

SYMPOSIUM ON ANIMAL WELL-BEING

October 4th, 2018

Montana Hôtel, Pétion-Ville, Haiti

Theme: « *Animal well-being for human well-being* ».
« *Byennèt zannimo, pou byenèt moun* ».

I - Context

October 4th is dedicated by the UN as World Animal Day. It is also the celebration of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron and protector of animals. On this day, we want to highlight the situation of animals and the treatment they are inflicted in Haiti. These animals (farm and companion animals) that have given us so much and continue to contribute to our joy, to improve our livelihoods should make us think that a better way to treat them could be more benefit to us. Also, the food security and resilience of rural Haitian communities, depend essentially on animals and the way we treat them. In addition, our health depends largely on our relationship with these animals, and especially what we consume from them, hence the justification for the "well-being, health" approach advocated by various international institutions such as Heifer International.

The Ministry of Agriculture of Natural Resources and Rural Development (MARNDR) has nominated, as recommended by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), the Focal Point position for animal welfare since 2010. And, Heifer International has made animal welfare a pillar in its various projects around the world and with the strategic group Strengthening Capacities in Animal Production and Health (its acronym SCAPH, in English) of which Haiti is a member. In Haiti, through its five-year program (2012-2017), Heifer has made animal welfare a priority theme. During this project, Heifer included the theme in the training of veterinary agents who themselves received training that allowed them to train more than 20,000 farmers on "animal care and welfare". Also, together with the MARNDR, this theme was facilitated during the 2014-2015 continuing training to 580 veterinary agents at national level.

In order to consolidate the actions mentioned, Heifer International Haiti, institution working in agriculture and livestock in Haiti since 2009, joins forces with the MARNDR and other partners concerned by this issue (institutions, specialists, technicians in animal production and health, academics, breeders, etc.) to organize this symposium, which aims to analyze the extent of this problem in Haiti, and to encourage private and public institutions, from simple "animal fans" to look for ways to improve the condition of animals and promote the concept of "animal welfare for human well-being" in the country.

II – Objectives

- a) Analyze the animal welfare situation in Haiti with key stakeholders
- b) Identify strategies that will ultimately change individuals and institution's behavior toward animals (embrace the new concept)
- c) Establish an interinstitutional working group to follow up on suggestions or strategies.

III - Methodology:

A symposium will be organized during which we will have:

- 1) One or two masterful presentations on animal welfare.
 - a) *The first presentation will focus on the conceptual or theoretical aspect, the practical aspect and some cases with illustrative photos.*
 - b) *The second, "Challenges and opportunities for the implementation of Chapter 7.12 of the OIE: Well-being of working equids".*
 - c) *Relationship between animal welfare and human health "one well-being, one health. And above all, how the application of the principles of animal welfare can contribute to human well-being.*
- 2) A panel of 3 experts in the field of production and animal health with a mastery of the key aspects of practical, theoretical and perhaps legal issues on animal welfare. This panel, far from wanting to direct the working group scope of work at the 3rd point or presenting possible solutions, will be there to answer the shade points of the assistance on the theme of the day and on the first two presentations.
- 3) Establish small working groups on specific topics/themes, to encourage participants to think about the problem and to propose possible solutions. These groups will then present their work in plenary session and the main responsible of the Symposium will retrieve the worksheets from each group to be included in the activity document and later considering all relevant informations, ideas and suggestions on the concept.

IV- PROPOSED AGENDA.

TIME	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBLE
09 :00 - 09 :30	Inscription OF participants	Support team
09 :30 - 10 :00	Opening Session (Activity Context)	MC
	Welcome words (Ministre/DG/UPS)	Reps MARNDR
	Context of the activity	Rep - Heifer
10 :00 - 10 :20	Coffee-break	Hotel restauration team
10 :20 - 11 :00	Presentation 1 - Heifer International	Dr Harry CHARLES
11 :05 - 11 :35	Presentation 2 - Donkey Sanctuary & World Horse Welfare	Dr Eduardo SANTURTUN
	Presentation 3 - Ministry of Agriculture of Haiti	Dr Matino DESAUGUSTE
11 :35 - 12 :05	Questions / Responses	Panelists on the podium
12 :05 - 12 :20	Working group conformation	Support team
12 :20 - 01 :20	Diner	Hotel restauration team
01 :20 - 02 :45	Working group sessions	Rep/Working group
02 :45 - 03 :45	Working groups restitution	R/Groupe de travail
03 :50 - 04 :35	Closing / Launching official page #ByenètZannimoAyiti:	MC/Activity responsible
	Facebook, Twitter etc	