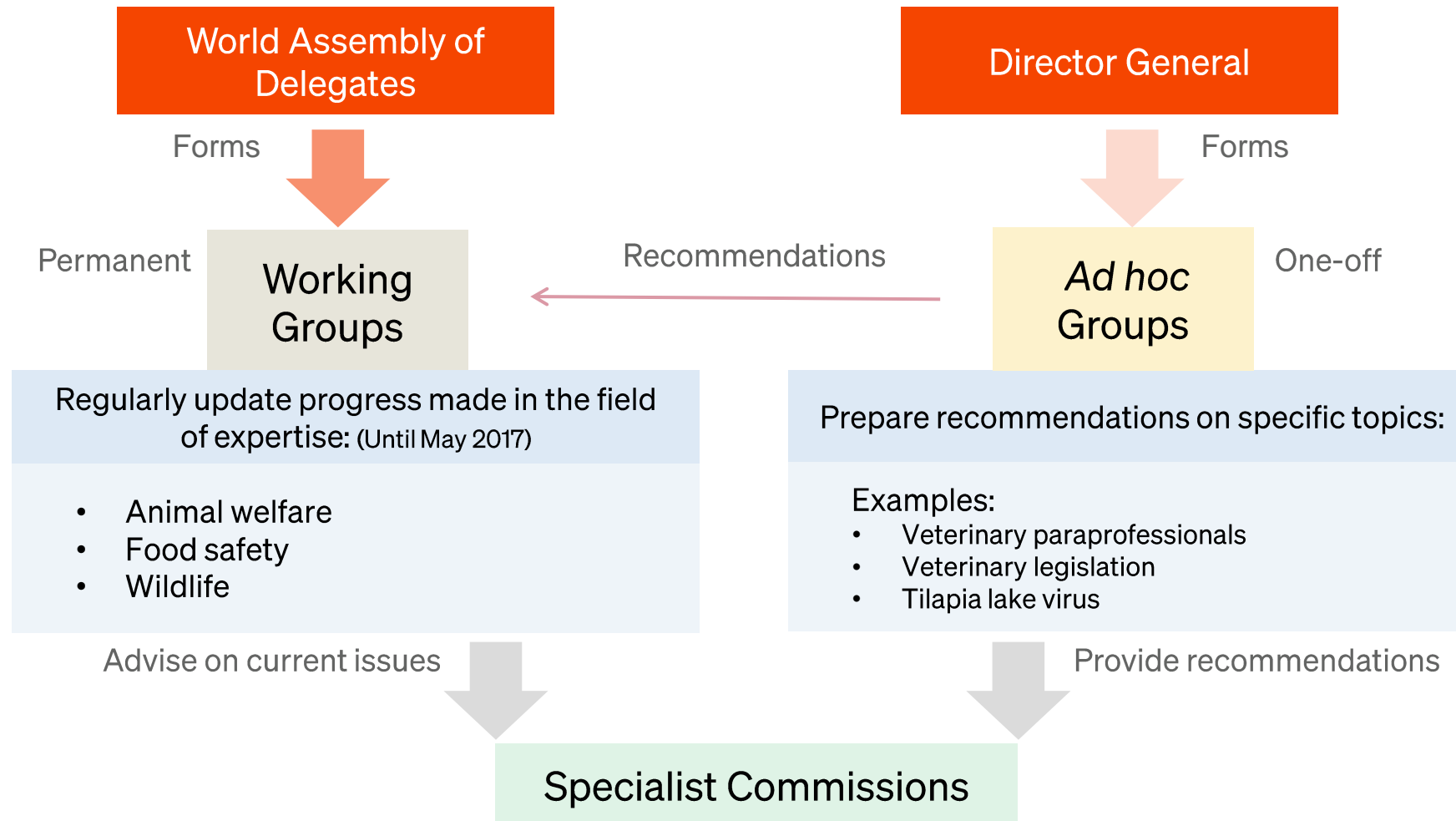
## Governance structure: Ad hoc and Working Groups





