

# **RAPPORT DE MISSION/ MISSION REPORT**

**Dr Bernard Vallat, Directeur général**

**Asmara (Erythrée)**

**Dates de la mission/Dates of the meeting : 26 février – 1er mars 2007**

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## **Objet de la mission / aim of the meeting:**

- Co-organisation et participation à la 17ème Conférence régionale de l'OIE pour l'Afrique.
- Contacts bilatéraux avec les autorités érythréennes.

## **Autres participants / Other participants:**

- Dr Dewan Sibartie, Chef du Service des Actions régionales,
- Dr Antonio Petrini, Adjoint au Chef du Service de l'Information sanitaire
- Nathalie Monsalve, Service des Actions régionales
- Caroline Planté, Chargée de mission
- Dr Amadou Samba Sidibe, Représentant régional de l'OIE pour l'Afrique,
- Nicolas Denormandie, Chargé de mission, Représentation régionale de l'OIE pour l'Afrique
- Mariam Minta, secrétariat de la Représentation régionale pour l'Afrique

## **Résumé et conclusions / Summary and conclusions:**

La conférence régionale a connu une assez bonne participation, tant de la part des Pays Membres que des Organisations régionales et internationales, mais cela est lié en partie aux financements accordés par le PACE pour faciliter la participation de ses 32 Pays Membres dont un nombre significatif a assisté.

Il conviendra à l'avenir de veiller au choix des pays hôtes en donnant la préférence aux destinations bien desservies. N'Djamena, Tchad, posera aussi des problèmes similaires (la décision avait été prise au Soudan il y a deux ans).

L'adoption des recommandations s'est faite de manière consensuelle, les débats ayant surtout porté sur la forme et non sur le fond.

Les présentations que j'ai effectuées au nom du Bureau central, la première sur le Plan stratégique et le PVS et la seconde sur la Conférence de Bamako, ont été bien accueillies (présentation jointes en annexes).

Une réunion financée par l'Agence allemande d'aide internationale (GTZ) a eu lieu en fin de conférence. Elle a porté sur les besoins en formation en Afrique dans le domaine de la santé animale. L'OIE a pu faire valoir ses points de vue, notamment en termes de modalités de répartition des actions entre l'OIE, l'UA-BIRA et la FAO et d'affirmation de l'indépendance de l'OIE dans le domaine du choix des politiques de formation qu'elle applique.

La décision d'entamer les négociations avec le Gouvernement tunisien pour implanter une représentations sous-régionale à Tunis a été annoncée. Cette décision est en partie liée à la décision de la FAO d'implanter à Tunis un Centre régional de Santé Animale qui a vocation à se rapprocher de celui de l'OIE. Elle est aussi liée aux engagements pris par l'Italie et la France d'apporter un soutien à cette représentation sous-régionale.

Concernant une éventuelle implantation de l'OIE en Afrique de l'Est, aucune annonce n'a été faite, notamment parce que l'OIE ne dispose pas encore de financement ciblé sur cette sous-

région. Plusieurs pays ont déjà exprimé leur intérêt pour accueillir l'OIE : le Kenya, la Tanzanie, l'Ouganda et Djibouti.

La FAO a par contre déjà fait les annonces suivantes :

- le Dr Faouzi Kechrid sera affecté au Centre Régional de Tunis,
- Nairobi hébergera le Centre Régional FAO de Santé Animale pour l'Afrique de l'Est et le Dr William Amanfu y sera affecté,
- La FAO dispose des financements appropriés pour soutenir ces deux implantations, ainsi que celles de Bamako et de Gaborone.

Les rôles cruciaux de la plateforme Alive et du Comité régional de pilotage du GF-TADs ont été réaffirmés, mais un très important travail de communication à l'égard des Délégués nationaux reste à faire pour expliquer l'intérêt de ces mécanismes que la plupart d'entre eux ne se sont pas appropriés.

On note aussi que les ressentiments à l'égard de la Banque Mondiale, liés aux erreurs commises dans le passé, ont encore du mal à se dissiper.

