



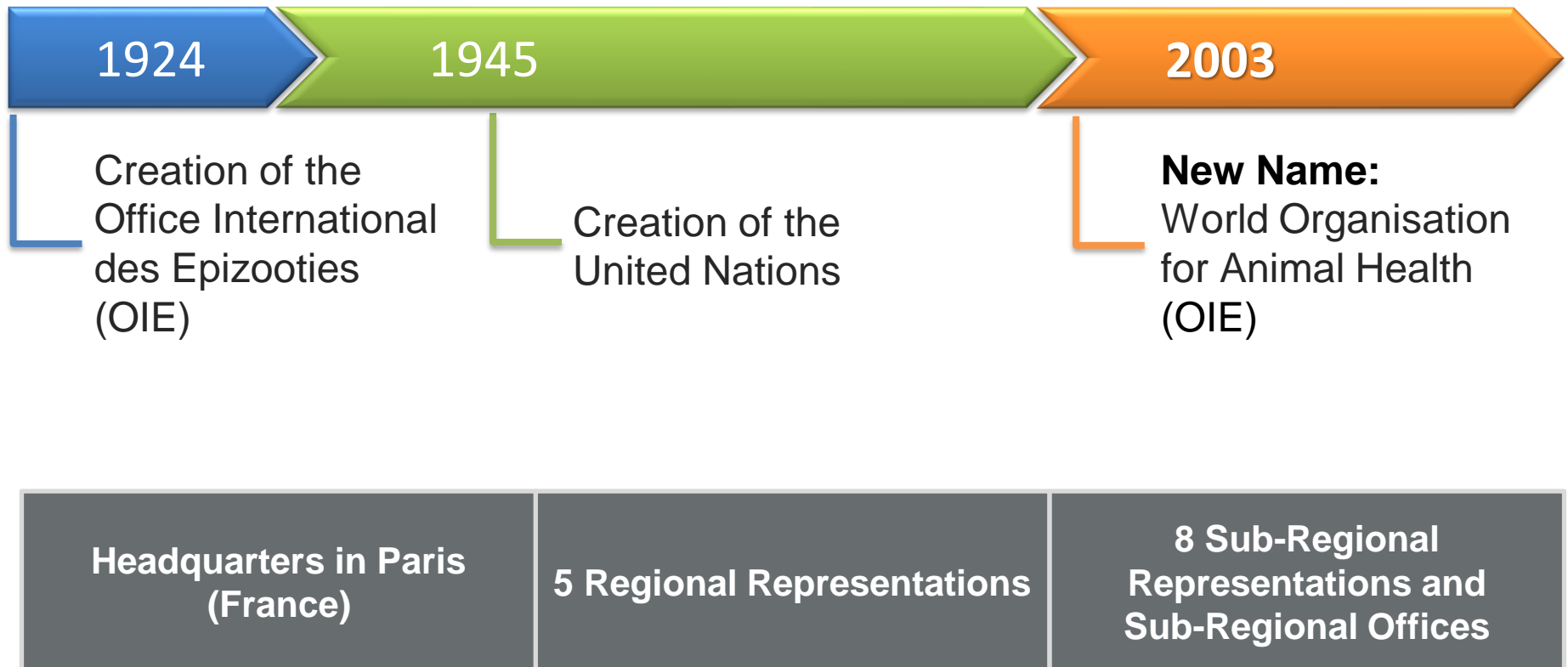
WORLD ORGANISATION FOR ANIMAL HEALTH *Protecting animals, preserving our future*

