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INVITATION

From Rabies to Readiness: Community Surveillance for One Health

One Health Festival Side Event



April 7, 2026
12:00 to 13:30



Marriott Hotel
Cité Internationale
Salon Tête d'Or A (1st floor)



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PURPOSE

Rabies is one of the clearest, most solvable One Health challenges. It is invariably fatal once symptoms appear, yet entirely preventable. Over 99% of human rabies deaths result from dog bites, and more than 40% of victims are children.

Countries that have made sustained progress towards elimination have done so by strengthening community-level surveillance: enabling rapid reporting of bites, timely referral for post-exposure prophylaxis, strategic dog vaccination, real-time data sharing between human and animal health systems and community empowerment. This community interface is what operationalises One Health in practice.

AGENDA

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A welcome lunch will be served at 12:00

Introduction - **Dr Joris Vandeputte**, International Alliance for Biological Standardization IABS and IABS-EU

Keynote Address - **Sir Jeremy Farrar**, Health Promotion, Disease Prevention and Control, World Health Organization

Making One Health Operational: Country Leadership Perspectives on Rabies

Hon. Madame Khaité Sall, Minister of Health and Public Hygiene of Guinea, Republic of Guinea

Coordinated Interventions for Animal Health

Dr Thanawat Tiensin, Animal Production and Health Division, Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations

Dr Thaïs Vila, Boehringer Ingelheim

Dr Alasdair King, International Veterinary Health, MSD Animal Health

Coordinated Interventions for Human Health: Scaling Beyond Rabies

Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance, Supporting endemic countries with rabies post exposure vaccine

Dr Christèle Augard, Sanofi

Dr Ashish Sahai, Serum Institute of India

From Single Disease to Systemic Resilience: the role of communities

Professor Hervé Bourhy, Institut Pasteur

Concluding remarks - **Dr Baba Soumaré (TBC)**, World Organisation for Animal Health