



2nd GARC-WAP rabies stakeholder workshop under the auspices of the Pan-African Rabies Control Network (PARACON)

Objectives of the meeting

The 2nd GARC-WAP rabies stakeholder workshop under the auspices of the Pan-African Rabies Control Network (PARACON) will focus on providing a select number of West African countries with focussed support in terms of using and implementing the existing rabies control tools developed by the Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC) such as the:

- 1) The Rabies Epidemiological Bulletin (REB) and its new components [Rabies Case Surveillance, Rabies Vaccination tracker, Rabies Treatment Tracker],
- 2) The GARC Education Platform (GEP)

The workshop will also provide a platform for representatives from these countries to provide progress updates on activities based on the SARE tool and in-country workshops undertaken in recent years by GARC and its partners.

Expected meeting outcomes

By the end of the meeting, the rabies-focal persons from each country will be familiar and competent with the listed rabies control tools – enabling them to integrate the tools into their existing rabies control initiatives.

Specific outcomes

- REB Level 1 certified focal persons in each participating country
- Up to date national rabies data for each participating country on the REB
- Rabies surveillance maps for each participating country relying on local-level data to monitor epidemiological patterns, enhance surveillance and direct future dog vaccination activities (depending on data availability)
- Map showing the rabies exposure data collected from selected healthcare facilities in each participating country using local-level data (depending on data availability)
- Vaccination maps populated with data collected using either the GDL or RVT phone application (both retrospective and example data can be used in this instance)
- Suggested ways in which the GEP courses can be rolled-out and integrated into the existing rabies control strategies of the participating countries
- Suggested ways in which dog population management (DPM) can be integrated into the existing rabies control strategies of the participating countries

Meeting Agenda

Date	Time	Activity
25 November 2019		Arrival of delegates
	18:30 -	Drinks followed by buffet dinner

Date	Time	Topic	Activity	Presenter
26 November 2019 DAY 1 Session 1	08:30 – 09:00 Registration			
	09:00 – 09:15	Welcome, Introductions and setting the scene	Introduction	Louis Nel
	09:15 – 09:30	PARACON progress report	Presentation	Andre Coetzer
	09:30 – 09:50	[WAP's regional involvement and envisaged support]	Presentation	Emily Mudoga
	09:50 – 10:05	Country progress update	Presentation	Cote d'Ivoire
	10:05 – 10:20	Country progress update	Presentation	Liberia
	10:20 – 10:35	Country progress update	Presentation	Benin
	10:35 – 11:00 Coffee/Tea			
DAY 1 Session 2	11:00 – 11:15	Country progress update	Presentation	Sierra Leone
	11:15 – 11:30	Country progress update	Presentation	Ghana
	11:30 – 11:45	Country progress update	Presentation	Nigeria
	11:45 – 12:00	Country progress update	Presentation	Gabon
	12:00 – 12:30 Discussion session			
	12:30 – 13:30 Lunch			

	Workshop 1 – REB: Using the REB to visualise national-level data
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DAY 1	13:30 – 13:45	Rabies Epidemiological Bulletin – what can be achieved	Presentation and overview of workshop	GARC
Session 3	13:45 – 15:00	Undertaking the Rabies Epidemiological Bulletin - Level 1 Workshop Participants will learn: - how to log in to the REB - how to submit data in the REB - how to see and review data using their “Dashboard” - how to download visuals in PDF or image format for further dissemination		
	15:00 – 15:30	Coffee/tea break		
Session 3 cont’d	15:30 – 17:00	Continuation of REB – Level 1 workshop		
	18:00 -	Dinner and drinks		
	Close of Day 1			

Date	Time	Topic	Activity	Presenter
27 November 2019	08:00 – 08:15		Recap of Day 1	
	Workshop 2 – REB: Rabies Case Surveillance (RCS) component			
	08:15 – 08:30	Using the Rabies Case Surveillance component of the REB to track rabies cases in humans and animals	Presentation and overview of workshop	
Session 4	08:30 - 10:00	Capturing the information on animal and human rabies cases using actual country data		
	10:00 – 10:30	Coffee/Tea		

	Workshop 3a: REB: Rabies Treatment Tracker (RTT) component [Human health sector only]
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DAY 2 Session 5	10:30 – 10:45	Introductory talk	Presentation and overview of workshop	
	10:45 – 12:45	Participants from the human health sector use the RTT component of the REB to capture the details from exposed individuals at a community-level		
	Workshop 3b: REB: Rabies Vaccination Tracker (RVT) component [Animal health sector only]			
	10:30 – 10:45	Introductory talk	Presentation and overview of workshop	
	10:45 – 11:15	Data collection from the “field” – RVT mobile application	Exercise on the use of the RVT mobile application	
	11:15 – 11:45	Data collection from the “field” – GARC Data Logger (GDL)	Exercise on the use of the GDL as well as the download of data	
	11:45 – 12:15	Using the Rabies Vaccination Tracker component of the REB to log vaccinated animals	Data captured with the RVT application and GDL is uploaded to the REB	
	12:15 - 13:15	Lunch		
DAY 2 Session 6	Workshop 4: Dog population Management and its role in rabies control and elimination			
	13:15 – 13:30	Rabies, Dog Population Management and ICAM	Presentation	Nicolette Wright
	13:30 – 14:00	Introductory talk on Dog Population Management	Presentation and overview of workshop	Emily Mudoga
	14:00 – 15:30	Participants will form break-away groups during which neighbouring countries will work towards identifying key areas		



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		whereby humane DPM can be integrated and maintained within the region's existing rabies control strategies.		
	15:30 – 16:00	Coffee / Tea		
DAY 2	16:00 – 16:15	GARC Education Platform	Presentation	Andre Coetzer
Session 7	16:15 – 16:35	United Against Rabies and the Global Strategic Plan	Presentation	Kim Doyle
	16:35 – 16:50	Closing remarks	Presentation	Louis Nel
Close of meeting				
	18:00 -	Cocktail Dinner and Drinks		
End of day 2				

28 November 2019		Departure of delegates		
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