



# WOAH's support to the Global Partnership Signature Initiative to Mitigate Biological Threats in Africa

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# Outline

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- 1. The Global Partnership Against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction**
- 2. The Signature Initiative to Mitigate Biological Threats in Africa**
- 3. WOAHA's Programmes and Activities that support the Signature Initiative**
- 4. WOAHA's priorities for investment**

# The Global Partnership Against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction (the Global Partnership)



What? Established in 2002, it is a G7-led, 31-member international initiative



Why? Terrorist use of weapons of mass destruction is one of the gravest threats to international peace and security



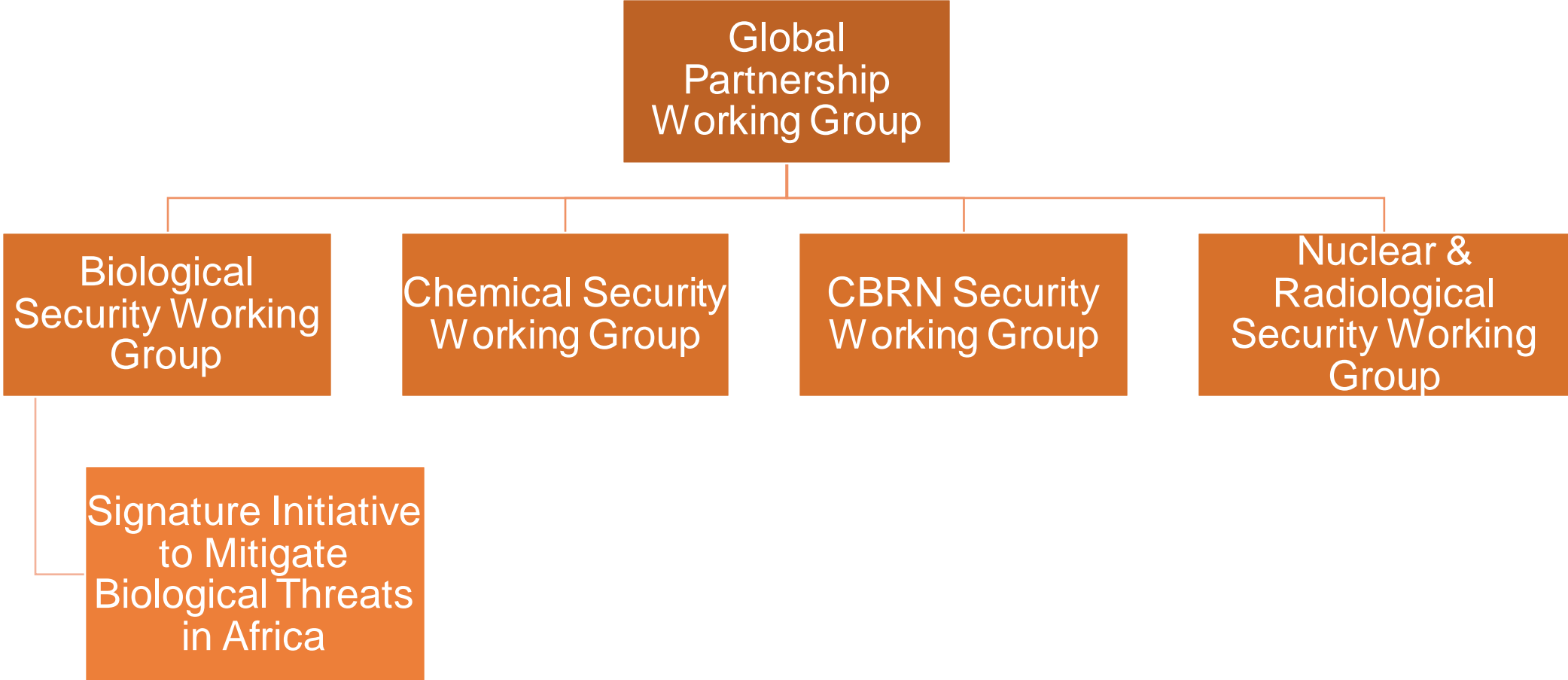
Aim? Prevent the proliferation of chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) weapons and related initiatives



