

Terms of Reference

Young Professional Officer- One Health

WOAH HQ, Paris, France

Context

The World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) promotes One Health as a fundamental competency for and positioning Veterinary Services as main actors in One Health. Technical Item 88 SG/9 and accompanying Resolution No. 31 explicitly underscore the need to promote the role of Veterinary Services and animal health sector as an essential component of One Health resilience.

The Quadripartite Collaboration on One Health (FAO, UNEP, WHO and WAOH) developed the One Health Joint Plan of Action (OH JPA), as a blueprint for action to mainstream One Health and to guide the work of the four organizations to operationalize One Health approach at global, regional and country level. The Plan builds on existing global and regional One Health initiatives aiming at strengthening capacity to address complex health risks with more resilient health systems.

Considering the establishment of the OHHLEP in 2021 to provide guidance on One Health-related matters to the Quadripartite, WOAHA is providing support to the functions of the OHHLEP in collaboration with its secretariat hosted by WHO.

Recognizing the complex and multidisciplinary nature of the One Health approach, WOAHA established a One Health Network and Network (OH-TF) in 2022 to ensure internal and external coordination of OH activities and initiatives to increase synergies and opportunities for multidisciplinary, and to support, coordinate and oversee WOAHA implementation of the OH Joint Plan of Action Plan 2022-2026, and to manage relationships within the Quadripartite.

Positioning and reporting

The Young Professional Officer will work under the supervision of the OH Global Coordinator, in the Institutional Affairs and Regional Activities Directorate, and will communicate with members of the WOAHA internal OH Network for the implementation of related activities. The Officer will be exposed to and receive on the job training on OH frameworks and tools and contribute to foster OH work at WOAHA.

Missions and activities

The Officer will participate in the activities directed by the OH Global Coordinator, to:

- Contribute to the implementation of the One Health Joint Plan of action,
- Support the implementation of various projects related to OH
- Support the organization of OH technical activities and trainings;
- Support the development and implementation of capacity-building training and education modules/programmes on the six action tracks of the OH Joint Plan of Actions including the National Bridging Workshops (NBWs) and the operational tools of the Tripartite Zoonoses Guide (TZG), in collaboration with Quadripartite partners at regional and national levels, as required.
- Assist in activities to foster the development of relevant OH legislative and policy frameworks at the human-animal environment interface,
- Contribute to the work of the G20 and G7 and other political forums.
- Participate in the meetings of WOAHA OH Network, the Quadripartite Secretariat, OHHLEP and any other OH meetings and activities, as needed;
- Contribute to the preparation of minutes of meetings, documents, reports, and presentations.
- Contribute to and maintain the OH internal Network SharePoint and the OH webpage.

Qualifications and Experience

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- Master degree in one of the following fields: One Health, Veterinary Public Health, Human Public Health, Environment Health, Social Sciences, International Relations and Development, or other related subjects, and
- At least 3 years of professional experience, including on One Health at national or regional level. International experience valued
- Experience in the provision of Secretariat functions
- Demonstrated experience of programme management, capacity building, monitoring and evaluation and results reporting.

Requirements

Technical skills

- Knowledge of one health topics
- Excellent command, of English both written and spoken,;
- knowledge of French and/or Spanish is an asset;
- Excellent communication skills (verbal, written, interpersonal);
- Good working knowledge of Microsoft Office.

Interpersonal skills

- Excellent analytical skills
- Ability to communicate results effectively, clearly and concisely, both in writing and orally
- Ability to adapt the message to different stakeholders
- Ability to work with different departments and teams within the Organisation, and foster cross-functional cooperation
- Excellent organisational skills, results-oriented: ability to set objectives and achieve them within the set deadlines

Working conditions

The post is a full-time position based at the WOAHA Headquarters in Paris.
It requires long hours in a seated position at a computer.