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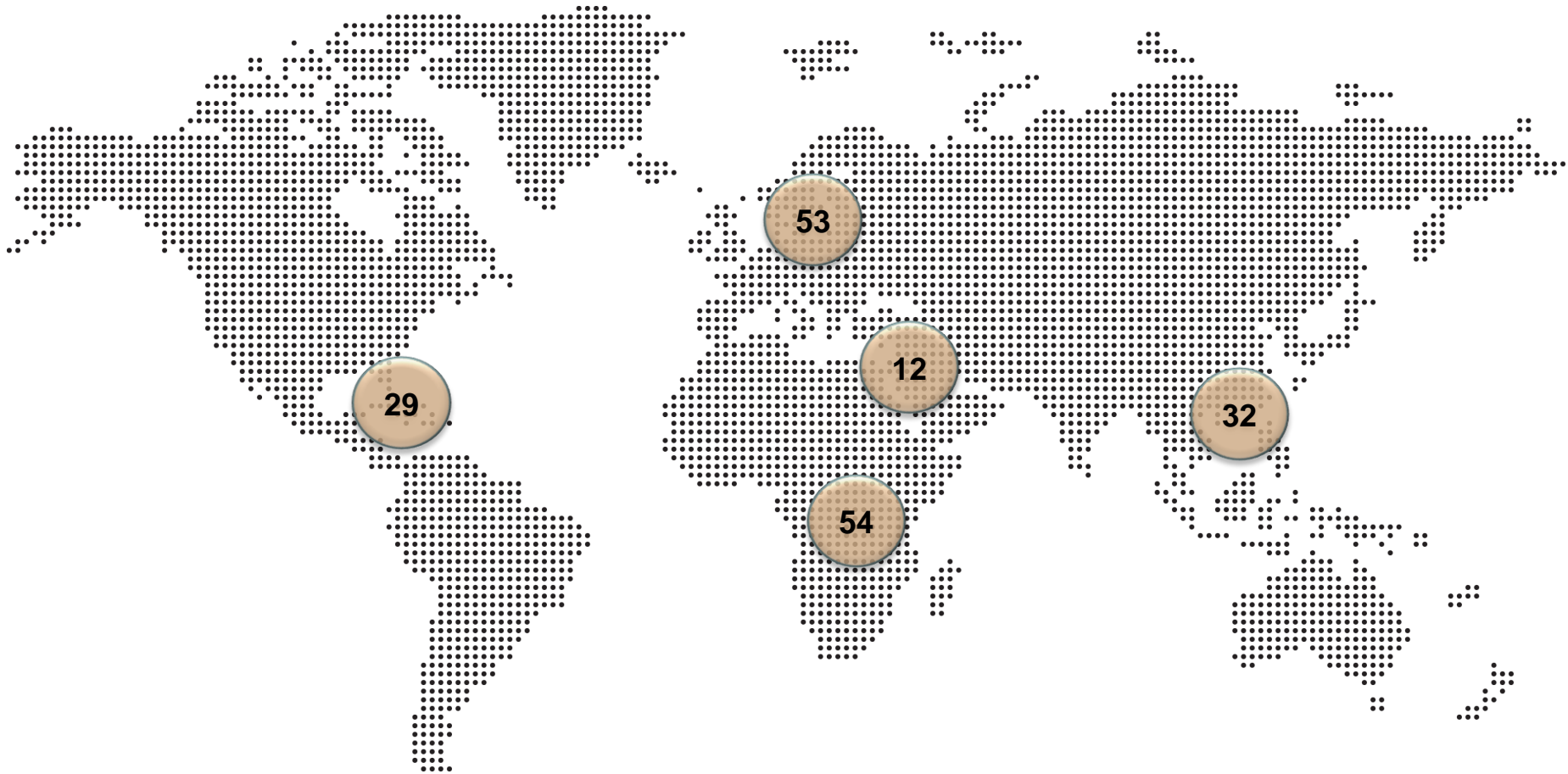
Livestock exports and animal welfare: exporting animal welfare globally

2015 Australian Livestock Export Conference
LIVExchange, Darwin: 25 November 2015

World Organisation for Animal Health



180 Member Countries



Certain countries belong to more than one region

⇒ Liberia and South Sudan joined the OIE in May 2014

Key Concepts

- To improve animal health worldwide ensuring Food Security and Food Safety
 - ‘Public Good’ concept
 - ‘One Health’ concept
 - Good Veterinary Governance
 - Global, regional and national animal health & welfare strategies and programmes

Key Concepts (2)

