



OIE: overview of ongoing activities on Rabies in North Africa

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*Regional Workshop on rabies epidemio-surveillance and
parenteral vaccination of dogs against rabies
(16-17 February 2021)*

Rabies activities

- ❑ **July 2019: Regional North African meeting** to make progress on harmonisation of elimination strategies for dog-mediated rabies in humans
- ❑ **About 30 people**, comprising of animal and public health experts from Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia, along with representatives of Ministries of Home Affairs and/or of Local Government Areas, responsible for dog population management in municipalities.
- ❑ Representatives from national WHO country offices and experts from WHO Headquarters as well as from FAO Sub-Regional Representation for North Africa were invited.
- ❑ The Chief Veterinary Officer and OIE Delegate of Kenya and an expert from Namibia were also invited to share their experiences in fighting rabies
 - The objectives of the seminar were **to promote collaboration** between the Veterinary, the Public Health and the Local Government authorities under the One Health umbrella, in the control of rabies

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OIE rabies meeting for North Africa countries:

To move countries forward towards effective rabies elimination strategies in North Africa – July 2019

Organised under the project funded by the European Union *Strengthening Veterinary Services in Developing Countries + Rabies* ([SVSDC+R](#))

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There were working sessions that paved the way for a final discussion where several common challenges and solutions were identified:

- ❑ To share data/information on topics related to rabies control (e.g. publications) ;
- ❑ To share national strategic plans and *standard operating procedures* (SOP);
- ❑ To celebrate “World Rabies Day” together (e.g. one country will invite representatives from neighbouring countries);
- ❑ To develop appropriate actions for targeting high risk areas such as rural / communal areas;
- ❑ To map all potential civil society stakeholders (e.g. NGOs) working in this field to be included/involved in the fight against rabies;
- ❑ To strengthen field capacities and research;
- ❑ To implement and better exploit the outcomes of pilot projects.

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Report

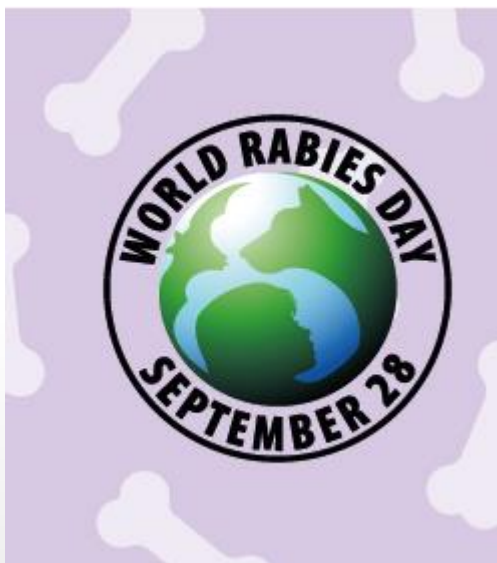
**Workshop on Surveillance and Control of Rabies
Pasteur Institute of Morocco
September 17th to 28th 2019**

- ❑ The purpose of the last course in Morocco was to provide a practical training on rabies with a special focus on North Africa, Sahel and West Africa for French-speaking professionals of animal and human public health sectors.
- ❑ The course emphasized the need of multidisciplinary approach and inter-sectorial cooperation.

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PROJECTS ONGOING (27)				
	Disease or Theme	Parent	Candidate	Start
1	Animal welfare	Italy	Tunisia	2020
2	Avian Influenza	Canada	Ghana	2018
3	Avian Influenza	Italy	Nigeria	2017
4	Avian Influenza and Newcastle disease	UK	Kazakhstan	2019
5	Bluetongue	Italy	Brazil	2017
6	Brucellosis	France	Guinea	2019
7	Camel Diseases	Italy	United Arab Emirates*	2015
8	CBPP	Italy	Ethiopia	2018
9	Classical Swine Fever	Canada	Guatemala	2017
10	Ebola and Rift Valley Fever	France	Senegal	2019
11	Emerging Infectious Diseases (pigs)	Australia	Vietnam	2017
12	Epidemiology and Risk Assessment	Italy	Saudi Arabia *	2019
13	FMD vaccines evaluation	UK	Ethiopia (AU-PANVAC)	2019
14	Food Safety	Italy	Azerbaijan	2017
15	IHHN and WSD	China *	Indonesia *	2019
16	Ovine Chlamydiosis	Switzerland	Turkey	2020
17	Peste des Petits Ruminants and CBPP	France	Jordan *	2017
18	Rabies	France	Tunisia	2020
19	Rabies	France	Chinese Taipei *	2018
20	Rabies	Germany	Namibia	2019
21	Rabies	UK and USA	India ◊	2016
22	Rabies and TSEs	Canada	Peru	2016



28 September 2020



September 28th is World Rabies Day, the world day to fight against rabies.

The Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie (IZSve) joins the [World Rabies Day](#) with several special initiatives.

In the morning, the IZSve jointly with the Italian Ministry of Health and with the OIE/FAO REMESA Joint Secretariat based in Tunis, organizes an **online round table** to discuss with the 15 **REMESA** (*REseau MEditerranéen de Santé Animale*, the Mediterranean Animal Health Network) countries representatives and other international experts, the plans to be undertaken and strengthened with the aim of controlling canine rabies in the Mediterranean region.

Regional report of the ERFAN survey on stray dog control and rabies conducted in North Africa



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North African OIE Regional meeting for strategy to fight Rabies (10 November 2020)



- Organised in the framework of REMESA
- Nearly 40 participants were present
- The purpose of the meeting was to establish the state of play of the activities carried out in the sub-region in order to create synergies and to propose new projects likely to have an impact on the ground, according to the expectations of the countries.

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The main issues highlighted during the workshop held on 10 November 2020 were as follows:

- ❑ Animal welfare component increasingly demanded by civil society;
- ❑ The control plans exist but the application of the plans remain to be improved;
- ❑ Epidemiological tracing of outbreaks (characterization of viral strains);
- ❑ Mass vaccination of accessible dogs remains the priority (they represent a high percentage of the dog population);
- ❑ Improve and digitalise communication / awareness campaigns
- ❑ The notion of responsible ownership was also discussed as important point in the control of canine rabies
- ❑ The public/private partnership was also a point mentioned in the strategies as well as the involvement of veterinary students.

CONCLUSION

TO CONTINUE TO
DISCUSS CONCRETE
PROJECTS TO
CHANGE THINGS IN
THE FIELD

Thank you for your attention



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