### **Contacts bilatéraux avec les autorités nationales**

Les autorités nationales érythréennes se sont investies jusqu'au plus haut niveau de l'Etat pour assurer le succès de la Conférence. La mobilisation des médias locaux a été très forte (il est à noter cependant que la liberté de la presse est très limitée).

Les contacts bilatéraux ont consisté en une entrevue avec le Chef de l'Etat, à plusieurs entrevues avec le Ministre de l'Agriculture en compagnie du Délégué OIE et une visite du Laboratoire national vétérinaire. Mon avis a été sollicité sur l'opportunité de produire des vaccins en Erythrée : ma réponse a été assez négative sur ce point.

### **Conclusions et suites à donner / Conclusions and Follow-up:**


- Lettres de remerciements (DS)
- Négociations avec la Tunisie (JLA)
- Recherche de financements pour la Représentation sous-régionale Afrique de l'Est (AD, JLA).

### **Annexes : 2 présentations power point**

**Diffusion :** Directeurs généraux adjoints, Chefs de Service et adjoints, A. Dehove, Chargé(e)s de mission, S. Bègue, C. Brusckke, M. Teissier, M. Zampaglione, Représentants régionaux et sous-régionaux, R. Abila, S. Forman, C. Planté, A. Thiermann

# “The outcome of the International Conference on Avian and Human Influenza” held in Bamako 6-8 December 2006, Mali

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**World Organisation for Animal Health**

**OBSERVATIONS / COMMENTS BY OIE**


- Africa not yet affected by HPAI at the time of Beijing Conference
- Role and importance of backyard chicken in Africa
- Efforts being made by African Member Countries recognised but concern on lack of resources, inadequate veterinary infrastructure, poor governance including absence of adequate compensation mechanisms



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**The outcome of the International Conference on Avian and Human Influenza held in Bamako, Mali, 6-8 December 2006**

**OBSERVATIONS / COMMENTS BY OIE (Cont.)**

- The best way to utilise funds is to apply and support good governance
- Development of the OIE PVS tool to identify gaps and weaknesses as well as priority investment areas
- The creation of the AI vaccine bank for Africa using EU funds-several million doses provided already




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**PLAN OF PRESENTATION**

- Organisation of Conference
- Observations/comments of OIE
- Propositions of OIE
- Follow-up actions



**PROPOSALS OF OIE**

- OIE's assistance to evaluate and strengthen Veterinary Services of Africa
- Continuation of the AI vaccine bank
- Twinning of laboratories to improve diagnostic capabilities



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**ORGANISATION**

- Followed commitment taken in Vienna earlier in the year (proposal of OIE DG)
- Organised jointly by World Bank, EU and AU-IBAR with technical support of OIE and ALive
- Attendance-Representatives of Ministries of Health and Agriculture, Regional and International organisations, International donors...
- Survey made by ALive in collaboration with FAO, AU-IBAR, WHO and UNICEF had identified the needs for Africa



**FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS**

- 500 million USD pledged
- Vaccine banks –several infected or at risk countries to benefit
- PVS evaluations-several carried out (Chad, Cameroon...) Others in the pipeline (Djibouti, Kenya, Algeria, Egypt, Tunisia, Guinea...)
- Creation of additional OIE Sub-Regional Representations-East and North Africa



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# “Four Strategic Plan and Evaluation of Veterinary Services”

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**Fourth Strategic Plan and Evaluation of Veterinary Services**

**WHAT DOES A STRATEGIC PLAN MEAN ?**

- Expresses, thanks to a strong legal base, a long term (5 years) policy set up by consensus
- Settles a framework that allows the Director General to plan his annual work programmes for 5 years
- Reconsideration clause (3 years) allows adjustments, if needed

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**PLAN OF PRESENTATION**

- Fourth Strategic Plan
- Recommendations of the last Regional Conference in Khartoum
- Other important seminars organised by the Regional Representation.
- Evaluation of Veterinary Services

