

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE WORLD ORGANISATION FOR ANIMAL HEALTH**  
**AND**  
**THE INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

WHEREAS, the World Organisation for Animal Health, whose statutory name is *Office International des Epizooties*, (hereinafter referred to as "WOAH") is an intergovernmental organisation recognised by the World Trade Organization as a reference organisation for international standards concerning the sanitary safety of international trade of animals and products of animal origin and zoonoses, and is in charge of improving animal health, veterinary public health and animal welfare worldwide, as well as transparency of the global animal disease situation;

WHEREAS, the International Livestock Research Institute (hereinafter referred to as "ILRI") is an international research institute and works with partners worldwide to enhance the roles that livestock play in food security and poverty alleviation, principally in Africa and Asia and is a CGIAR Research Centre;

WHEREAS, ILRI and WOAH (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties" and individually as a "Party") share common objectives and wish to collaborate to further their common goals and objectives within their respective mandates and governing rules and regulations;

RECOGNISING the need to develop and strengthen their cooperation in order to benefit from complementarities while avoiding unnecessary duplication and overlapping; and

CONSIDERING THAT, the Parties formalised a basis for cooperation and collaboration on matters of common interest through an agreement signed on 12 March 2004 (hereinafter referred to as the "2004 Agreement");

CONSIDERING THAT, the Parties now wish to amend the 2004 Agreement notably to establish new basis for their collaboration;

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties have agreed to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MoU") which will amend and supersede the 2004 Agreement:

**ARTICLE 1**  
**OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE**

The purpose of this MoU is to establish a revised framework for cooperation between the Parties, within their respective competencies and subject to their respective rules and regulations, to enable the Parties to pursue more effectively their common interests and objectives.

**ARTICLE 2**  
**MODALITIES OF COOPERATION**

1. ***Mutual consultation and cooperation.*** When appropriate, the Parties shall exchange views on relevant policy issues within their respective competence and shall consult regularly with each other on matters of common interest, such as One Health related topics and activities, with a view to achieving their objectives and coordinating their positions and activities. This will include the following illustrative list of topics and activities of mutual interest:
  - Zoonotic diseases
  - Emerging infectious diseases and disease surveillance
  - Antimicrobial resistance
  - Wildlife Health
  - Food safety
  - Economics of animal health and contribution of animal health to SDGs
  - Impact of the strengthening of animal health systems in a One Health context

Other areas of cooperation or activities may be identified and jointly agreed upon by the Parties during the implementation of this MoU.

Within the context defined above, meetings will be encouraged and convened on an ad hoc basis as deemed necessary by the Parties to address priority matters of common interest, discuss technical and operational issues and review progress of work undertaken by the Parties related to further the objectives of this MoU.

2. ***Exchange of information and documents.*** Subject to their respective internal regulations regarding the safeguarding of confidential information, the Parties will, as necessary and appropriate, exchange information and documents concerning matters of common interest. Such information shall be used by the Parties solely for the purposes of their collaboration.
3. ***Technical cooperation.*** The Parties shall, in the interest of their respective activities, seek each other's expertise and observations to optimise the effects of such activities. Should the activities of the Parties in fields of common interest so dictate, either Party may request the cooperation of the other whenever the latter Party is in a position to help develop the former's activities. The Parties shall endeavour, insofar as possible and in compliance with their constituent instruments and the decisions of their competent bodies, to respond favourably to such requests for cooperation in accordance with procedures and arrangements to be mutually agreed upon.
4. ***Reciprocal representation.*** Where possible, the Parties will extend to each other invitations for participation in all meetings, seminars and conferences during which matters of common interest are to be discussed and where observers are allowed.

**ARTICLE 3  
IMPLEMENTATION**

The Parties may, if necessary, enter into additional arrangements for the implementation of this MoU.

**ARTICLE 4  
LEGAL AND FINANCIAL ASPECTS**

1. Nothing in this MoU shall give rise to financial obligations upon either Party.
2. To the extent any activity may give rise to financial obligations, a separate agreement shall be concluded subject to the Parties' respective internal rules and policies, prior to such activity being undertaken.
3. The Parties will mutually agree on preparation and issuance of any publications pertaining to joint activities arising from this MoU. If a Party (the "Publishing Party") prepares and issues publications on its own which refers to joint activities involving both Parties, the other Party shall be given the opportunity to comment on the content before the publication is issued and the Parties will agree on any further amendment to the text. The copyright to the publication shall remain with the Publishing Party. The copyright of any contribution made to the publication by the other Party (the "Contributing Party") will be retained by the Contributing Party who hereby grants to the Publishing Party a worldwide, non-exclusive, sub-licensable, royalty-free license to use such copyright for purposes of publication.
4. The collaboration of the Parties shall be duly acknowledged in any publication resulting from this MoU, unless a Party notifies that it does not wish to be associated with the publication. The wording of the acknowledgement shall be agreed between the Parties.

**ARTICLE 5  
USE OF THE PARTIES' NAMES AND EMBLEMS**

Except as provided in any subsequent agreement, neither Party shall use the other Party's name, acronym and/or emblem, without the prior written consent of that other Party.

**ARTICLE 6  
LIABILITY**

Each Party shall be solely responsible for the manner in which it carries out its part of the collaborative activities under this MoU and/or any subsequent agreement. Thus, neither Party shall be responsible for any loss, accident, damage or injury suffered or caused by the other Party, or that other Party's employees, consultants or sub-contractors, in connection with, or as a result of, the collaborative activities under this MoU and/or any subsequent agreement, unless such loss, accident, damage or injury suffered by one Party results from gross negligence or wilful misconduct of the other Party.

**ARTICLE 7  
PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES**

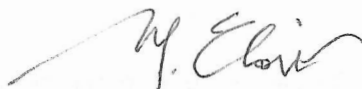
Nothing in or relating to this MoU shall be deemed a waiver of any privileges or immunities which WOA and/or ILRI enjoys.

**ARTICLE 8  
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. This MoU will enter into force upon signature by the Director General of WOAHA and the Director General of ILRI.
2. The Parties shall endeavour to keep track of progress made in activities jointly agreed to, and to regularly monitor and evaluate the implementation of this MoU.
3. This MoU shall have an initial four-year term, which may be renewed in writing by mutual consent of the Parties. Each Party may suggest revisions to this MoU prior to each renewal date or at any other appropriate time in order to update the content of this MoU.
4. This MoU may be amended by mutual consent expressed in writing.
5. Either Party may also terminate this MoU by giving six months' notice to the other Party.
6. Termination will not affect the implementation of ongoing activities, which have been decided by the Parties prior to the date of termination, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties in writing.
7. Any dispute arising out of the interpretation or implementation of the provisions of this MoU shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation between the Parties.

The Parties agree that this MoU will be concluded electronically via email exchange of scanned signed copies and that the signed copies exchanged in this manner shall be treated as originals.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Director General of the World Organisation for Animal Health and the Director General of the International Livestock Research Institute have signed the present MoU in duplicate, in English, on 26 May 2023



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