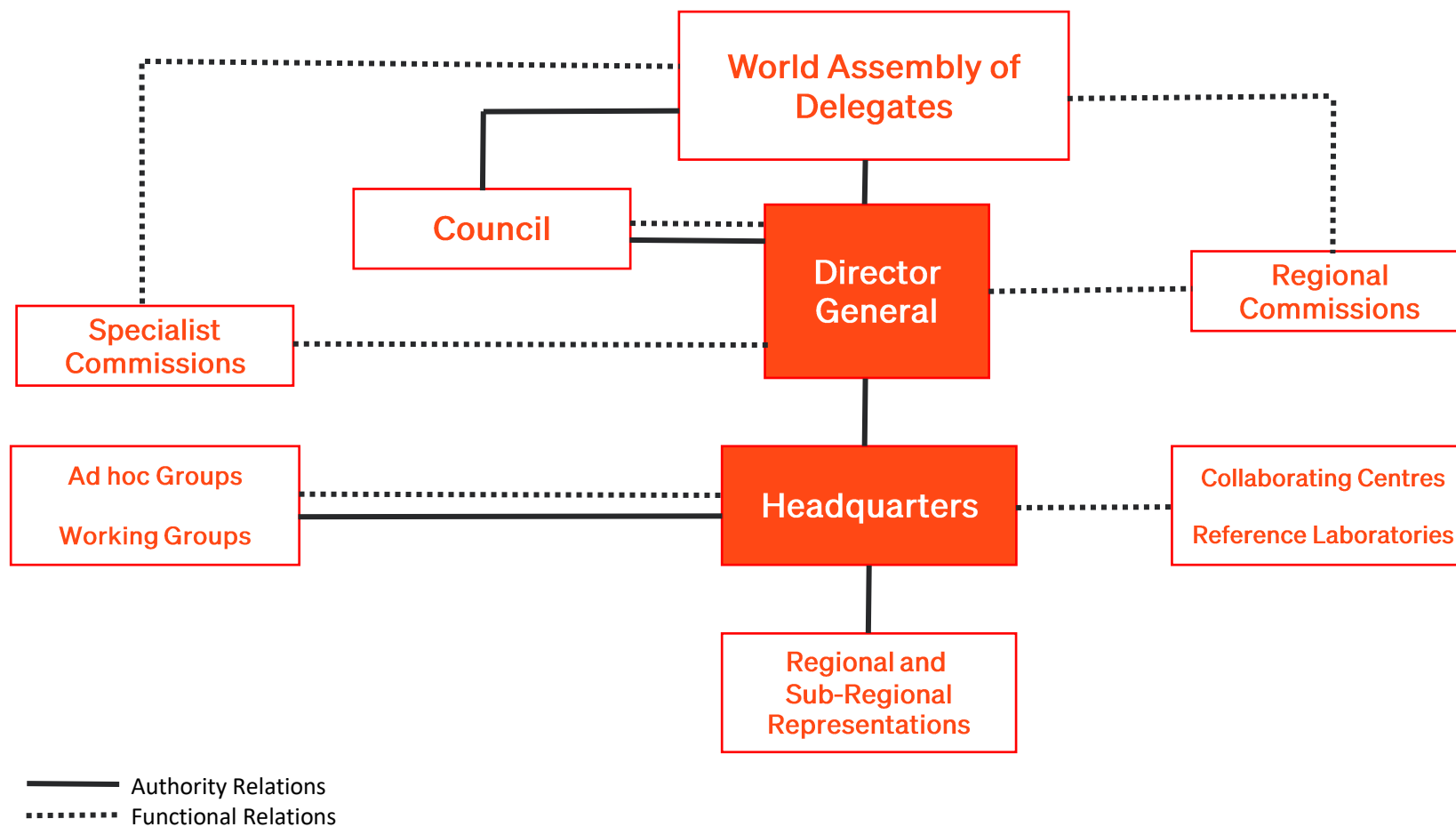
# Ad hoc and Working Groups

*Internationally renowned experts from the Reference Centres*





## Governance structure: Director General and Headquarters



Governance structure:  
Director General

# Director General

*Since 1 January 2016*

- Elected in May 2015 by the World Assembly of national Delegates
- 1st woman elected to this position



Second 5-year  
Term

2021  
2025

- Implementation of the 6th Strategic Plan 2016-2020
- Implementation of the 7<sup>th</sup> Strategic Plan 2021-2025

