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Achievements & Priorities

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Presentation Outline

- **Introductory Comments**
- **Overview comment**
- **Work programme & priorities**
- **Future challenges**
- **Concluding comments**



Introductory Comments

- International public policy issues
- Animal health/welfare relationship
- Scientific input from many disciplines
- Incremental change
- Stakeholder involvement (IMS, IDF, IFAP)
- Communications challenge



Overview Comments

- Agreed mission and strategy
- Guiding principles and scientific basis
- Outcome focus
- Annual work programme
- 9 *ad-hoc* groups to date
- Broad-based consultation
- Progress and achievements since 2002



Mission Statement

“To provide international leadership in animal welfare through the development of science-based standards and guidelines, the provision of expert advice and the promotion of relevant education and research.”



Work Programme & Priorities

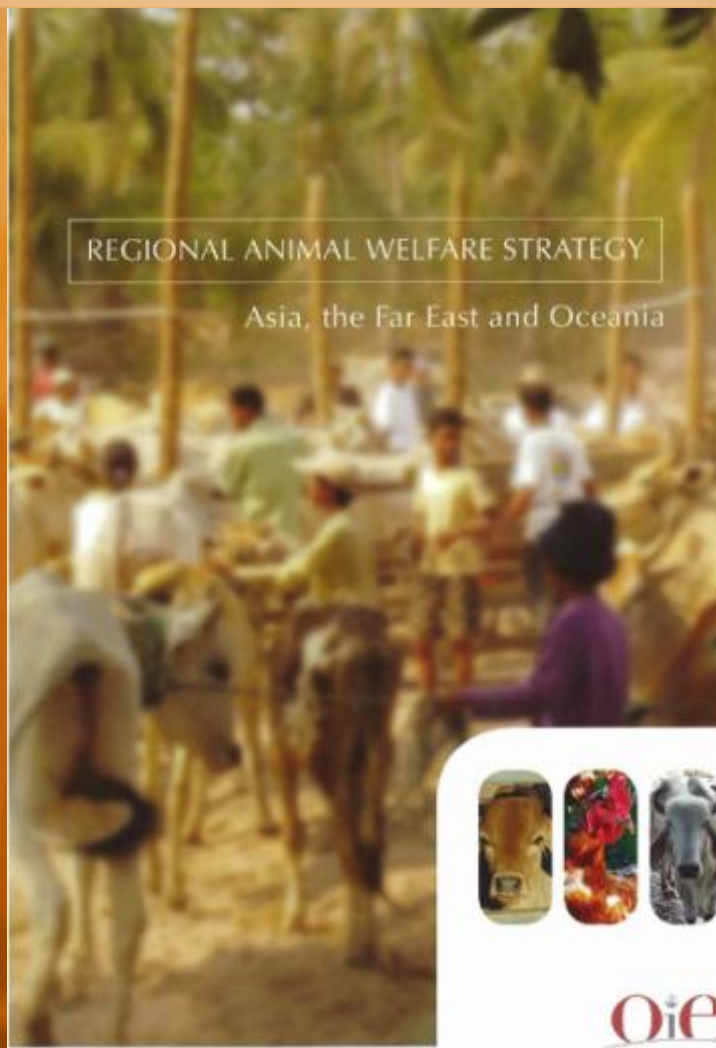
- Minor amendments to adopted standards
- Dialogue on animal welfare private standards
- Regional engagement and strategies
- *Ad hoc* group on Laboratory Animals
- *Ad hoc* group on Broiler Chickens
- *Ad hoc* group on Beef Cattle



Adopted Standards

- The transport of animals by land
- The transport of animals by sea
- The transport of animals by air
- The slaughter of animals for human consumption
- The killing of animals for disease control purposes
- The control of stray dog populations.





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Work Programme & Priorities continued

- Focal Point training
- Questionnaire analysis
- Criteria to prioritise future standard development
- EU Welfare Quality project
- International stakeholder relationships





Focal Point Training

Work Programme & Strategic Priorities continued

- Animal welfare collaborating centres application criteria m.varas@oie.int
- FAO Gateway to farm animal welfare
- Cairo technical mission
- OIE & AAVMC/AVMA veterinary education conferences
- IATA dialogue re transport of laboratory animals



Future Challenges

- Realistic expectations vs resource limitations
- Ongoing communications and consultation challenge
- Broad-based support
- Harness resources
- AH (and W) fund
- Other collaborating centres

Future Challenges

- **Maintain momentum**
- **Important role of regional strategies**
- **Role of Focal Points**
- **Role of PVS tool**
- **FAO capacity building role**
- **Animal welfare and intensive production systems**



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