

# 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Directors of Rabies Control Programs in East Africa

## Regional canine rabies elimination: prototype for strengthening intersectoral engagement and global health security agenda

### Background and Objectives

#### Context:

This meeting will be held in Nairobi, Kenya from 7-9 February 2017, organized by the Kenyan Zoonotic Disease Unit, Global Alliance for Rabies Control, and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

More than 60,000 persons are estimated to die globally each year due to rabies, approximately 36% of which occur in Africa. Of those estimated 22,000 human rabies deaths, nearly 20% of occur in East Africa (Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda). However, some successful rabies control projects have been initiated in south and east Africa over the past decade. Furthermore, several countries in East Africa have developed or are in the process of developing national canine rabies control plans and rabies has received increasing prioritization among zoonotic diseases in the region.

The WHO, OIE, and FAO have endorsed efforts towards the global elimination of canine associated human rabies with a target of 2030. The vaccination of dogs and elimination of the canine rabies virus variant remains the most cost effective manner to preventing human rabies cases. Regional success towards elimination of canine rabies has been documented in North America and Western Europe. More recently considerable progress has been documented in Latin America where cases of canine rabies have been reduced by 90%. The control efforts in Latin America have been sponsored by PAHO/WHO with a panel of rabies control directors from individual countries (REDIPRA) coordinating regional activity and analyzing progress. Regional coordination and support is an important part of rabies control efforts. It provides a source of local technical support and champions that can be leveraged to enhance national efforts. Strengthening intersectoral engagement, enhancement of epidemiologic and laboratory systems, and regional collaboration will augment preparedness to effectively respond to emerging zoonotic diseases and progress towards the global health security agenda.

As rabies control planning is developed in East Africa, this meeting is intended to bring rabies control directors (from ministries of health, agriculture, and one health programs) to discuss how individual country plans can be coordinated across the region.



## Meeting Objectives

- Analyze current status of national canine rabies elimination programs in region
- Establish role of regional planning consortium comprised of rabies country directors
- Determine regional and national targets for canine rabies control
- Propose strategies and roadmap to achieve elimination of canine rabies throughout the region
- Identify regional resources that can be leveraged or gaps that need to be addressed

## Agenda

Date	Activity
6 February	Country representative arrival

Pre-Meeting Workshop Agenda				
Date	Time	Topic	Activity	Presenter
7 February	08:20 – 08:30	Welcome to Country Representatives	Address	
	08:30 – 08:45	Rabies Blueprint – Use in SARE	Presentation	Andre Coetzer
	08:45 – 09:05	SARE Workshop Intro	Presentation	Terence Scott
	09:05 – 10:15	<b>SARE Workshop: Overview and Case studies</b>	<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Emily Pieracci; Andre Coetzer; Terence Scott, Jesse Blanton</b>
	10:15 – 10:35	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>		
	10:35 – 12:30	<b>SARE Workshop: SARE Output tool</b>	<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Emily Pieracci; Andre Coetzer; Terence Scott, Jesse Blanton</b>
	12:30 – 14:00	<b>Lunch break</b>		
	14:00 – 15:00	<b>SARE Workshop: Development of 5 priority activities</b>	<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Emily Pieracci; Andre Coetzer; Terence Scott, Jesse Blanton</b>
	15:00 – 15:15	Importance of Data: Introduction to the PARACON Bulletin	Presentation	Terence Scott
	15:15 – 15:35	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>		
	15:35 – 18:00	<b>PARACON bulletin workshop: Registration, walkthrough, visualisation, and generating reports</b>	<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Terence Scott; Andre Coetzer</b>
	18:50 – 19:00	Welcome Remarks	Address	CDC, GARC, ZDU
	19:00 -	Cocktail function		