- **Standard Setting**

- OIE is the WTO reference organisation for science-based intergovernmental standards in the fields of international trade, disease surveillance and control methods, and quality of Veterinary Services;
- Animal welfare: OIE mandated by its Member Countries since 2002
- Animal production food safety (liaison with Codex Alimentarius Commission)

Key Concepts (3)

- **Quality of Veterinary Services**

- Veterinarians play an essential role in society
- Good governance of public and private components
- Veterinary Services
- Aquatic Animal Health Services
- Standards for quality of veterinary education
- Capacity building
- Role of Veterinary Statutory Body
- Public-private partnerships

OIE's Strategic Partnerships

- OIE has official Agreements with more than 60 international organisations active in animal production and welfare, e.g.;
- Commonwealth Veterinary Association (CVA)
- Fédération Equestre International (FEI)
- International Dairy Federation (IDF)
- International Meat Secretariat (IMS)
- International Council for Laboratory Animal Science (ICLAS)
- International Egg Commission (IEC)
- International Poultry Council (IPC)
- International Air Transport Association (IATA)
- Safe Supply of Affordable Food Everywhere (SSAFE)
- World Animal Protection (WAP)
- World Veterinary Association

Global Issues and Trends Relevant to Animal Production

- Globalisation, climate change and human intervention are driving the expansion of pathogens and vectors into new geographic areas and animal production sectors
- With more than one billion poor livestock producers, improving animal health and food production are key tools in the struggle to alleviate poverty
- There is a massive increase in demand for high quality animal protein, influenced by:
 - World population growth: +1 billion people by 2050
 - Shift from poverty to middle-class

Controversies on Livestock

- Environment
- Human health, including AMR
- Mitigation measures, vaccination, stamping out
- Huge political and investment impact

Multilateral Trade Policy Framework

- Animal welfare is initially considered as not covered by the WTO SPS Agreement, but there are discussions
- Consistency of animal welfare measures with the TBT and GATT provisions is beginning to be tested (WTO Panels)
- In the past decade, measures relating to animal welfare (e.g. on livestock production, slaughter and transport) have had increasing influence on trade in animals and animal products
 - Increased reference to OIE standards in bilateral trade agreements
 - And in some cases drawing on the WTO SPS principle of equivalence

Private Sector Animal Welfare Standards

- Driven by the concerns of consumers, retailers and food companies in wealthy countries
- Cause concerns about fairness, transparency and certification costs (third party), especially for developing countries
- Current successful experience with ISO

OIE Response to Private Standards

- **2008 & 2010:** OIE General Sessions featured a Technical Item on the implications of private standards for trade and Resolutions calling on the OIE to work with relevant public and private international organisations to help ensure the consistency of private standards (health and welfare) with those of the OIE
- **2012:** the OIE agreed to provide input to the International Organisation for Standardization (ISO)´s development of animal welfare Technical Specifications
- **2013:** ISO Technical Committee 34 new work item proposal on animal welfare agreed

OIE Global Conferences on Animal Welfare

- Forum for building consensus and lead to the adoption of global recommendations paving the direction of future work
 - Paris 2004: awareness raising on animal welfare
 - Cairo 2008: emphasized the fundamental role of Veterinary Services in animal welfare
 - Kuala Lumpur 2012: aimed at addressing regional specificities and expectations
 - Mexico 2016: possible adoption of an OIE Global Animal Welfare Strategy
- On average, representatives (private and public sector) from more than 120 countries attend OIE Global Conferences

OIE Intergovernmental Standards

- *OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code* (www.oie.int)
- Since 2001 many global standards have been adopted:
 - Guiding Principles for animal welfare (2004);
 - Transport of animals by land, sea and air (2005);
 - Slaughter for human consumption (2005)
 - Killing for disease control (2005)
 - Control of stray dog populations (2009)
 - Animals used in research and education (2010)
 - Beef cattle production systems (2012).
 - Broiler chicken productions systems (2013)
 - Dairy cattle production systems (2015)

OIE Intergovernmental Standards (2)