**2005/2010 STRATEGIC PLAN**

- Reaffirms the relevance of the former Plan's goals and advocates to strengthen them
- Clarifies the OIE's objectives and major missions
- Monitors the balance between missions and resources, that are to be detailed within the Director General's work programme

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**LEAD-UP PROCEDURES**

- Questioning of Regional Commissions and Specialist Commissions
- Interim report discussed during the May 2004 General Session
- Extraordinary meeting of the OIE Administrative Commission (Montebello, Canada, November 2004)
- Permanent support from an expert : Dr Alan Randell, former Codex Commission Secretary

**THE OIE'S GLOBAL OBJECTIVE**

- the OIE was created in 1924 **to prevent animal diseases from spreading around the world**
- the 4th Strategic Plan is one step further and extends the OIE's global mandate to **“the improvement of animal health all over the world”**

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**LEAD-UP PROCEDURES (cont.)**

- Drawing up of a new project proposed for adoption by the Administrative Commission in February 2005, at the OIE Headquarters in Paris
- Circulation of the project to the Member Countries after translation into the OIE working languages (French, English, Spanish)
- Discussion and adoption by the OIE International Committee in May 2005

**MAIN CONSEQUENCES OF THIS NEW MANDATE**

- To lessen poverty
- To improve Public Health by fighting against zoonotic diseases, including those that are food borne
- To improve the sanitary safety of international trade in animals and their products
- To facilitate access to regional and international markets for Member Countries

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**FOLLOWING STAGES**

- Agreement on a work programme for the Director General, as a result of the agreed Plan
- Director General builds a financing table, with an impact on Member Countries contributions
- Submitted for adoption by Administrative Commission (February 2006), by International Committee (May 2006)

**MAIN CONSEQUENCES OF THIS NEW MANDATE (cont.)**

- Promotion of animal welfare through animal health and through the adoption of international rules
- Encouragement of National Veterinary Services to apply these rules
- Strengthening of the OIE's international leading position, in the interest of Member Countries

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**PRIORITIES OF THE IV<sup>th</sup> PLAN**

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- Consolidation of 3 missions from the former Strategic Plan
- ⇒ To ensure transparency in the global animal disease situation
- ⇒ Publishing science-based standards, especially with reference to the WTO
- ⇒ Publishing guidelines for the prevention, control and eradication of animal diseases, including zoonoses; acknowledgement of Member Countries health status

**PRACTICAL CONSEQUENCES (cont)**

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**Influence on global governance of animal health**

- ⇒ develop OIE's communication department
- ⇒ clarify further the relation with WHO and FAO, by negotiating detailed Agreements and alliances for specific operational programmes
- ⇒ pursue lobbying of multi and bi-lateral organisations to persuade them that investing in animal health and Veterinary Services is a real national and global priority

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**NEW STRATEGIC ITEMS**

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- Capacities building: training of Delegates and their relevant staff, in particular national focal points (relation with the OIE, sanitary information system, aquatic animal diseases, wildlife, veterinary medicinal products...)
- Strengthening Veterinary Services using compliance with OIE standards on quality
- Strengthening the OIE's influence on global, regional and national policies, about governance policies dealing with animal health and prioritisation within scientific research policy
- Strengthening of OIE as an adviser of Member Countries to settle their sanitary disputes

**PRACTICAL CONSEQUENCES (cont)**

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**Influence on national policies**

- ⇒ convince Governments of the importance of the OIE Delegate's position
- ⇒ convince Governments that they should invest more in monitoring and preventing animal diseases, as a low cost insurance compared to high cost outbreak crisis – use of PVS tool
- ⇒ support Delegates from developing Countries to participate actively in standard-setting and in SPS and Codex meetings

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**PRACTICAL CONSEQUENCES**

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**Reinforcement of OIE capacities**

- ⇒ Necessity to strengthen Regional Representations
  - defining a financing mechanism by the Member Countries of each region (in addition to the financing programme of the host country)
  - staff development, development of internship, support from the private sector (within the limits of existing rules)

