



SEALAB

WORKING GROUP MEETING

*Process for drafting a National Plan
for Veterinary Laboratory*

15 December 2021





Action-Plan

Strategy n° 2: The national strategies and policies related to laboratories systems are updated

CONTEXT

A draft of a National Strategic Plan for Veterinary Laboratory 2013-2018 was issued in 2012 under support of OIE, but has never been finalized nor endorsed by Authorities.

- ▷ IQLS has identified priority gaps:
 - program for animal disease surveillance and response (ADSR)
 - laboratory case definition for notifiable/reportable priority diseases
 - veterinary laboratory quality policy
 - training management plan
 - regulations governing veterinary laboratory data management



EXPECTED OUTCOMES: development of a Plan

- ✓ A national laboratory strategic plan (NLSP) is a necessary tool for **strengthening veterinary laboratory services**.
- ✓ The Plan should define **a vision and mission** for the national laboratory system for the 5 next years.
- ✓ **Strategic objectives** and correlated interventions will presented and discussed to issue a document supporting proposals to request funds required for implementation
- ✓ It is important that everyone involved in the process has **realistic** and clear expectations: development of a Plan – not implementation.



PROPOSED ROADMAP

Consultation steps: engagement with key stakeholders; details in the next slides

Adoption: After review and approval by the GDAHP/MAFF, the formal introduction of the Plan should be a national meeting that includes all stakeholders who contributed to its development. The GDAHP/NAHPRI should then explain how the plan will be put in place to ensure that the Plan comes to execution.

Fundraising and implementation: the funds required for implementation should be identified and presented to potential donors at a dedicated workshop.



PROCESS FOR DRAFTING THE PLAN

1. A crucial step is to conduct a thorough review of the current system in the form of a SWOT analysis; a desktop review consultation to identify gaps and challenges in the existing veterinary laboratory system have been done by SEALAB (presentation of Dr Mardy)
2. Clarification of the national needs in terms of veterinary laboratory services.
3. Discussing a road map for ensuring the finalization of the process.
4. The next step will involve the establishment of a writing committee that will be tasked with producing the next draft of the veterinary laboratory policy



Working Group meeting objectives today

- ✓ Agree on the key objectives of the plan by validating and scoring key objectives (questionnaire distributed). *Other objectives can be suggested.*
- ✓ Define possible roles and responsibilities in developing the Plan / Identify leadership.
- ✓ The development of an effective Plan is a process that will take a significant effort by the core leadership, and will require financial and administrative support; to be discussed
- ✓ Suggest organizations/key stakeholders that can assist the process (outside the WG members)
- ✓ Provides insights into key considerations that are relevant to the Plan.



Key Objectives: questionnaire

Key Objectives of Plan:

Scoring: from 1 to 3 (*priority*)

Establish a tiered laboratory network

Training/Retention

Standardization of Lab Commodities

Equipment Maintenance

Quality Assurance Program

Sample referral systems

Laboratory Information Systems

Monitoring and Evaluation

Regulatory Issues



Roles and responsibilities

1. The GDAHP should appoint a core leadership team made up of people involved in the veterinary laboratory system; *composition of the team*
2. The leadership group will propose a budget that supports the compensation of dedicated persons. A consultant may be hired to manage the process to prepare documents and WG meetings. *To be discussed.*
3. The process of engaging with the national stakeholders is critically important; *list of consultations with key stakeholders / do not forget One Health approach.*

The 3 documents should be submitted to the WG members during the 2nd meeting at the end of January 2022



Documenting the National Plan

A table summarizing for each identified objective:

- The strategic objective
- Challenges
- Planned intervention
- Expected outcomes

will be sent to the WG members along the next 6 months to be completed/amended and finally discussed during later meetings.

These tables will be drafted with the support of IQLS

The writing of the National Plan for Veterinary Laboratory System should start in June 2022.





THANK YOU!