

# **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**

8:00 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 One Health Panel: President of WOAH World Assembly of Delegates,

Representatives of national authorities on public health, animal health, environmental protection of Uzbekistan, Representative of World Bank, Vice-president of the Regional Commission of WOAH for Europe, Representatives of the regional Quadripartite in Europe

(FAO, UNEP, WHO and WOAH)

5:00 p.m. Open posters session

5: 30 p.m. Official reception hosted by Uzbekistan on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of WOAH

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)

9:10 a.m. Empowering Veterinary Services, increasing visibility and modernising WOAH to

face animal health challenges (Dr Emmanuelle Soubeyran, WOAH Director General)

9:40 a.m. Discussion

10:10 a.m. Host country presentation (Dr Abrar Akbarov, WOAH 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

Preparation of Recommendation No. 1 by a designated small group

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 (Prof Emanuelle Couacy, 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

### **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

Preparation of Recommendation No. 2 by designated small group

10:45 a.m. The PVS Information System: Objectives, access to, and use of PVS data (Ms Barbara

Alessandrini, Head of WOAH Capacity Building Department) (all participants should

bring their computer/tablet to this session)

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, WOAH 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

Official dinner hosted 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) (virtual presentation) (Facilitator: Dr Chadia Wannous)
10:00 a.m.	Presentation on the New Standards Navigation tool (Dr Ronald Mora, Scientific Officer, WOAH 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