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# Responsibilities of OIE's National Focal Points

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# Evolution of the OIE animal welfare agenda

- **2000**: AW recognised as a strategic priority in the 3rd OIE Strategic Plan 2001-2005;
- **2002**: Adoption by the General Assembly of National Delegates of a Resolution leading to the creation of an animal welfare working group (AWWG);
- **2003**: Adoption of the General Principles;
- **2004**: First Global Conference on Animal Welfare - Paris 2004

# Evolution of the OIE animal welfare agenda

➤ **2005**: Adoption of the first Animal Welfare Standards:

- The transport of animals by land
- The transport of animals by sea
- The transport of animals by air
- The slaughter of animals for human consumption
- The killing of animals for disease control purposes



➤ **2008**: 2nd OIE Global Conference on Animal Welfare in Cairo, Egypt.

# Evolution of the OIE animal welfare agenda

- **2009**: Adoption of new standards:
  - The control of stray dog populations
  - The welfare of farmed fish during transport
- **2009**: First meetings of the *ad hoc* Groups on AW & livestock production systems
- **2010**: Adoption of new standards:
  - Welfare aspects of stunning and killing of farmed fish for human consumption
  - Use of animals for research and education
- **2011**: OIE General Session: lack of consensus.
  - Animal Welfare and broiler chickens

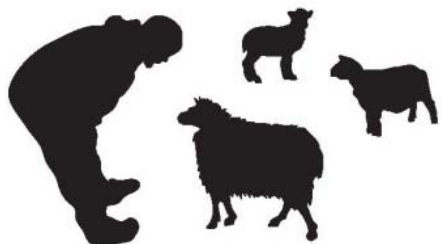
# Fifth Strategic Plan 2011-2015

## Reinforcing priority missions



Animal welfare: a strategic commitment by the OIE

- Animal health is a key component of animal welfare
- The OIE is recognised worldwide as the leader in developing international standards on animal welfare



# The '3 Sisters' & the SPS Agreement

CODEX



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*food safety*

*animal health  
including zoonoses*

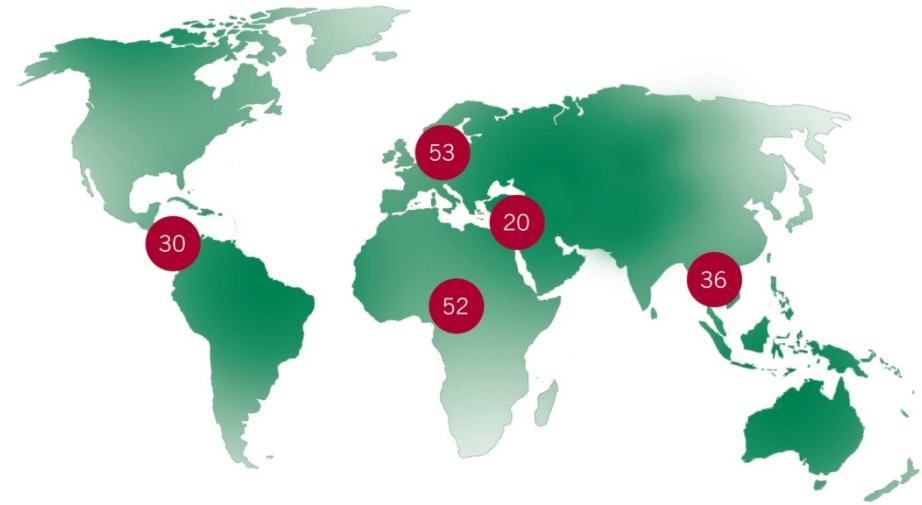
*plant health*



Standards, guidelines and recommendations specifically recognised in the SPS Agreement as the references for international trade

# STATUTORY ASPECTS

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- 178 OIE Members in 2011
- The OIE maintains Representations (Regional and sub regional) in all five regions
- OIE is subject to authority of the World Assembly of Delegates, comprising Delegates of all Members
- Delegate is appointed by the Government of the Member Country or Territory and represents it on the World Assembly

# RESPONSIBILITIES

## Focal points

• The Delegate is requested to designate, if possible, national focal points to comply with national obligations and to support him/her in the following fields:

- animal disease notification,
- wildlife,
- aquatic animals
- veterinary products,
- animal production food safety,
- animal welfare
- communication

# *Terms of Reference for the OIE National Focal Points*

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- **Activities** of the focal points in relation to OIE obligations are under the authority of the OIE Delegate.
- **Information transmitted** to the OIE from focal points must be under the designated authority of OIE Delegate whether focal points are:
  - **under the jurisdiction** of the Veterinary Authority, or
  - located in other Departments or Ministries **not under VA jurisdiction**
- From a legal perspective, the OIE considers the official OIE Delegate to be the **unique representative of the country**.

# *National Focal Point for Animal Welfare*



## Terms of reference

- Establish a **network** of animal welfare experts within his country or communicate with existing network;
- Establish **dialogue, cooperation and communication** between the Competent Authority for animal welfare and other relevant authorities;

# *National Focal Point for Animal Welfare (contd)*



- Receive reports of the Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission (Code Commission) and of the OIE Animal Welfare Working Group and other relevant reports and **conduct the in-country consultation process**
- **Prepare comments** for the Delegate on relevant meeting reports, including comments on the proposals for new or revised OIE standards related to animal welfare

Thank you for your attention 



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