Dr Monique Éloit

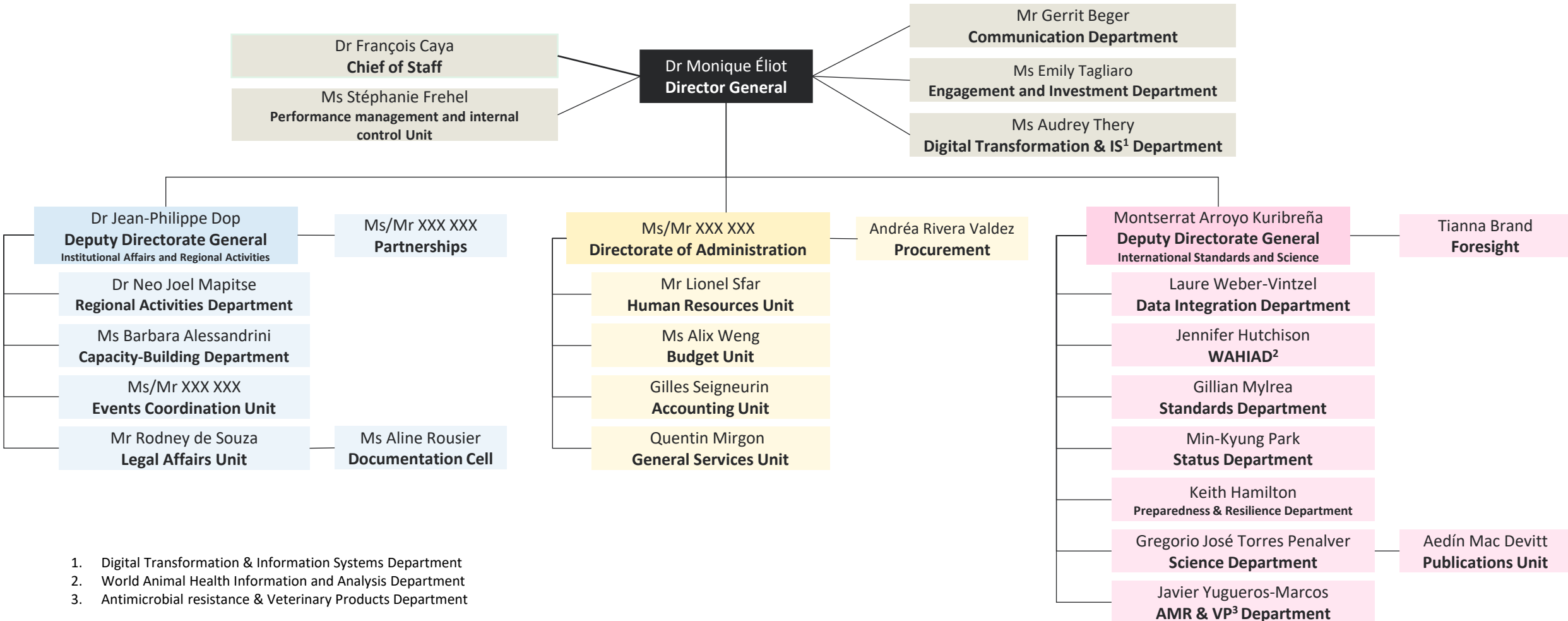




# Governance structure: Headquarters

# Headquarters

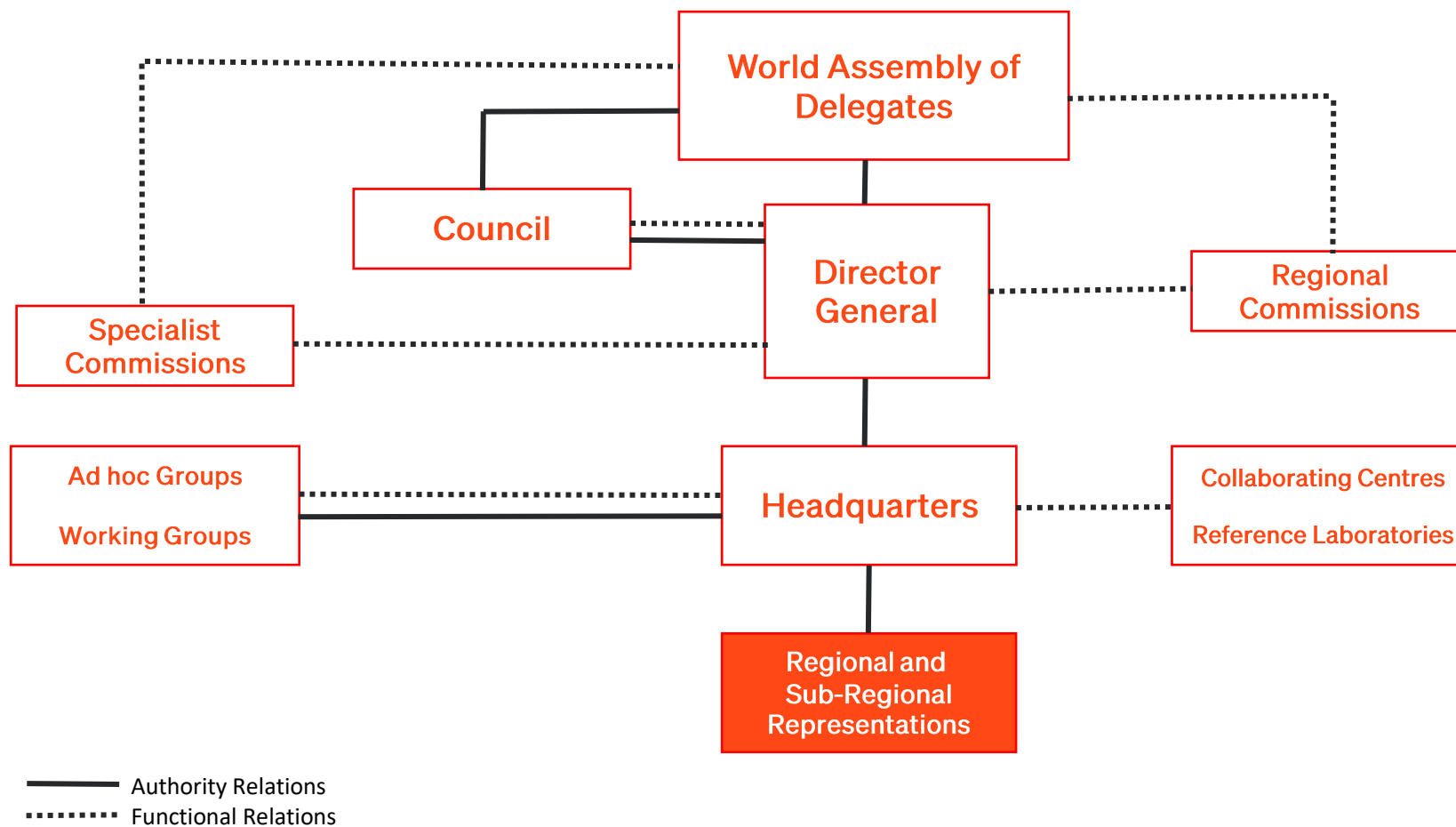
*Under the authority of the Director General*



1. Digital Transformation & Information Systems Department
2. World Animal Health Information and Analysis Department
3. Antimicrobial resistance & Veterinary Products Department



## Governance structure: Director General and Headquarters





## Regional and Sub-Regional Representations

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Collaborate closely with Regional Commissions***





## Regional and Sub-Regional Representations

# Africa

[www.rr-africa.woah.org](http://www.rr-africa.woah.org)

### Regional Representative

Dr Karim Tounkara  
*Bamako (Mali)*

### Sub-Regional Representatives

- Southern Africa: Dr Moetapele Letshwenyo
- North Africa: Dr Rachid Bouguedour
- Eastern Africa and Horn of Africa: Dr Samuel Wakhusama

Regional Commission

54  
members



*A country can be a member of several Regional Commissions*



Regional and Sub-  
Regional Representations

# Americas

[www.rr-americas.woah.org](http://www.rr-americas.woah.org)

Regional Representative

Dr Luis O. Barcos  
*Buenos Aires (Argentina)*

Sub-Regional Representative

- Central America: Dr Catya I. Martínez Rivas

Regional Commission

**32**  
members



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# Asia, Far East, Oceania

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Regional and Sub-Regional Representations

Regional Representative

Sub-Regional Representative

Dr Hirofumi Kugita  
*Tokyo (Japan)*

- South East Asia: Dr Ronello C. Abila

Regional Commission

**36**  
members



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Regional and Sub-  
Regional Representations