**PRACTICAL CONSEQUENCES (Cont.)**

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**Finance**

- ⇒ the cost (at constant rate currency) of the new priorities and measures of the 4th Strategic Plan were 25% higher than the budget allowed
- ⇒ in May 2006, the International Committee adopted new financing procedures (including for Regional Representations), including both compulsory and voluntary mechanisms, to finance this budget increase

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**PRACTICAL CONSEQUENCES (cont)**

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- ⇒ Necessity to formalise relations between Regional Representatives and elected Bureaus of the Regional Commissions

**CONCLUSION**

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 The implementation of the 4th Strategic Plan through the Director General's work programme will continue to show that, since 1924, OIE is a Public Good for the international Community and that its cost for Member Countries is negligible compared to the services provided in return

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**PRACTICAL CONSEQUENCES (cont)**

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**Scientific influence**

- ⇒ necessity to audit and strengthen the OIE's Collaborating Centres and Reference Laboratories Network
- ⇒ development of twinning procedures and of specific projects supporting laboratories
- ⇒ greater concerns from OIE about zoonotic diseases linked with globalization and climatic changes

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN KHARTOUM**

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**TRANSHUMANCE IN AFRICA**

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- ◆ Guidelines on livestock identification being developed and published in the Terrestrial Code

**WAHIS**

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- ◆ Dakar, Senegal, November 2006 for francophone countries
- ◆ Nairobi, Kenya, December 2006 for anglophone countries
- ◆ Others seminars : see report of the Regional Representative

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**GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS**

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- ◆ Expert group on biotechnologies is currently developing guidelines on the following topics :
  1. To develop guidelines for new vaccine technologies (e.g. DNA vaccines, plant-expressed antigens)
  2. To develop guidelines on the animal health risks arising from somatic cell nuclear transfer cloning of production animals, including criteria for assessing the health of embryos and animals derived from such cloning
  3. To monitor developments in the applications of nanotechnology related to animal health and to inform OIE
  4. To advise OIE on suitable procedures for the identification and tracing of animals and animal products that have resulted from biotechnological interventions

**STRENGTHENING OF VETERINARY SERVICES**

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- ◆ Front line role played by VS in the control of animal diseases and zoonoses now recognised by the international donor community thanks to HPAI outbreaks and its potential to cause a human pandemic
- ◆ Beijing Conference, January 2006 where 2 billion US dollars pledged. Part of this money will go towards strengthening of Veterinary services
- ◆ Vienna Conference
- ◆ Bamako Conference

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**ANIMAL HEALTH and PRODUCTION POLICIES and IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISMS in AFRICA**

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- ◆ Development of the Alive mechanism
- ◆ Transfer of Alive responsibilities to African Institutions
- ◆ Support to PACE and post-PACE
- ◆ Support to Bamako Conference
- ◆ Creation of OIE sub-Regional Representations and Regional Animal Health Centres
- ◆ Support to GF-TADs

**STRENGTHENING OF VETERINARY SERVICES (Cont.)**

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- ◆ Strengthening starts with evaluation
- ◆ Why evaluate? Identify gaps and deficiencies which can later be addressed
- ◆ How to evaluate ?-OIE PVS tool
- ◆ Who evaluates? OIE certified experts
- ◆ How are experts trained? Three seminars (May, July 2006 and February 2007) in collaboration with ENSV

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**REGIONAL SEMINARS HELD IN AFRICA**

**STRENGTHENING OF VETERINARY SERVICES (Cont)**

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- ◆ Meeting of Ad hoc group of experts
- ◆ Over 70 experts already trained (several from Africa)
- ◆ Meeting of Ad hoc Group of experts in November. New PVS version being currently applied.
- ◆ Evaluations already started; Vietnam, Chad, Cameroun...

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**ANIMAL HEALTH POLICIES AND DELIVERIES, ROLE OF LIVESTOCK OWNERS IN EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SURVEILLANCE**

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- ◆ N'Djamena, February 2006
- ◆ Proceedings published in English and French
- ◆ Application of PVS tool in Africa

**BENEFITS OF PVS**

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- ◆ Internal benefits
- ◆ National applications
- ◆ International support

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