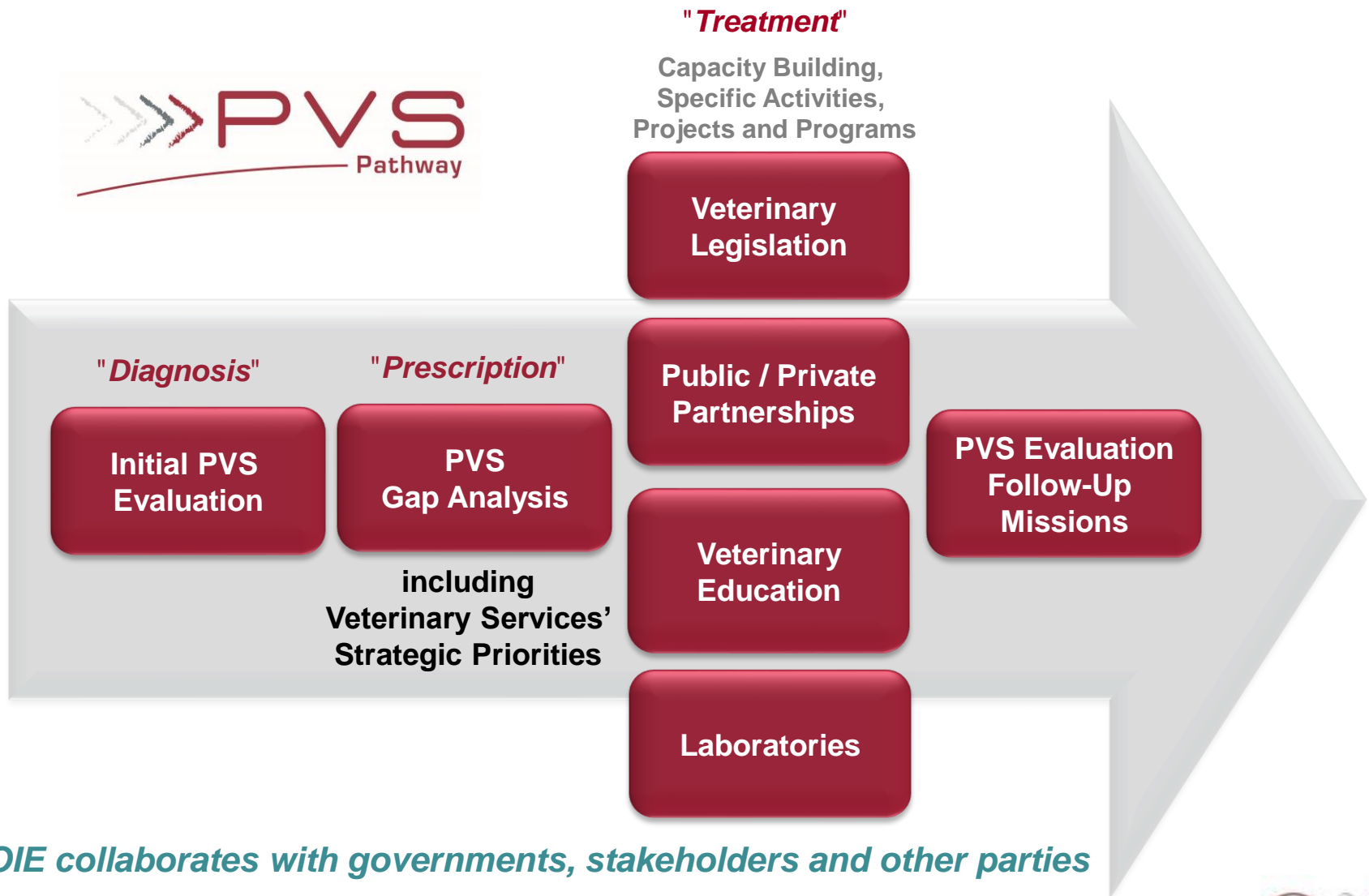
- The OIE is currently developing new standards on:
 - animal welfare and pig production systems;
 - animal welfare of working animals (starting with equids)
 - guidelines on disaster management and risk reduction in relation to animal health and welfare and veterinary public health
- These standards will be proposed to the World Assembly of National Delegates to the OIE and will be formally adopted using the OIE democratic and transparent procedures

