

IHR-PVS NATIONAL BRIDGING WORKSHOP

PROGRAM

How the Tripartite organizations engage with countries
to implement and sustain One Health



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Q1. What is the National Bridging Workshop Program?

It is a Tripartite (WHO, FAO, OIE) Program focusing on National Bridging Workshops (NBW) and their follow-up in countries. An NBW is a three-day workshop which brings together 60-90 national stakeholders from the animal health and the human health services from national, regional and local levels, as well as representatives of other relevant sectors (environment, wildlife, media, police, etc.). The bridging of WHO IHR (International Health Regulations) and OIE PVS (Performance of Veterinary Services) Pathway allows the sectors to strengthen their collaboration at the human-animal interface while improving their compliance to international standards and regulations.

A 5-minute video explaining the concept of NBWs is available at www.bit.ly/NBWVideo.

The NBW uses a robust process, built around group exercises, simulation scenarios, discussions and innovative facilitation tools to make it as participatory and interactive as possible.

Q2. What are the key outputs of an NBW?

KEY OUTPUTS



A diagnosis of current **strengths and weaknesses in the coordination** between animal and human health services for 15 technical area that are key for the prevention, detection and response to health events at the human-animal interface.



NBW Roadmap: a harmonized, actionable and realistic **joint roadmap of activities** that the country develops and will implement to improve the multisectoral collaboration.

Q3. Follow-up: What comes after an NBW?

The NBW creates a unique momentum between the human health and animal health sectors. Following-up on the NBW Roadmap is a cornerstone of the Tripartite's strategy to build collaborative capacities in countries and to support them in complying with IHR and OIE standards. The follow-up relies on four pillars:

1. The recruitment of a national **NBW Catalyst**: a One Health expert who provides technical support for the follow-up and the implementation of the NBW Roadmap activities.
2. The **monitoring and evaluation** of the implementation of the roadmap activities, identification of bottlenecks, and updating of the roadmap in **NBW Follow-up Meetings**.
3. **Technical and when possible Financial support** from the Tripartite for the implementation of NBW Roadmap activities. Tripartite Operational Tools are also proposed to address specific needs.
4. The establishment of a **Community of Practice** consisting of Regional NBW Coordinators and NBW Catalysts from around the world to share and discuss experiences, good practices, challenges and more.

THE WORKSHOP IS DIVIDED INTO **SEVEN SESSIONS** AND FOLLOWS A **STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH** WHERE THE RESULTS OF EACH SESSION FEED INTO THE FOLLOWING SESSION :

Setting the scene
(One Health concept, examples
of successful interactions).

SESSION

1



The tools (WHO's IHR tools
and OIE's PVS Pathway) are
presented and the strengths
and weaknesses identified in
session 2 are mapped on the
IHR-PVS matrix.

SESSION

3

Using results from session 3,
technical area working groups
are made. Participants use
the reports of the IHR and
PVS assessments to extract
the information relevant for
their technical area.

SESSION

4



SESSION

Participants are divided into
working groups and each
group is given a different
disease outbreak simulation
scenario. The objective is
to identify **strengths and
weaknesses** in the current
collaboration for **15 key
technical areas**.

2



6

SESSION

A world café exercise
and a prioritization
vote are conducted to
finalize the roadmap.



5

SESSION

Each group identifies
**key joint objectives and
activities** to strengthen
the collaboration between
the two sectors.



SESSION

Discussion on the way forward and on
the implementation of the joint roadmap.

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THE **FOLLOW-UP** PHASE IS BASED ON **FOUR KEY PILLARS** TO SUPPORT COUNTRIES IN THE CONCRETE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE **NBW ROADMAP**



NBW CATALYST:

A One Health expert
recruited at the
national level to
provide technical
support, suggest
operational tools and
organize events for
the follow-up and the
implementation of
the NBW Roadmap.



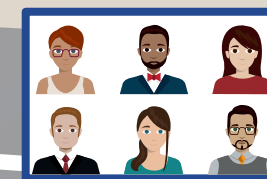
POST-NBW MEETINGS:

Every 1-2 years,
to evaluate the
implementation of
the NBW Roadmap
activities, identify
bottlenecks and
needed support, and
update the roadmap,
using specific follow-
up material and
tools.



TRIPARTITE SUPPORT:

Technical (and
when possible,
financial) support
from the Tripartite
organizations for
the implementation
of NBW Roadmap
activities, including
through guidelines
and operational tools
to address specific
needs.



NBW COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE:

A community of
practice with national
NBW Catalysts from
around the world
and NBW regional
coordinators, to
share experiences,
good practices and
challenges through
an online forum and
regular reunions.

Q4. My country wishes to embark in the NBW Program. What should I do?

Please officially contact your WHO country office, FAO country office or OIE regional representation to express your interest. The three organizations will then jointly initiate the preparation process in close collaboration with relevant national counterparts in the animal health and human health sectors.

Q5. How can I get more information?

Link	Description
www.bit.ly/NBWVideo	5-minute introduction video to NBWs
www.bit.ly/NBWMethod	4-minute video on the NBW method describing the 7 sessions
www.bit.ly/NBWProgram	30-minute overview of the whole program (IHR, PVS, NBW method, roll-out and follow-up)
www.bit.ly/NBWTanzania	3-minute video of the NBW organized in Tanzania
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98.4%

of participants say the NBW has a positive impact on their multisectoral collaboration

99.7%

of participants recommend the NBW to other countries

(post-NBW evaluations from 32 countries)