# Middle East

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Regional Representative

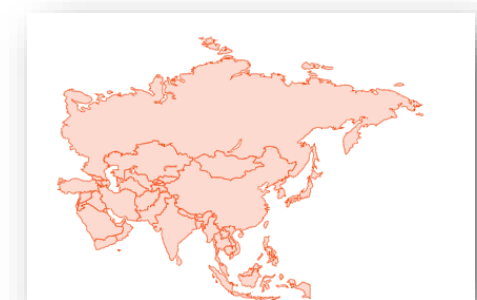
Dr Ghazi Yehia  
*Beirut (Lebanon)*

Sub-Regional Representative

- Abu Dhabi: Dr Mohamed Alhosani

Regional Commission

**20**  
members



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## Regional and Sub-Regional Representations

# Europe

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### Regional Representative

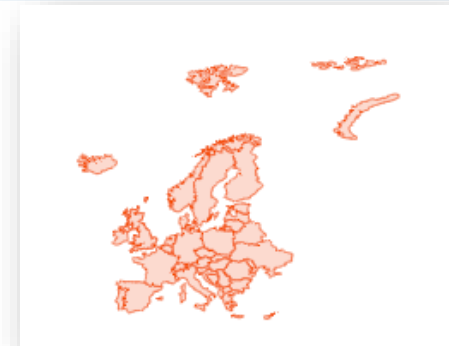
Dr Budimir Plavšić  
*Moscow (Russia)*

### Sub-Regional Representatives

- Dr Estelle Hamelin : Brussels (Belgium)
- Dr Mereke Taitubayev : Nur-Sultan (Kazakhstan)

