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## When animal, human worlds touch

*Bali is energized by the 3rd Regional Workshop on Multi-sectoral Collaboration on Zoonoses Prevention and Control*

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The 3rd Regional Workshop on Multi-Sectoral Collaboration on Zoonoses Prevention and Control was jointly organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and the World Health Organization (WHO) from 26 to 28 November 2012 in Bali, Indonesia. The workshop aimed to review progress made in the prevention and control of zoonoses, share updated information, and identify actions required to advance the key elements of a One Health Strategy.

The two earlier regional workshops of this kind on collaboration between the animal and human health sectors on zoonoses prevention and control had also been jointly organized by FAO, OIE and WHO in December 2010 in Japan and in January 2012 in Thailand.

A total of 109 people participated in the workshop, representing the animal health, human health, and wildlife sectors of 19 countries from Asia. They included governments and national organizations, regional organizations such as the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), international organizations, donors, and international NGOs.

Representatives of FAO, OIE, WHO, and Indonesia's Directorate General Livestock Animal Health Services, Ministry of Agriculture, presided over the opening session and underscored the importance of emerging zoonoses and effective collaboration among the animal, human and environment sectors through the One Health (OH) approach.

**Progress in ASEAN and SAARC:** Dr Kachen Wongsathapornchai of FAO delivered a presentation on behalf of the ASEAN Secretariat on ASEAN cooperation on animal and human health. The presentation outlined existing commitments and support at high levels to further strengthen collaboration between the sectors, and highlighted the outcomes of the recent joint meeting between the ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Livestock and the ASEAN Expert Group on Communicable Diseases. The SAARC perspective on a One Health approach towards zoonoses control was presented by members of the SAARC Secretariat.

**Neglected zoonoses:** Dr Carolyn Benigno, also of FAO, made a joint presentation with OIE on the global and regional situation of zoonotic diseases reported in animals, in which she showed that many zoonoses are neglected diseases with a high burden and few or limited resources to control them. There is a need to prioritize diseases at all levels (national, regional) as well as to focus on improving data knowledge, collection, management and

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*A stone carving of the eagle god Garuda looks over some participants of the 3rd Regional Workshop on Multi-Sectoral Collaboration on Zoonoses Prevention and Control at Bali, Indonesia*



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reporting on zoonoses; the importance of molecular epidemiology; the role of feral populations and other wildlife in the control of zoonosis; and partnership and coordination in zoonotic disease control.

**Socio-economic approach:** Dr Jan Hinrichs presented FAO's recent experience on the application of a social and economic approach to the control of HPAI and other HPEDs, and on how this could further support zoonosis prevention and control. He concluded that socio-economic case studies to highlight the benefits of using the OH approach would have to focus on identifying and assessing reduced control costs, reduced mortality and improved welfare in humans and animals due to improved detection and response, compared to a classical approach.

**Lessons learned and way forward:** The review of lessons learned and progress in multisectoral collaboration at the country level began with a gallery walk of posters from 19 countries and 11 development partners. The participants were asked to identify best examples from each sector on support for OH approach to zoonotic disease prevention and control, and to identify actions that could advance the key elements of a One Health Strategy.



**FAO's 10-minute video documentary, *Saving Lives in Bali*, was screened at the 3rd Regional Workshop on Multi-Sectoral Collaboration on Zoonoses Prevention and Control. The documentary tells the remarkable story of collaboration between the human health and animal health sectors to prevent and control the rabies epidemic that swept Bali in 2008**

<b>HAPPENINGS</b>	India • 28 Oct-9 Nov 2012.	Nepal • 26-30 Nov and 10-14 Dec 2012.
	Regional Training on Vaccine Matching for Analyzing the Homology of Field Isolates/ Strains in Relation to the In-use Vaccine Strain(s) of Foot and Mouth Disease • Mukteswar,	Regional Field Epidemiology Training Programme for Veterinarians for SAARC countries • Kathmandu, Nepal • 26 Nov-14 Dec 2012.
	Facilitation in Real time FMD Training course • Kathmandu,	ASWGL-AEGCD Joint Consultative Meeting • Kathmandu, Nepal • 5-6 Dec 2012

## ECTAD-RAP says hello to 2013



*It's part of the hallowed ECTAD-RAP tradition — a get-together to ease out the old and ring in the new. And it's usually a lunch, attended by all RAP-pers who don't happen to be on mission. On December 14, 2012, Dr Subhash Morzaria, Regional Manager, ECTAD-RAP, hosted a lunch at the Riva Surya Hotel, adjoining the FAO office in Bangkok. The smiles on the faces tell the story.*

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