



***Facilitating Virus Sharing  
(for better prepared global responses):  
Towards an OFFLU Code of Conduct  
and Consideration of the WHO PIP  
Framework***

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# Virus Sharing – Why?

- Scientific collaborations
- Supporting reference laboratory activities
- Supporting OFFLU technical activities
- Supporting OFFLU contributions to the WHO vaccines strain selection processes

## And How?



OIE and FAO strongly advocate virus sharing, and in 2008 at the 76th OIE General Session all OIE Members signed up to an OIE Resolution 'sharing of avian influenza viral material and information in support of global avian influenza and control'.

**Timely sharing** of biologic material is a priority and that scientists should rely on professionalism and trust when exchanging data and biological material to ensure that all contributors are acknowledged.

To this end **OFFLU** proposes to develop an **OFFLU recommended code of conduct**, setting out

- general principles for the ethical use of animal influenza viruses
- and for the exchange of viral material and genetic and antigenic information within the OFFLU network
- and with WHO collaborating centres and reference laboratories



## Note the Convention on Biological Diversity – Nagoya Protocol

The objective of this Protocol is the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources, including by appropriate access to genetic resources and by appropriate transfer of relevant technologies, taking into account all rights over those resources and to technologies, and by appropriate funding, thereby contributing to the conservation of biological diversity and the sustainable use of its components.



# The WHO Pandemic Influenza Preparedness (PIP) Framework

- to improve pandemic influenza preparedness and response, and strengthen the protection against the pandemic influenza by improving and strengthening the WHO global influenza surveillance and response system (“WHO GISRS”), :



# The PIP Framework

Objective: a fair, transparent, equitable, efficient, effective system for, on an equal footing

- sharing of H5N1 and other viruses of human pandemic potential
- access to (human) vaccines and other benefits



## OFFLU and PIP

- Clarification of the intent of the scope of PIP
- Dialogue with WHO to ascertain the most effective global system to achieve the OFFLU and WHO objectives





Thank you