How? Partner with international organisations, including WOAHA, for coordination of projects following a defined set of Principles and Guidelines



# The Global Partnership



# The Signature Initiative to Mitigate Biological Threats in Africa

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Large scale  
disease  
outbreaks

Need to build  
sustainable  
health security  
capacities

Response to high  
consequence  
pathogens

Signature Initiative to Mitigate Biological Threats in Africa

Collaboration  
with Africa  
CDC and other  
African  
partners

Collective  
effort

# The Signature Initiative to Mitigate Biological Threats in Africa

4 programmatic pillars of the Signature Initiative

- 1. Biosafety and Biosecurity**
- 2. National Governance Structure**
- 3. Surveillance and Epidemic Intelligence**
- 4. Non-Proliferation**

# Fortifying Institutional Resilience against Biological Threats (FIRABioT) project

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## Objectives

01

Improve WOAHA's ability to anticipate, respond to and recover from emergencies and ensure business continuity

02

Strengthen WOAHA Members' abilities and capacities to respond to emergencies, particularly in Africa

03

Demonstrate value of WOAHA as a partner for security organisations

# *FIRABioT* Project breakdown: Workstreams

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1

Establish a WOAHA Incident Management System

2

Improve capacity of WOAHA Members to respond to emergencies resulting from deliberate releases (focused on Africa)

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Scientific and evidence-based guidance and standards for emergency management developed

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Dissemination of good practices for emergency management (including for deliberate releases)



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## Request for interest

- Identified 10 priority countries

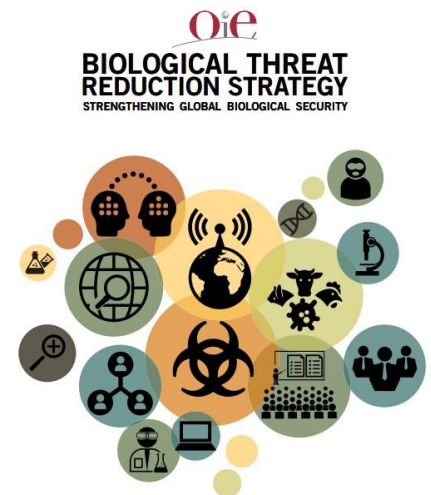


## Define needs and capacities

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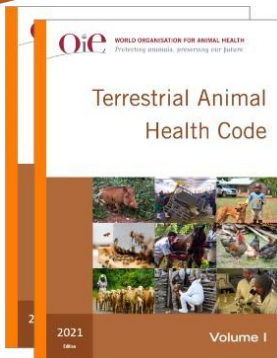


# WOAH's Programmes and Activities that support the Signature Initiative

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## 1. Biosafety and Biosecurity

