

REGIONAL ANIMAL WELFARE STRATEGY (RAWS) ADVISORY GROUP (AG)

Terms of Reference

- To identify, report and advise on animal welfare activities & emerging issues in the Region
- To suggest project activities to support the RAWS
- To provide strategic advice and guidance to OIE for of the further development and implementation of the RAWS
- To develop a 3rd edition of the RAWS (2016-2020) consistent with any Global Animal Welfare Strategy
- To maintain and update the RAWS Action Plan as appropriate
- To develop Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to support the Regional Commission for monitoring achievements and the implementation of the RAWS and its Action Plan
- To develop advocacy materials to support the development of funding for RAWS, RAWS AG and Member country activities including meetings, working group activities, and projects
- To provide advice to the OIE on Focal Point training in the Region
- To produce annual/quarterly report on activities and achievements of RAWS
- To develop linkages to share information and assist implementation of the RAWS Action Plan with the OIE Animal Welfare Working Group, Collaborating Centres and other OIE Regions

Modus Operandi

- The Director-General of the OIE will appoint the Chair and RAWS AG Members, based on advice of Regional Commission.
- The RAWS AG will comprise:
 - o The Chair (Member of the Regional Commission, Animal Welfare Focal Point of a Member, or an expert from the region on the OIE Animal Welfare Working Group)
 - o One or more OIE Member country representatives (OIE Delegates or National Focal Points) from each sub-region (East Asia, SAARC, ASEAN, OCEANIA), up to a recommended maximum of 10 persons
 - o An OIE Representative
 - o Any experts from the AFEO region participating in the OIE Animal Welfare Working Group
 - o Representatives from World Animal Protection, Federation of Asian Veterinary Association and Regional Animal Welfare Collaborating Centre/s
 - o Representatives from extensive and intensive livestock industries
 - o Secretary to the AG
- The RAWS AG will be constituted for a 3 year period aligned with OIE election cycle after which Members will be replaced through a renewed call for expressions of interest
- Upon the agreement of the Chair, observers from a range of stakeholders groups, such as religious leaders, consumers, inter-governmental organization and scientific institutions can be invited to RAWS AG Meetings at their own expense
- The RAWS AG will meet by e-mail and teleconference as necessary. Any face-to-face meeting will be subject to funding availability, self-funded or otherwise, or held in conjunction with other opportunities (e.g. Focal Point training, Regional Commission conferences).
- The Secretariat will be provided by the OIE RRAP and will work closely with the Chair in organizing and reporting on meetings and in carrying out a range of RAWS functions including monitoring progress against RAWS, coordination of activities & sharing information, preparation of Newsletters, updating the RAWS website, and the like.
- With the support of the Secretariat AG members will be individually responsible for leading &

coordinating RAWS activities & special projects