Meeting Agenda					
Date	Time	Topic	Activity	Presenter	
8 February	08:30 – 08:40	Introductions and Housekeeping	Address	Terence Scott	
	08:40 – 08:50	Naming of officers	Address	Delegates	
	08:50 – 09:10	Welcome and Opening remarks	Open Forum	DVS/DMS	
	09:10 – 09:30	Framing the meeting	Address	Jesse Blanton	
	<b>National Presentations (Moderator: Hiver Boussini)</b>				
	09:30 – 09:50	Review of national rabies control efforts: Ethiopia	Presentation	Country representative	
	09:50 – 10:10	Review of national rabies control efforts: Kenya	Presentation	Country representative	
	10:10 – 10:30	Review of national rabies control efforts: Rwanda	Presentation	Country representative	
	<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>			
	11:00 – 11:20	Review of national rabies control efforts: Tanzania	Presentation	Country representative	
	11:20 – 11:40	Review of national rabies control efforts: Uganda	Presentation	Country representative	
	<b>11:40 – 12:30</b>	<b>Discussion session</b>	<b>Discussion</b>		
	<b>12:30 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>			
	14:00 – 14:20	Review of SARE Workshop Experience	Presentation	SARE facilitators	
	<b>14:20 – 14:50</b>	<b>Discussion session</b>	<b>Discussion</b>		
	<b>Partner Presentations (Moderator: Athman Mwatondo)</b>				
	14:50 – 15:00	GARC	Presentation	Louis Nel	
	15:00 – 15:10	CDC	Presentation	Emily Pieracci	
	15:10 – 15:20	WHO	Presentation	Lea Knopf	
	15:20 – 15:30	OIE	Presentation	Patrick Bastiaensen	
	<b>15:30 – 16:00</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>			
	16:00 – 16:10	FAO	Presentation	Fasina Folorunso	
	16:10 – 16:20	AU-IBAR	Presentation	Hiver Boussini	
	16:20 – 16:30	WAP	Presentation	Tennyson Williams	
	<b>16:30 – 17:30</b>	<b>Discussion session</b>	<b>Discussion</b>		
	<b>Close of Day</b> <b>1</b>				



Date	Time	Topic	Activity	Presenter	
9 February	08:30 – 9:00	Welcome day 2, Framing and expectations	Address	Jesse Blanton	
	<b>Regional Rabies Control Planning (Moderator: Louis Nel)</b>				
	09:00 – 09:30	Role and organization of regional planning groups: REDIPRA	Presentation	Marco Vigilato, PAHO	
	09:30 – 09:45	Role and organization of regional planning groups: NARMP	Presentation	Jesse Blanton, CDC	
	09:45 – 10:15	<b>Discussion session</b>	<b>Discussion</b>		
	10:15 – 10:30	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>			
	<b>East Africa Rabies Control Planning (Moderator: Thumbi Mwangi)</b>				
	10:30 – 12:00	Setting regional targets for canine rabies elimination (What and when)	Facilitator, delegates, and partners discussion	Facilitators: Andre Coetzer, Jesse Blanton, Terence Scott, Emily Pieracci	
	12:00 – 13:00	Review and discuss roadmap for canine rabies control in East Africa	Facilitator and country led discussion	Facilitators: Andre Coetzer, Emily Pieracci, Terence Scott, Jesse Blanton	
	13:00 – 14:30	<b>Lunch (Facilitators and Officers summarize report)</b>			
	14:30 – 15:15	Building collaboration between countries to meet elimination targets (How)	Facilitator, delegates, and partners discussion	Facilitators: Louis Nel, Meeting Chair	
	15:15 – 16:15	Strategic regional planning within the PARACON platform	Facilitator, delegates, and partners discussion	Facilitators: Marco Vigilato, Louis Nel	
	16:15 – 16:35	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>			
	16:35 – 17:00	Next Steps? Who leads?	Facilitator and country led discussion	Facilitators: Meeting Chair, Marco Vigilato, Louis Nel	
	17:00 – 17:30	Action Items!	Discussion	Facilitators: Meeting Chair, Rapporteur	
	17:30 – 18:00	Closing statement	Address	Athman Mwatondo	
<b>Close of Day 2</b>					

Date	Activity
10 February	Departure of all delegates



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