Regional Commission

**53**  
members

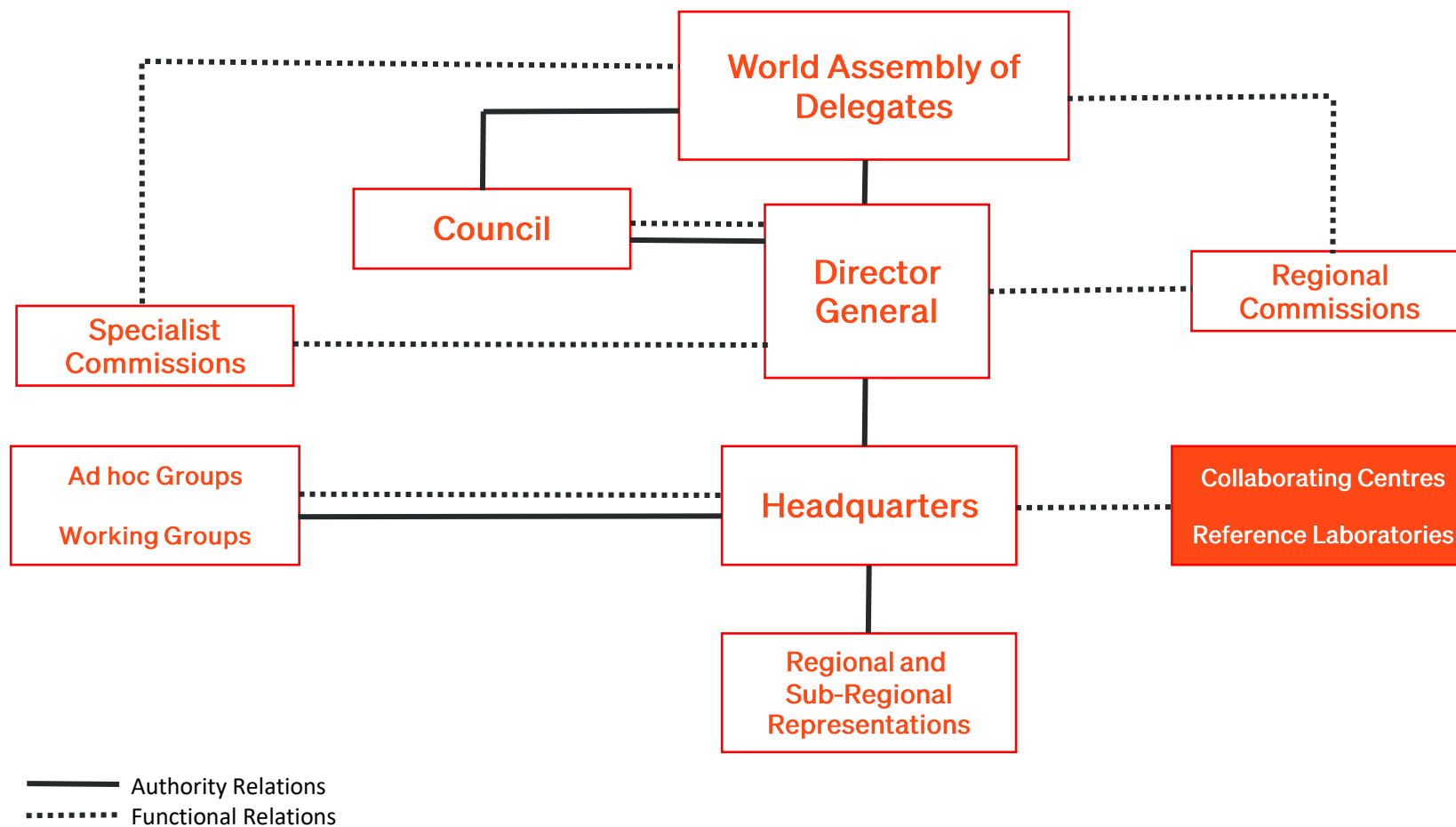


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## Governance structure: Director General and Headquarters





