

Submission to the Review Group from Clement Meseko, Regional Centre for Animal Influenza  
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Dear all,

In the opening remark at the PIP Review Group meeting on the 29th September, the Chair observed that the Secretariat is not getting much cooperation as regard virus sharing (delayed) from the Animal Health sector (zoonotic and pandemic influenza) whereas their contribution in the PIP framework is important.

The Secretariat may wish to consider making extra effort in reaching out to scientists/experts in this sector through OFFLU on a continuous basis, with time there would be better response.

In addition, some of these scientists are in Institutions that are categorised as industry (recipient of biologicals for research- non GISRS entity) whereas they also may have contributed and shared influenza data and viruses.

A good example is the National Veterinary Research Institute, Vom Nigeria (a research institution - non GISRS entity). We have H5N1 virus sequence data that are shared through OFFLU and other Reference Laboratories and our researchers are sometimes involved in pandemic influenza research at the Human-animal interface (recipient of influenza biologicals- SMAT2 signatory). The PIP Review Group may wish to reconcile these relationships for mutual benefit.

Thank you

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