

## **UNITED AGAINST RABIES: One Health in Action—Partnering for Success**

22 September 2020, 12.00-14.00 UTC

### **What is the UNITED AGAINST RABIES: One Health in Action—Partnering for Success meeting about?**

It is about applying One Health principles to the elimination of human deaths from dog-mediated rabies. We invite those from the broader One Health community to join rabies 'regulars' in taking a fresh look at this old problem. The first half of the meeting focuses on sharing, learning, and understanding, while the second half drills down into more technical issues and actively seeks inputs from participants. We will be announcing the launch of the **United Against Rabies (UAR) Forum** at this meeting.

#### **What is a One Health Approach?**

A One Health approach is multisectoral and multidisciplinary to build mechanisms for coordination, communication, and collaboration to address health threats at the human-animal-environment interface.

#### **What is the United Against Rabies Forum?**

The UAR Forum is a network of members committed to achieving global rabies elimination. The UAR Forum will create an enabling environment so that members and countries can focus on activities that efficiently contribute to Zero by 30, while sharing knowledge, experience, ideas, and information.

#### **How can I be part of United Against Rabies Forum?**

The Forum will be starting soon. We are preparing a website where you will be able to find out more about it and how you can join and contribute to the goal of zero human deaths from dog-mediated-rabies by 2030.

### **What are the meeting objectives?**

Very specifically, our objectives are to:

- announce the creation of the UAR Forum
- discuss priority activities to progress with the implementation of The Global Strategic Plan to end human deaths from dog-mediated rabies by 2030 (the GSP)
- elevate the cause of rabies elimination in relevant national and international institutions
- generate commitments to action and mobilise development partners.

### **What are the expected outcomes of this meeting?**

We have a plan for rabies elimination, but to make progress against it, we need to know who is committed to doing what, so we seek identification of priority areas of work, and engagement of key partners who can contribute to working groups.

### Who can attend this meeting?

As this is a virtual event, all are welcome to attend. We want to reach out beyond the regular rabies community to those involved in other One Health issues.

### What do I need to do to attend this meeting?

You need register [here](#), and then you will receive an email with registration confirmation and as a link to attend the meeting.

On the scheduled day and time, just click on the link, and follow the instructions. You will be emailed a code, which you can use to log in and watch the event. It is that simple! We recommend joining the meeting 10 minutes early.

### How will the meeting run?

It will be a virtual meeting, comprising two sessions of one hour each.

First session: The three Directors-General of FAO, OIE and WHO will open the event. High-level speakers will address different topics related to *The Global Strategic Plan to end human deaths from dog-mediated rabies by 2030* (the GSP). See the schedule for details.

Second session: There will a moderated panel discussion for each of the three themes 1) effective use of vaccines, medicines, tools, and technologies, 2) identifying ways to generate, innovate, and measure impact, and 3) generating sustained commitment and resources. We want the discussions to explore issues and identify priority action areas for subsequent United Against Rabies Forum working groups.

### Can I pose questions to the speakers or panelists?

Yes! We welcome comments, questions, and suggestions. However, as the first part of the event will be running to a very tight schedule, questions directed to the speakers via chat will be answered after the event by the organisers and published on the event's website.

In second half, we will also use the chat boxes to collect questions and comments. If time permits, the panelists may be able to respond during the event. Otherwise, responses will be developed after the event and made available on the website. If you have questions or contributions following the event, please email [globalrabiescoordinator@oie.int](mailto:globalrabiescoordinator@oie.int).