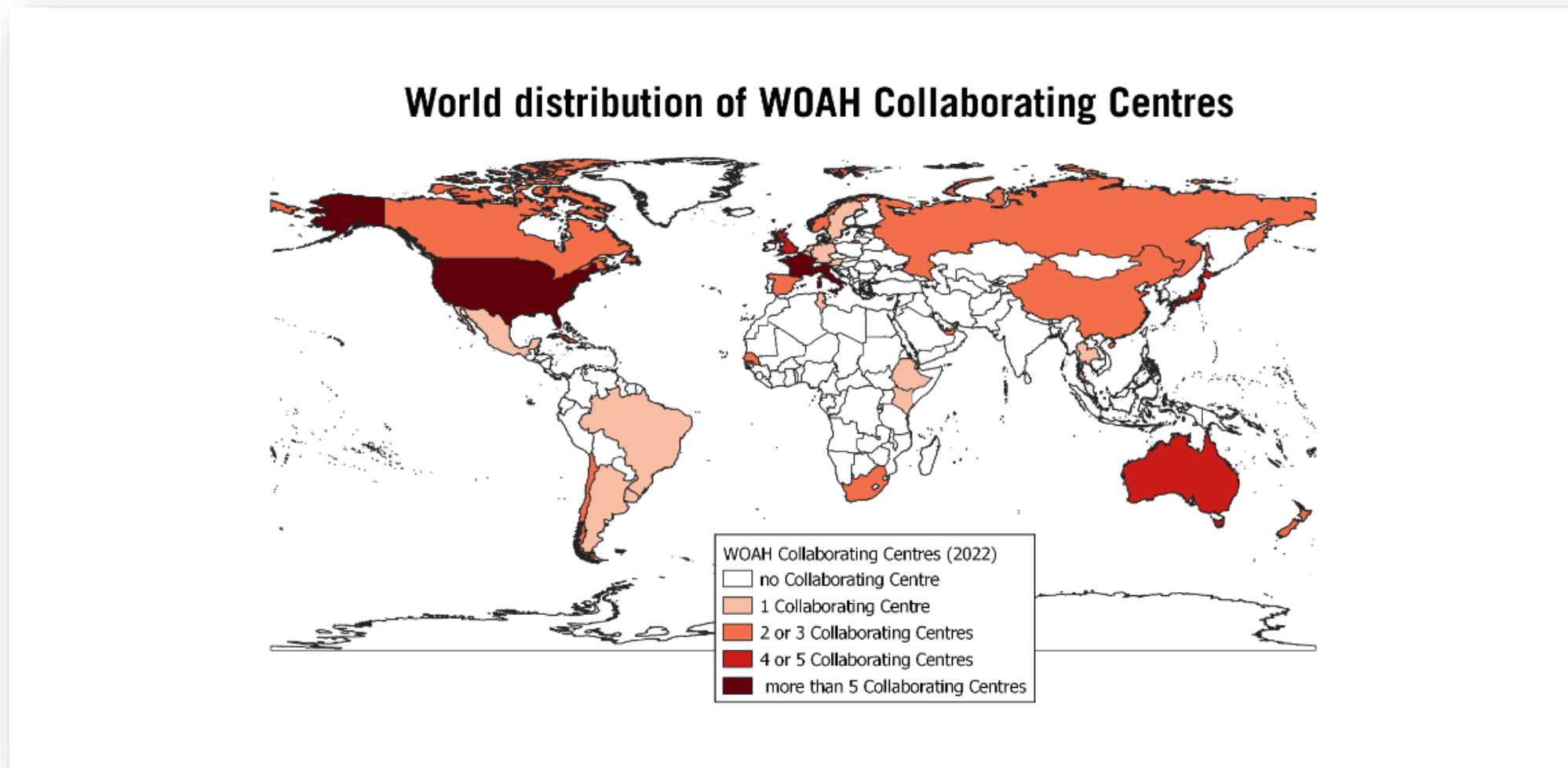
## Collaborating Centres

### *Centres of excellence on horizontal topics*

- 1. Contribute to the development of procedures to update and promote OIE international standards and guidelines**
- 2. Coordinate scientific studies**
- 3. Provide **technical** training**
- 4. Organise and host scientific meetings in collaboration with WOAHA**

## Collaborating Centres

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## Reference Laboratories

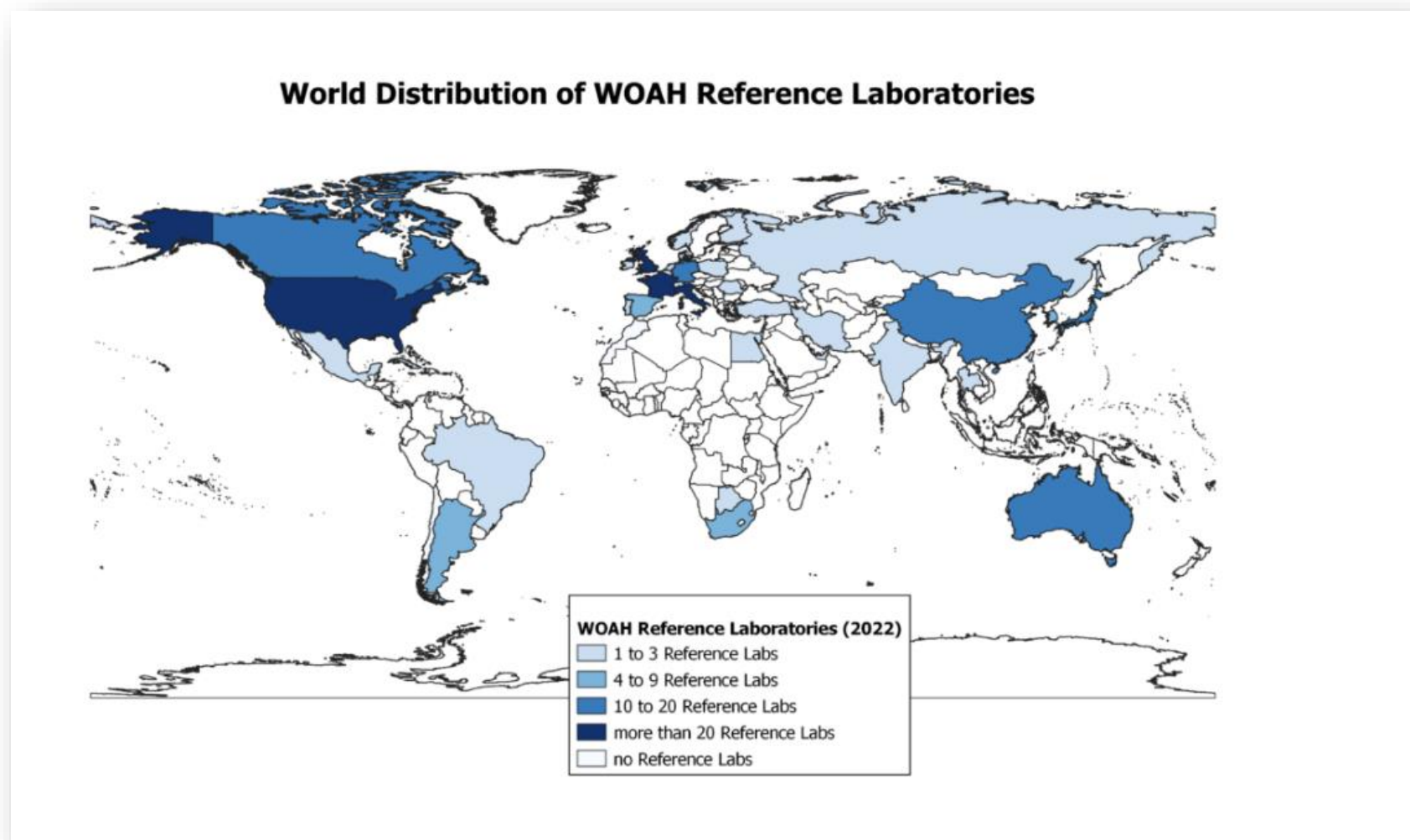
### *Expert Centres for animal diseases*