OIE Guidelines and Recommendations

- The OIE also produces guidance and recommendations, e.g.:
 - OIE Discussion paper “Animal welfare related provisions of Islamic Law”: encourages National Veterinary Services to enter into dialogue with relevant religious authorities with the objective of improving animal welfare globally for the implementation of OIE standards
 - OIE video on slaughter methods

http://www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/eng/Animal_Welfare/docs/pdf/Others/Religious_Slaughter/A_Religious_slaughter.pdf

Strengthening Veterinary Services



The OIE collaborates with governments, stakeholders and other parties

http://www.oie.int/eng/oie/organisation/en_vet_eval_tool.htm?e1d2

OIE Initiatives on Veterinary Education and Good Governance of the Profession

- To provide leadership on animal welfare, veterinarians in the public and private sectors need a sound education (initial and continuing) including technical knowledge and an appropriate ethical framework
- OIE works to improve the quality of education and, through strengthening the role of the Veterinary Statutory Body, good governance of the profession
- **Fourth OIE Global Conference on Veterinary Education to be held in Bangkok (Thailand) in June 2016**

Strengthening Veterinary Services

- Capacity building targeted to OIE Delegates, National Focal Points and foster technical capacity
 - Regular seminars for newly assigned OIE Delegates;
 - Establishment of topic-specific National Focal Points in each OIE Member Country;
 - Network of OIE Reference Centres, including animal welfare Collaborating Centres
 - Twinning initiatives implemented through Reference Centres to enhance technical capacity in regions where there is limited expertise
 - OIE Scientific and normative publications

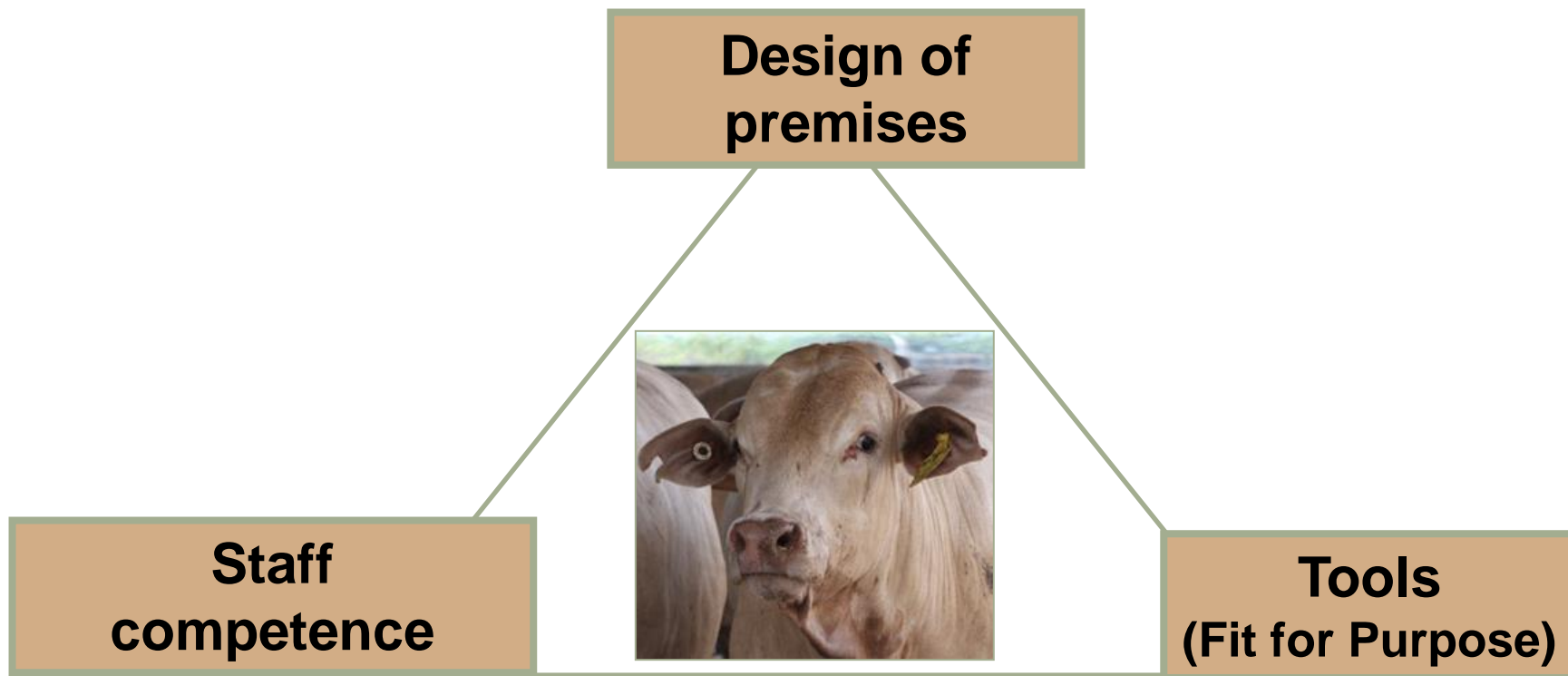
OIE Improved Animal Welfare Program (IAWP)

