

Wrap-up and closing of day 1 by Daniel Beltran-Alcrudo, Technical Advisor (Animal Health), FAO

- Challenging task to summarize in 15 minutes 8 hours of rich presentations and intense discussions presented today.
- Lots of food for thought for tomorrow.
- 1st OH seminar organized by all 4 agencies.
- One of a series of regional OH seminars (Near/Middle East, Asia, Europe, Americas and Asia).
- Impressive attendance by over 100 participants in person, plus around 60 online participants.
- Throughout three sessions, we had great presentations, and also very interesting, sometimes challenging, questions from the audience.
- Overwhelming amount of activities and initiatives - challenge to keep the momentum.

Session 1 – Opening session

- Opening remarks from MoH Austria, Quadripartite, and DG-SANTE (EC).
- Main message was the full commitment to OH from all agencies – to work across, but also to help our member countries.

Session 2 (plenary) – Keynote speakers to set the scene

OH in the political agenda and the Quadripartite collaboration at global level

- Intro to OH concept and the history of the Quadripartite
- Main elements:
 - o Strategic priorities: 1) implementation; 2) science and evidence; 3) political engagement; and 4) leverage investment.
 - o Three pathways of change.
 - o OH High level expert Panel (OHHLEP).
- Importance (and challenge) to align national plans to OH Global Plan of Action.
- Keep advocacy and investment of OH in the global political agenda.

OH in Europe and Central Asia – Quadripartite coordination and country support

- Paneuropean commission on health and sustainable development (after COVID) – Recommendations to control future pandemics:
 - o operationalize OH at all levels.
 - o support innovation for better OH.
- We then learned about the One Health Coordination Mechanism (OHCM):
 - o TORs and operations.

- Main activities and results on each of the agreed outputs: 1) Reducing AMR; 2) Improved coordination; 3) Strengthened awareness and understanding; and 4) Improved coordination among Quadripartite and partners.

Two main challenges highlighted during discussions related to the practical implementation of OH.

- Progressively translate the global plan of action from global/regional level to national level.
- How to continue supporting OH despite political shifts.

Questions were the perfect transition into the next half of the session.

Country examples of OH and the need to institutionalize and operationalize it

Different structural settings or arrangements adopted at country level for OH coordination:

- **Austria:** The coordination and integration of all OH national agencies and processes under MoH and regularly coordinated through the zoonosis act for the last 20 years, plus other OH-oriented acts. Integration of labs, sharing of pathogens.
- **France:** Interministerial OH Task Force, within the MoA – and the establishment of an independent and multidisciplinary advisory body to the president.

Examples how countries are dealing with specific diseases:

- **Azerbaijan** - National OH mechanism in Azerbaijan and how it's been practically implemented for rabies.
- **Georgia:** anthrax, rabies, brucellosis, CCHF, Q fever, and the interconnection of information systems.
- **Belgium:** ZooBioDiv project – OH collaboration and the challenges faced from the country's complex admin structure.
- **Sweden** summarized their long story of collaboration between PH and AH over the last decades and their main achievements. It was particularly interesting to hear the mechanisms used, the reasons for their success, but also the main challenges encountered, most of which apply to other countries,

Session 3 – Operationalization of the OH approach

OH Joint Plan of Action born from COVID pandemic - 6 action tracks:

1. Enhance OH capacities building on existing programs.
2. Reduce the risk of emerging zoonotic diseases and pandemics.
3. Neglected zoonoses and vector-borne diseases.
4. Food safety hazards.
5. AMR.
6. how to integrate environment into OH

Implementation guide (of the JPA) for implementation at national level

- How to take the 6 action tracks through 3 pathways to implement OH approach at national level, the different stages.
- Inventory of OH tools and resources & OH Plan template.

Panel discussions on the three pathways - *Series of knowledgeable panelists from different agencies and backgrounds*

Pathway 1 - Policy, legislation, advocacy and financing

- Existing efforts on environmental aspects.
- Example of Germany operationalization/institutionalization of AMR and OH.
- Eurasian Economic Union.
- USAID efforts supporting OH.

Pathway 2 - Organizational development, implementation and sectoral integration

- Budapest declaration – OH was identified as one of the approaches to target environmental threats.
- Belgium, and the practical integration of environment in the OH AMR work.
- Efforts of the European OH Association – The important guidance on how OH collaboration should look like: structured, but also allow for flexibility. Allow for fluid and friendly discussions. And making OH approach a work habit.
- IUCN. We learnt about IUCN structure, goals, and how it works to mitigate zoonotic risks, mostly in the human-wildlife conflict.
- Discussions – How to integrate the next generation of young professionals and incorporate OH component in the public, but also the private sector.

Pathway 3 – Data, evidence and knowledge

- Quadripartite initiatives and tools.
- OH approach in Kazakhstan – Education and training efforts & Prioritization process.
- OH Centre in Dublin – Challenge of translating the huge amounts of OH knowledge and data and target it to different audiences.
- GIZ – Guided by the country needs. Examples of how they operationalize data evidence, e.g. rabies in Cambodia, to communicate to the communities the need to protect the Amazonian forest with a OH approach.

Discussion – How artificial intelligence (AI) can be used as a tool. But also on the importance of existing tools, like cost-benefit analysis in the decision making process of OH.

A lot of valuable information to set the scene and to build on for day 2 and 3.