International Standards

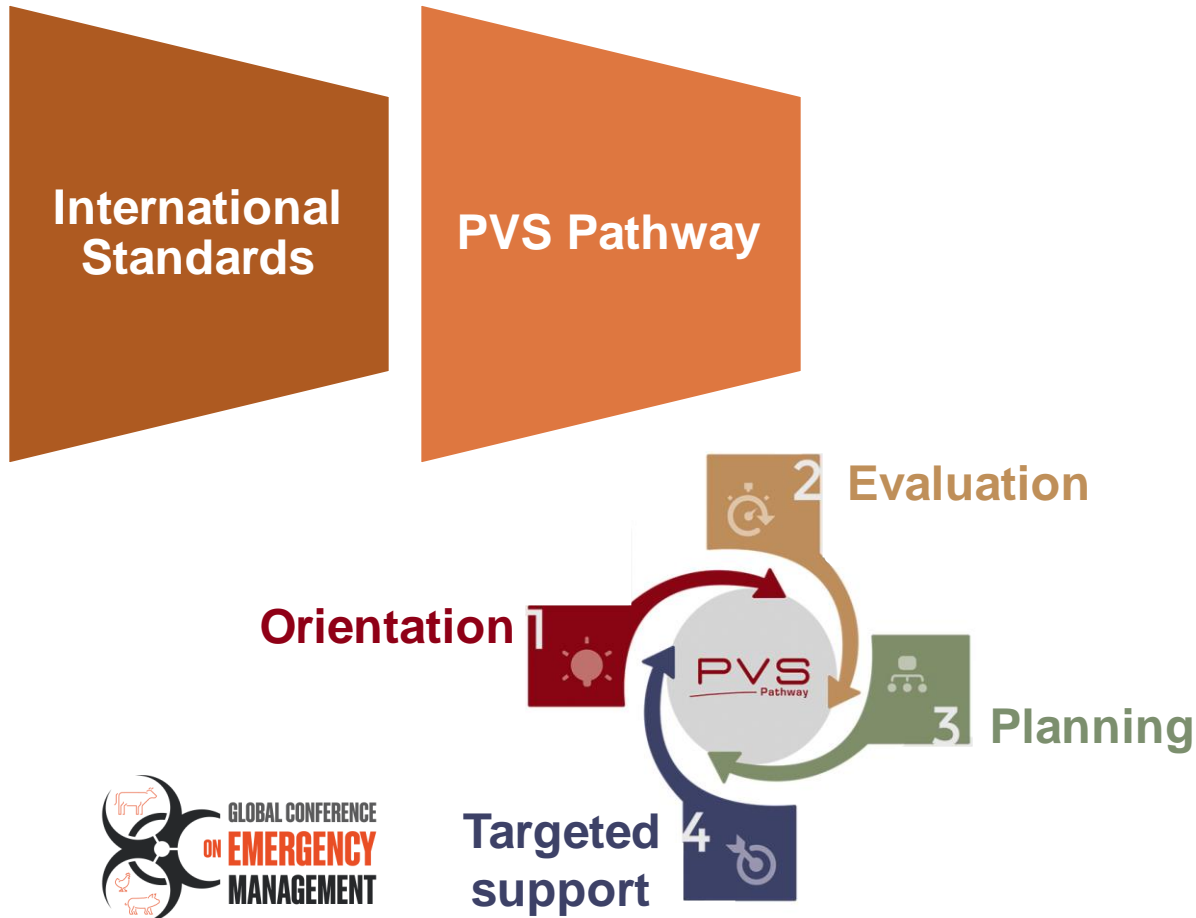


**Biosafety and Biosecurity  
of Veterinary Services**



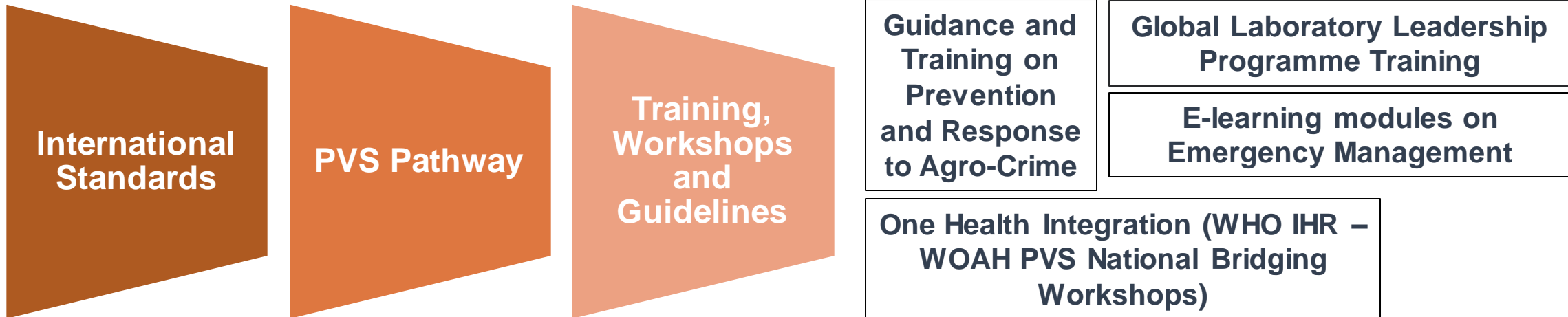
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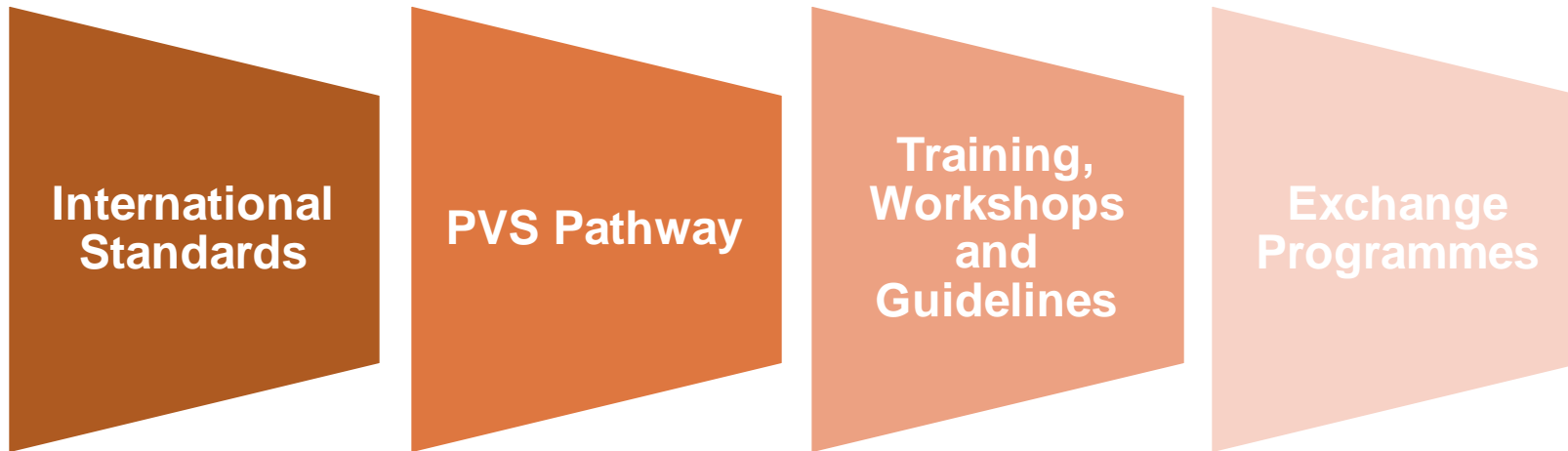
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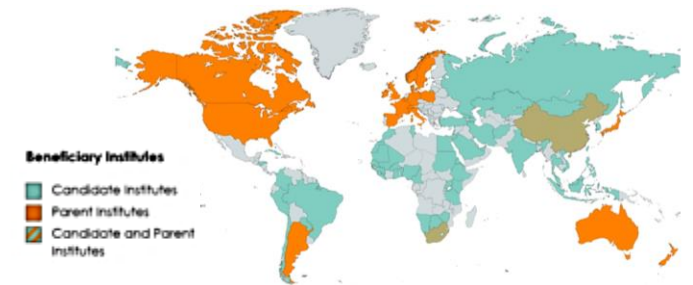
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## 1. Biosafety and Biosecurity



WOAH Lab Twinning Programme

Emergency Management Programme



Global distribution of WOAHP Lab Twinning

Map last updated in February 2023

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## 1. Biosafety and Biosecurity



**Exercise Phoenix: a joint  
WOAH, FAO and INTERPOL  
international agro-  
terrorism simulation  
exercise**

**Session 7**

# WOAH's Programmes and Activities that support the Signature Initiative

## 1. Biosafety and Biosecurity

International Standards

PVS Pathway

Training, Workshops and Guidelines

Exchange Programmes

Simulation Exercises

Grand Challenge for Sustainable Labs



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BIOLOGICAL THREAT  
REDUCTION STRATEGY  
STRENGTHENING GLOBAL BIOLOGICAL SECURITY