1. Under the responsibility of an expert
  - Develop, perform and validate **diagnostic tests**
  - Store and distribute **reference reagents**
  - Conduct laboratory **proficiency tests** of samples from other Members' laboratories
  - Coordinate **technical** and **scientific** studies
  - Organise technical and scientific **training** for Member Countries
- **List of Reference Laboratories validated annually by the World Assembly of Delegates**



## Reference Laboratories

# *Expert Centres for animal diseases*





# Seventh Strategic Plan 2021-2025



## Strategic Objective 1

# Scientific expertise

**Our goal is to leverage relevant scientific expertise to address multisectoral animal health and welfare issues**

- At the core of the mandate of WOAHA is the objective to promote and coordinate collaboration to develop international animal health policy supported by scientific evidence. WOAHA is uniquely placed to identify and prioritise areas where scientific knowledge requires further development, through feedback received from its Members on its standards and the implementation of global control strategies on priority diseases.
- This knowledge, in turn, informs capacity building within the network of WOAHA expertise to respond to identified emerging global priorities.



## Strategic Objective 2

# Data governance

**Our goal is to implement digital transformation through a WOAHA Data Strategy**

- WOAHA is responsible for the collection, analysis and dissemination of a large volume of official data, through different platforms and processes.
- WOAHA data supports both national decision-makers and the international community in making evidence-based decisions. Yet managing data to provide added value is becoming an increasingly complex and digitally driven task. It requires organisations that are responsible for collecting, managing and disseminating data to do so from a structured and strategic perspective, in line with best international practices.
- The development of a strong digital culture will be crucial to driving innovative data use, in order to support the digital transformation of WOAHA.





### Strategic Objective 3

# Responding to Members' needs

**Our goal is to drive a high level of support to WOAAH Members through standards and capacity-building**

- WOAAH Members' national Veterinary Services are responsible for the day-to-day management of animal health and welfare and veterinary public health at national level. As the cornerstone of effective global governance of animal health systems, Veterinary Services require both international harmonisation and strong national capacity.
- Consequently, WOAAH will continue to revise and improve its standard-setting process to better support the strengthening of animal health systems worldwide, by delivering international standards and guidelines based on the best available evidence.



## Strategic Objective 4

# Collaboration with Partners

**Our goal is to optimise cooperation with partners to better respond to global challenges**

- Responding to the major global challenges of tomorrow will require the involvement of multiple stakeholders, including public–private partnerships. As a result, the role of WOAH in responding to future major global challenges cannot be underestimated. Conversely, it is crucial for WOAH to strengthen its network of strategic partners if it is to carry out its missions effectively.
- Through its activities, WOAH has developed a wide number of relationships with a variety of stakeholders that are essential to the delivery of its mandate.
- Through these relationships, WOAH will continue to raise awareness of its mission and advocate for a sense of shared responsibility for safeguarding animal health and welfare, while aiming to gain a better understanding of other perspectives.



## Strategic Objective 5

# Efficiency and agility

**Our goal is to be recognised as an efficient and agile organisation underpinned by modern internal processes and tools**

- Following the end of the implementation of the 6<sup>th</sup> Strategic Plan (2016-2020) modernisation efforts will intensify to ensure that services of WOAHA are adequately supported by implementing effective and efficient business policies and ensuring adequate resources.
- While remaining agile and responsive, WOAHA will continue to provide its Members with transparent insight on its management and results. It will further strengthen its structure and systems in support of sustained accountability.
- At the same time, the Organisation will drive continuous improvement from strategic to operational levels. This will effectively strengthen its capacity to adapt, refine and align its services and programmes in support of long-term goals.

# Thank you

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