- With Australian Government support, the OIE Improved Animal Welfare Program (IAWP) was developed as a capacity building programme “train the trainers”
- It assisted recipient countries (13 countries) implement OIE animal welfare standards on:
 - Land transport and slaughter of cattle, sheep and pigs
 - Human animal handling
- OIE trained more than 400 people and, as envisaged, those trainers provided further training of relevant people in their countries

OIE Improved Animal Welfare Program (IAWP)

- Objectives:
 - Understand relevant scientific and technical information
 - Understand animal welfare, animal behavior and animal handling; stockmanship, transport, restraint, stunning, slaughter with stunning and without stunning
 - Carry out an assessment of premises and identify key welfare problems
 - Understand basics of learning, training and relevant training techniques
 - Lead classroom training on the best practices in pre slaughter and slaughter
 - Lead practical trainings in handling cattle and sheep

Key Components of Humane Slaughter



OIE Improved Animal Welfare Program (IAWP)

- Composed of:
 - Theoretical training
 - Handling techniques
 - Group work
 - Visits to slaughterhouses
 - Real life videos and animations
 - Trainees delivering the training
 - Panel discussions
 - Certificates



OIE Improved Animal Welfare Program (IAWP)

OIE DVD “Welfare of cattle in pre-slaughter and slaughter”



2016 Priorities

- The OIE will continue to show global leadership on animal welfare working to convince countries and private sector organisations to respect and comply with the OIE standards
- OIE has the capacity to organise further training of trainers in transport and slaughter specifically tailored to meet industry needs
- On request, OIE can also provide designated experts to make an independent assessment of compliance with OIE standards

2016 Priorities

- Advising and supporting OIE Member Countries in implementing the standards remains a top priority
- Advocating for Veterinary Services and Aquatic Animal Health Services to secure political support and commitment
- Providing mechanisms to help secure financial and technical support to Members in need including through the OIE World Animal Health and Welfare Fund to finance related activities
- Promoting appropriate alliances between the public and private sectors, e.g. SSAFE, ISO, GFSI

2016 Priorities

- Recognising the value of collaboration and networking at regional level, the OIE has an ongoing programme of National Focal Point Seminars, including interaction with private sector and regional organisations

The OIE supports the development of **regional animal welfare strategies** as appropriate to each region



Conclusions

- OIE science based standards developed through an inclusive and democratic process are a well established and powerful tool to establish globally acceptable animal welfare standards.
- For effective implementation of OIE standards many countries need:
 - Support to update veterinary legislation
 - Capacity building assistance and budget support for their Veterinary Services
- OIE intergovernmental standard on animal welfare are increasingly used as a basis in bilateral and multilateral trade Agreements

Conclusions

- Your investments in improving animal welfare and taking those improvements to the rest of the world have OIE's full support
- Working together governments, the private sector, international organisations, and donors can successfully address societal expectations for animal welfare



Thank you for your attention

