

31st Conference of the Regional Commission for Europe
Samarkand, Uzbekistan, from 30 September to 4 October 2024

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2024

Arrival of participants

MONDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

- 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Arrival of participants / Conference registration and distribution of material
- 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **SIDE EVENT:** 2nd GF-TADs Standing Group of Experts on HPAI
(Chairperson: Dr Bernard Van-Goethem, EU/ DG SANTE)
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch break
- 2:00 p.m. Opening ceremony
- 3:30 p.m. Group Photo/ Break
- 4:00 p.m. High-level Panel: Ministers of Health, Agriculture, Environmental Protection, representatives of the Regional One Health Coordination Mechanism Executive Committee (Representatives/Directors of FAO, UNEP, WHO and WOA) and representative of the Bureau of the Regional Commission (Dr Ulrich Herzog, Vice-President of the Regional Commission and Delegate of Austria)
- 5:00 p.m. Open posters session
- 5:30 p.m. Reception hosted by Uzbekistan to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of WOA
- 7:30 p.m. End of the day

TUESDAY 1 OCTOBER 2024

- 9:00 a.m. Opening, Approval of the Programme
Appointment of the Conference Committee
(Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, General Rapporteur)
Appointment of session chairpersons and rapporteurs
(Technical items and Animal Health Situation)
- 9:10 a.m. Keynote speech/institutional topic (Dr Emmanuelle Soubeyran, WOA Director General)
- 9:40 a.m. Discussion
- 10:10 a.m. Host country presentation (Dr Abrar Akbarov, WOA Delegate of Uzbekistan)
- 10:40 a.m. Break
- 11:10 a.m. Technical Item I (with questionnaire): Pandemic preparedness in Europe: the role of Animal Health and Veterinary Services in One Health and pandemic preparedness (Dr Olga Svetlana Munoz Pogoreltseva, Researcher, *Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie*)

11:50 a.m.	Interactive discussion on the Technical Item I (Facilitator: Dr Chadia Wannous, One Health Senior Specialist and Global Coordinator)
12:30 p.m.	ADIS-WAHIS presentation (Dr Bernard Van Goethem, and Dr Peter Melens, Deputy Head of World Animal Health Information and Analysis Department)
1:00 p.m.	Lunch <i>Preparation of Recommendation No. 1 by a designated small group</i>
2:00 p.m.	WAHIS: what has changed, and what is in it for you (presentation and panel discussion) (Dr Jenny Hutchison, Head of World Animal Health Information and Analysis Department)
3:00 p.m.	WOAH Standards Setting Process panel discussion: Aquatic Code and Manual, Terrestrial Code and Manual (Dr Fiona Geoghegan, Vice President of the Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission, Dr Ann Cullinane, Vice President of the Biological Standards Commission, and Dr Etienne Bonbon, President of the Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission)
4:00 p.m.	Break
4:30 p.m.	SIDE EVENT: 10th GF-TADs Regional Steering Committee for Europe (Chairperson: Dr Bernard Van Goethem, EU SANTE)
6:30 p.m.	End of the day
7:30 p.m.	Official dinner

WEDNESDAY 2 OCTOBER 2024

9:00 a.m.	Technical item II (without questionnaire): Advancements in the Veterinary Services through Digitalisation (Data Management, Veterinary Information Systems, Big Data, Meta Language, Artificial Intelligence) (Prof. Beatriz Martinez-Lopez, Director of the Center for Animal Disease Modeling and Surveillance, University of California, Davis)
9:45 a.m.	Discussion
10:15 a.m.	Break <i>Preparation of Recommendation No. 2 by designated small group</i>
10:45 a.m.	The PVS Information System: Objectives, access to, and use of PVS data (Ms Barbara Alessandrini, Head of WOAHA Capacity Building Department)
12:45 p.m.	Lunch
2:00 p.m.	Disaster management: Examples of country management (Greece and Kazakhstan) and communication and social media during disasters (Ms Daria Ortiz Suardy, EU DG ECHO) (Facilitator: Dr Estelle Hamelin, Subregional Representative in Brussels)
3:00 p.m.	Discussion
3:15 p.m.	Feedback from the Observatory regarding Europe region: A focus on the use, challenges and impact of zoning and compartmentalisation (Dr Caroline Paquier, Senior Programme Manager, WOAHA Observatory, Data Integration Department) (virtual presentation)
3:45 p.m.	Discussion
4:00 p.m.	Break
4:30 p.m.	Discussion of recommendations Nos. 1 and 2
5:30 p.m.	Selection of the New composition of the RCG

6:00 p.m. End of the Session

THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER 2024

Cultural visit organised by Uzbekistan

FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER 2024

09:00 a.m. Wildlife framework: engaging discussions and collecting feedback for a wildlife strategy and health programme adapted to Members needs-Interactive Session (Ms Sophie Muset, Wildlife Health Programme Manager)

10:00 a.m. Presentation on the New Standards Navigation tool (Dr Ronald Mora, Scientific Officer, WOAHS Standards Department) (virtual presentation)

11:00 a.m. Break

11:30 a.m. Conference conclusions and Adoption of Recommendations

12:15 p.m. Proposal of date and venue of the 32nd Conference of the Regional Commission

12:30 p.m. Closing ceremony

1:00 p.m. End of the Conference/Lunch