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Driving progress towards rabies elimination:

New WHO recommendations on human rabies immunization and results of
Gavi's Learning Agenda on rabies

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2nd international meeting of the Pan-African Rabies Control Network (PARACON)

Birchwood Hotel, Johannesburg, South Africa

12-14 September 2018

Objectives:

- Disseminate new Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) recommendations on human rabies immunization;
- Discuss results of the studies under the Gavi Learning Agenda on rabies;
- Continued dissemination and training on the use of rabies control tools developed by the Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC) such as the: Stepwise Approach towards Rabies Elimination (SARE), Rabies Epidemiological Bulletin (REB), GARC Education Platform (GEP) and Global Dog Rabies Elimination Pathway (GDREP), among others;
- Evaluate progress of rabies control activities (Country-level)
- Determine needs and next steps to reach 'ZERO BY 30': The Global Strategic Plan to end human deaths from dog-transmitted rabies by 2030.

Expected outcomes

- Countries are aware of the new WHO position on rabies immunization and next steps for implementation;
- Showcase learnings from Gavi learning agenda projects to refine and improve outcomes of country and regional strategies to reach zero human rabies deaths through coordination of different sectors;
- Showcase success stories from African countries through their use of rabies control support tools
- Provide pathways for reporting rabies data in countries, and to WHO/OIE/GARC, to measure progress and target action
- Detailed action plans to prioritise rabies activities for each country
- Grow the advocacy and support network between countries and in regions to support elimination of rabies
- Country needs identified and plan of catalytic support development available to reach 'ZERO BY 30'



AGENDA

TUESDAY, 11 September 2018		
08:00 -	Arrival of delegates	
17:45 – 18:30	Registration	
18:30	Group dinner for all participants	
Day 1- WEDNESDAY, 12 September 2018		
TIME	AGENDA ITEM	SPEAKER
Session 1: Opening		
08:20 – 09:00	Registration	
09:00 - 09:20	Opening remarks	B. Abela-Ridder (WHO), L. Diawarra (WHO), L.H. Nel (UP, GARC)
09:20 - 09:40	Introductions	All participants
09:40 - 10:00	Scene setting & meeting overview: Objectives, expected outcomes, working methods	B. Abela-Ridder (WHO) & L.H. Nel (UP, GARC)
Session 2: The new WHO position on human rabies immunization		
<i>Objective: Way forward to increase uptake of immunization policy changes</i>		
<i>New WHO position on human rabies immunization</i>		
10:00 -10:05	Key changes, potential public health impact in countries	L. Knopf (WHO)
10:05 – 10:20	Highlights from the SAGE working group on rabies	L. Blumberg (NICD) & M. Tejiokem (IP Cameroun)
10:20 – 10:50	Group photo and Tea/coffee break	
<i>Solutions and barriers implementing new WHO immunization policies</i>		
10:50 – 11:00	Feasibility and needs for changes to the rabies immunization practice	M. Tetchi (Côte d'Ivoire)
11:00 – 11:10	Process and regulatory steps to change immunization policies	G. Edosoa (Madagascar)
11:10-11:40	Panel discussion (Speakers, Egypt)	
Session 3: Operational programme delivery		
<i>Objective: Strengthening vaccine delivery mechanisms at community, country, regional levels</i>		
Session 3a: Human rabies vaccine and immunoglobulins		
<i>Insights from the surveys on PEP procurement, distribution and delivery</i>		
11:40 – 11:55	Global overview: Human rabies vaccine and immunoglobulin use monitoring, reporting and forecasting	L. Knopf (WHO)
11:55 – 12:05	Project site experience of vaccine delivery and country wide scale up of access	A. Narayana (India)
12:05 – 12:15	How does PEP distribution work in a decentralized country, future plans drawn from the survey	J. Changalucha (Tanzania)



12:15-12:30	Discussion	(Facilitated by WHO)
12:30-13:30	Lunch break	
Session 3: Operational programme delivery continued		
<i>Objective: Strengthening vaccine delivery mechanisms at community, country, regional levels</i>		
Session 3b: Planning and delivery of mass dog vaccination		
<i>Tools and mechanisms available, country experience</i>		
13:30 – 13:45	Needs assessment for rabies control through mass dog vaccination using the GDREP	E. Pieracci (US-CDC)
13:45 – 13:55	OIE rabies vaccine bank	Dr Kallo (Cote d'Ivoire)
13:55 – 14:05	Using the GDL to track and monitor animal vaccination to control an ongoing rabies outbreak	K. Noor (Zanzibar)
14:05 – 14:15	Innovative dog vaccination campaign delivery	A. Naude (ZNSPCA)
14:15 - 14:25	The oral vaccination of dogs against rabies (OVD): an additional tool for your toolbox?	A. Vos (IDT Biologika)
14:25 - 14:50	Discussion	(Facilitated by E. Pieracci)
Session 3c: Dog population management and animal welfare		
<i>Moving forward with eliminating mass culling and improving dog population management (DPM) in Africa</i>		
14:50 – 15:05	The benefit of DPM and animal welfare	T. Williams (WAP)
15:05 – 15:20	How culling is not an effective method to control rabies or reduce dog populations	E. Pieracci (US-CDC)
15:20-15:40	Discussion	(Facilitated by T. Williams)
15:40-16:10	Tea/coffee break	
Session 4: Education, awareness and health seeking behaviour		
<i>Objective: Building rabies awareness in at-risk communities, make use of technologies and World Rabies Day (WRD)</i>		
16:10 – 16:20	GARC Education Platform (GEP)	A. Coetzer (GARC)
16:20 – 16:30	Institut Pasteur and partners e-learning courses	H. Bourhy (IP)
16:30 – 16:40	Engagement of local leaders to create awareness on rabies and impact on health seeking behaviour	M. Lechenne on behalf of Chad
16:40 – 16:50	Bite prevention and rabies awareness in school children	A. Naude (ZNSPCA)
16:50 – 17:00	Example of engaging community health workers in rabies prevention	K. Le Roux (South Africa)
17:00 – 17:10	World Rabies Day: Share a message, save a life	C. Schepers (GARC)
17:10 - 17:30	Panel discussion (Speakers, Red Cross, World Vision, D. Stewart)	
17:30	End of Day 1	
18:30 -	Cocktail function	
Day 2 - THURSDAY, 13 September 2018		
Session 5: One Health (OH) collaboration		
<i>Objective: Implementing effective One Health strategies in communities, countries, regions</i>		
08:30 - 08:40	Introduction to Integrated Bite Case Management (IBCM)	E. Pieracci (US-CDC)
08:40 – 08:50	Opportunities of One Health communication for effective rabies prevention	R. Ngandolo (Chad) and A. Traore (Mali)
08:50 – 09:00	Experience with Joint Evaluation Exercise (JEE) and impact on rabies programmes	S.A. Ohene (WHO Ghana)



