Overview of on-going and planned OIE activities to encourage OIE standards implementation

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Activities to introduce in this presentation

1. Preliminary analysis of impact of PVS Pathway mission

2. Regional Workshop on “OIE Standards - Facilitating Safe International Trade”

3. OIE Standards Implementation Observatory
Chapter 1

Preliminary analysis of impact of PVS Pathway mission
The question

- How much of the recommendations (evaluations) or action points (gap analysis) emanating from OIE PVS Pathway missions have been taken up by countries in recent years?
A questionnaire was sent to MCs with active PVS participation

Respondent countries (10)
Initial PVS Evaluation
Gap Analysis
Legislation identification
PVS Evaluation follow up
Laboratory
Aquatic
Uptake per fundamental component

Frequency > 2 (out of 10 countries)

I. HUMAN, PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

II. TECHNICAL AUTHORITY AND CAPABILITY

III. INTERACTION WITH INTERESTED PARTIES

IV. ACCESS TO MARKETS
Issues being addressed by countries

- Many countries focus on the improvement of fundamental components 1 and 3 mostly, less so the technical capabilities and capacities and much less so market access;

- Recurring critical competencies that are the focus of improvements are the competencies of veterinary staff, continuing education, veterinary medicines and biologicals, communication, and the preparation of legislation and regulations;
Issues being addressed by countries

- Where countries generally perform better, other critical competencies that are being addressed include *operational funding*, *identification* and *traceability* and *international certification*;
- In budgetary terms, *progress* is a relative concept;
- Some of the achievements seem to be donor-funded and independent of the PVS process.
Issues *not* being addressed by countries

- Shouldn’t we focus more on the recommendations and action points that have not been addressed and why this is so?

and therefore....

Applications for PVS Evaluation *follow-up* missions are key to understand the dynamics!
Chapter 2

Regional Workshop on “OIE Standards - Facilitating Safe International Trade”
New series of Workshops

Objectives

- to strengthen the capabilities of OIE Member countries to develop and implement OIE international animal health and welfare standards.

1) developing theoretical knowledge and understanding of the OIE standards and how they relate to the WTO framework; and,

2) applying this knowledge and understanding when setting policies on import and export of animals and animal products, in other words, the implementation of OIE standards.
New series of Workshops

Planned Workshops

- Middle East
  - 14-15 March, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

- Asia
  - 13-14 June, Thailand

- South America
  - 22-24 August, Argentina

These WSs are supported by Australia, EU and Canada
Chapter 3

OIE Standards Implementation Observatory
New initiative for monitoring: OIE Standards Implementation Observatory

- Still in the conceptual design phase

- Ideas include:
  - Close link to PVS Pathway activities
  - Use of OIE New Delegate Seminars
  - Use of various Focal Point Seminars
  - ……

Work will start in May 2017.
Thank you for your attention