



LETTER OF INTENT
Between
the World Organisation for Animal Health
and
the International Fund for Agricultural Development

WHEREAS, the World Organisation for Animal Health (hereinafter referred to as "OIE") is an intergovernmental organization in charge of improving animal health and welfare and veterinary public health worldwide, as well as transparency of the global animal disease situation. OIE is recognized by the World Trade Organization as a reference organization for the implementation of its Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement), through the establishment of international sanitary standards, guidelines and recommendations concerning international trade of live animals and products of animal origin.

WHEREAS, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (hereinafter referred to as "IFAD") is an international specialized agency of the United Nations and an International Financial Institution duly established and existing under the Agreement Establishing IFAD. Its mandate is to invest in rural people in developing countries, empowering them to increase their food security and escape poverty by helping them build their resilience, expand their businesses and livelihoods.

WHEREAS, both OIE and IFAD (each a "Party" and both of them collectively "Parties"), within the framework of their respective mandates and in order to achieve their common goal towards rural poverty reduction in developing countries, seek to coordinate their efforts in the prevention and control of animal diseases which threaten animal health and welfare, public health, food safety and food and nutrition security.

WHEREAS, the Parties, recognize the important role that knowledge exchange and capacity building play in enhancing mutual understanding of international standards, guidelines and recommendations relating to those aspects in animal production which impact on food safety and food and nutrition security, for the benefit of small farmers and marginalized rural groups.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties declare the following intentions:

1. Within the limitations of their respective mandates, the Parties endeavour to explore areas of mutual interest for collaboration including but not limited to:
 - (a) undertaking joint research and consultative meetings to share technical information related to research, control methods, and those aspects in animal health and production which impact on food safety, food and nutrition security and sustainable agricultural development, including within the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development of the United Nations;
 - (b) identifying common activities for the effective prevention and progressive control of major animal diseases, including promotion of the collection and analysis of information on the global, regional and national prevalence and impact of these diseases, and provision of relevant technical assistance, particularly in developing countries;

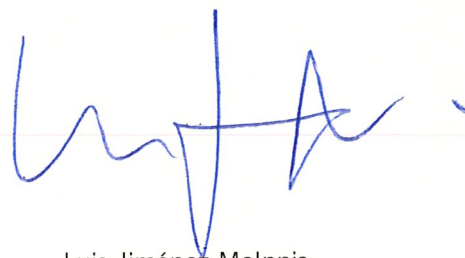
- (c) promoting sharing of scientific information on prevention, and control of animal diseases;
 - (d) identifying opportunities for joint policy engagements, including advocacy and communication;
 - (e) promoting cooperation for effective strengthening grassroots farmers organizations and progressive control of major animal diseases.
2. The Parties endeavour to actively seek opportunities for:
 - (a) promoting exchanges of knowledge and technical expertise;
 - (b) participation in thematic meetings organized by each Party for promotion of good practices of cooperatives and producer groups, as sustainable and inclusive structures in the food and agriculture sector, including livestock and pastoralism.
 3. The Parties acknowledge and recognize that this Letter of Intent is not intended to be legally binding and the that understandings set forth herein shall not constitute or create any obligation on the Parties.
 4. Nothing in this Letter of Intent shall be construed as a waiver of any of the privileges and immunities of IFAD and OIE, nor as conferring any privileges and immunities of IFAD to OIE or to its personnel, and reciprocally.
 5. Each Party shall designate a person of office to serve as liaison for any matter concerning this Letter of Intent. For IFAD, the contact person will be Mr. Antonio Rota, Livestock Specialist at IFAD (Via Paolo di Dono 44, 00142, Rome, Italy – email: a.rota@ifad.org). For OIE, the contact person will be Mr. Jean-Philippe Dop, OIE DDG for institutional affairs and regional activities, (OIE Headquarters, 12 rue de Prony, 75017 PARIS, France).
 6. This Letter of Intent is signed in two original copies, in English.

Date: 29 November 2018



Monique Eloit
World Organisation for Animal Health

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International Fund for Agricultural Development