09:00 – 09:10	Importance of a dedicated rabies taskforce that works under the One Health taskforce	K. Perret (South Africa)
09:10-09:30	Panel discussion (Speakers, Uganda, Ethiopia)	
Session 6: Surveillance, data collection and reporting and Rabies Epidemiological Bulletin workshop <i>Objective: Harmonized data collection and management, reporting channels, Monitoring & Evaluation</i>		
09:30 – 09:50	Country reporting to global level, standardization of indicators, measure progress of rabies elimination, channel and harmonize national data reporting	B. Abela-Ridder (WHO) & A. Britton (OIE)
09:50 – 10:05	Introduction to the Rabies Epidemiological Bulletin	T. Scott (GARC)
10:05 – 10:40	Tea/coffee break	
10:40 – 10:50	Impact of surveillance, data collection and reporting on programmes	A. Mwatondo (Kenya)
10:50 – 11:00	How to improve quality of data for monitoring progress of rabies programmes	R. Athingo (Namibia)
11:00 – 11:15	Discussion, Agreement on indicators and process	(Facilitated by T.P. Scott)
11:15-12:45	Rabies Epidemiological Bulletin workshop	
12:45-13:45	Lunch break	
Session 7: National programmes and strategies for rabies elimination, SARE workshop <i>Objective: Energizing effective rabies elimination strategies in countries, SARE, national stakeholder consultations</i>		
Session 7a: Existing tools for, and examples of, the development of national rabies elimination programmes and strategies:		
13:45 – 13:55	The concept of the SARE in developing and monitoring national strategies	A. Coetzer (GARC)
13:55 – 14:05	In-country implementation of the SARE-PWARE tool (inter-ministerial stakeholder consultation workshops) as a means to start national programmes	E. Zanamwe (FAO)
14:05 – 14:15	Showcase of developing a national rabies strategy based on the SARE-PWARE: Liberia	L. Andrews (Liberia)
14:15 – 14:25	Showcase of developing a national rabies strategy based on the SARE-PWARE: Cote d'Ivoire	M. Tetchi (Cote d'Ivoire)
14:25 - 14:50	Panel discussion (Speakers, Kenya, Republic of Congo)	(Facilitated by A. Coetzer)
Tea/coffee break during SARE workshop		
14:50 - 17:30	Session 7b: Stepwise Approach towards Rabies Elimination workshop - Country work with the SARE tool - SARE outputs and elaboration of a Practical Workplan	
Day 3 - FRIDAY, 14 September 2018		
Session 7: National programmes and strategies for rabies elimination, SARE workshop -continued		
08:30 – 08:50	Session 7c: Feedback session on SARE outputs	A. Coetzer (GARC) & T. Scott (GARC)
Session 8: Global and regional strategies, United Against Rabies (UAR) <i>Objective: Country, region and partner engagement to reach Zero by 30</i>		



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08:50 - 09:05	United Against Rabies collaboration, Global Strategic Plan 'Zero by 30', 'End Rabies now'	B. Abela-Ridder (WHO) with comments from FAO, OIE, GARC
09:05 - 09:25	Regional rabies control networks: Alignment with the UAR strategic plan	L.H. Nel (UP, GARC)
09:25 – 09:30	Breakout sessions Introduction to objectives breakout sessions	B. Abela-Ridder (WHO)
09:30 - 10:15	Breakout sessions on country needs and expectations to progress towards the Zero by 30 goal	All participants
10:15-10:45	Tea/coffee break	
10:45 - 11:00	Groups reporting back to plenum	Group rapporteurs
11:00 - 11:15	Discussion	
Session 9: Summary of meeting outcomes & partner commitment, closing <i>Objective: Defined outcomes and commitments</i>		
11:15 – 11:30	Summary of meeting outcomes (lessons learned, opportunities of tools and guidelines, country needs identified)	WHO & GARC
11:30 – 12:00	Next steps, catalytic support to countries, organizations' and partners' engagement	Participants
12:00 – 12:15	Closure of the meeting	L.H. Nel (GARC) & B. Abela-Ridder (WHO)
12:15 – 13:30	Lunch break	
	Departure of participants	