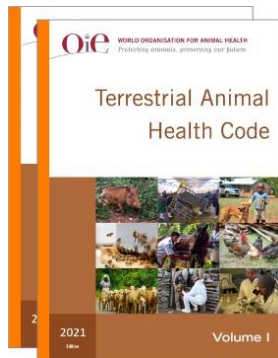


# WOAH's Programmes and Activities that support the Signature Initiative

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## 2. National Governance Structure

International Standards



Quality and Good Governance of Veterinary Services



# WOAH's Programmes and Activities that support the Signature Initiative

## 2. National Governance Structure



### CASE STUDY – ETHIOPIA

INTEGRATION OF THE PVS PATHWAY INTO A NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN FOSTERED INTERNAL RESOURCING AND CHANGE

PVS Evaluation in 2011 | PVS Gap Analysis in 2012

Based on the PVS Pathway outcomes, in 2013, Ethiopia developed a Veterinary Services Strategy with 13 major / 5 subsidiary interventions which started in 2014.

Key achievements in response to the PVS findings:

- Real time mobile phone-based Animal Health information system.
- National paper based reporting > partially web-based, now includes abattoir, quarantine station and laboratory data.
- A national Livestock Identification and Traceability System piloted in 2 locations for 2 production systems.
- The Veterinary Services Rationalization Road Map identifying three groups of Veterinary Services: private good, public good and private-public partnership (PPP) with resources targeted accordingly.

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## 2. National Governance Structure

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With support from OIE through a VLSP Identification mission and a follow on VLSP Veterinary Legislation Agreement completed in 2016, was able to draft and finalize a new Veterinary Practice Act for submission to Parliament that regulates both veterinarians and for the first time, veterinary paraprofessionals.

**Veterinary Legislation Support Programme (VLSP)**

Advocacy material for veterinary legislation and biological threats

VLSP identification missions with a special focus on biological threat reduction

VLSP experts training on global legal framework for biological threat reduction

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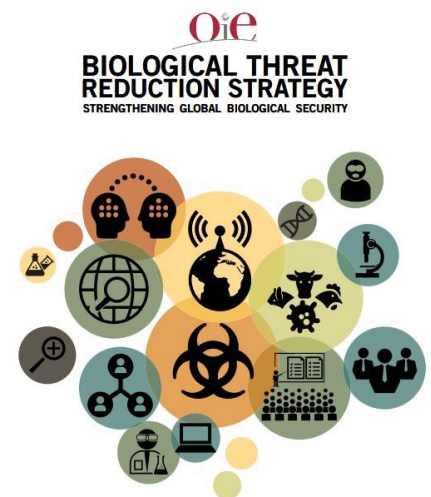
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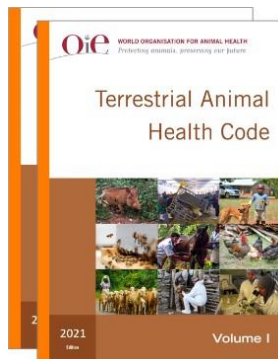


# WOAH's Programmes and Activities that support the Signature Initiative

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## 3. Surveillance and Epidemic Intelligence

International Standards



**Animal Disease Diagnosis,  
Notification, Prevention,  
Surveillance and Control**



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## 3. Surveillance and Epidemic Intelligence

International Standards

PVS Pathway



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## 3. Surveillance and Epidemic Intelligence

International Standards

PVS Pathway

WAHIS



Real-time alert notices

Session 2



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## 3. Surveillance and Epidemic Intelligence

International Standards

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WAHIS

Training,  
Workshops and  
Guidelines

Guidance on  
disinformation and  
misinformation

Training on  
Import Risk  
Analysis

Session 11

# WOAH's Programmes and Activities that support the Signature Initiative

## 3. Surveillance and Epidemic Intelligence

International Standards

PVS Pathway

WAHIS

Training, Workshops and Guidelines

Capacity building and surveillance for viral haemorrhagic fevers "EBO-SURSY Project"



Session  
12 Parallel  
Workshop

# WOAH's priorities for investment

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- **Grand Challenge for Sustainable Labs**
- **WAHIS change management**
- **Capacity building activities**



# Thank you

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