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#### **TIMETABLE**

Italian Time - Central European Time (CET)

#### **METHODOLOGY**

The online ERFAN Dialogue will be organized via Zoom platform

#### **WORKING LANGUAGE**

English with simultaneous translation in French

**PRESENTATION**

**OBJECTIVES**

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## PRESENTATION

The emergence of the zoonotic SARS- CoV- 2 is paradigmatic of the strict relationship existing between human and animal health, ecosystem condition and human habits. The One Health concept highlights these connections and promotes collaboration between diverse sectors. Veterinarians often drive One Health initiatives and attempt to gain a seat at the table of collaborative efforts. Despite their best efforts and their crucial role in supporting the Public Health authorities during the COVID-19 pandemic, One Health is still far to be realized and unity of intentions between Veterinary Institutes is warranted.

## OBJECTIVES

To provide an extensive overview upon the impact that Veterinary Public Health Institutes had in mitigating the current COVID-19 pandemic; to strengthen collaboration within ERFAN partners on coronavirus research and preparedness.

## PARTICIPANTS

The participants come from African National Veterinary Laboratories and Veterinary Schools of Algeria, Angola, Botswana, Egypt, Ethiopia, Italy, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Tunisia, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. The OIE Sub-Regional Representations for Southern Africa and for North Africa attend the meeting and highlight the high value of networking in achieving ERFAN's objectives as a project supported by the OIE. Five Istituti Zooprofilattici Sperimentali take part in the meeting providing the scientific contribution from Italy

# AGENDA

**CHAIRMAN** *Giacomo Migliorati*  
*IZSAM*

<b>COVID-19 PANDEMIC; PUBLIC HEALTH PRIORITY</b> <i>Monday:6 December</i>		
<b>TIME</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>TRAINER</b>
10.00 – 10.15	Opening and Welcome	<i>Giacomo Migliorati</i> Health Director IZSAM, Italy
10.15-11.00	Epidemiological Situation in Southern Africa in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic: Disease Surveillance and Data-Driven Public Health Interventions	<i>Alessandro Campione, Ivan Pinto and Antonio Macheve</i> Jembi NGO, South Africa
11.00-11.20	Covid-19 pandemic; the effort made by the Istituti Zooprofilattici Sperimentali in the Italian context	<i>Alessio Lorusso</i> Virology Department IZSAM, Italy
11.20-11.50	Covid-19 pandemic; the experience of the Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale della Puglia e della Basilicata	<i>Domenico Galante and Lorenzo Pace</i> Virology Department IZSPB, Italy
11.50-12.05	SARS CoV 2: a threat to marine mammals? A study from Italian Seawaters	<i>Tania Audino</i> Neuropathology Unit CREDIMA, IZSTO, Italy
12.05-12.20	Discussion and closure of the first day	<i>All participants</i>

**CHAIRMAN** *Cesare Cammà*  
*IZSAM*

<b>COVID-19 PANDEMIC; NGS</b> <i>Thursday: 9 December</i>		
TIME	TOPIC	TRAINER
10.00 – 10.15	Opening and Welcome	<i>Cesare Cammà</i> NGS Department IZSAM, Italy
10.15-11.00	The role of sequencing in biomolecular epidemiology and infection tracking	<i>Paolo Calistri</i> Head of Epidemiological Department, IZSAM, Italy
11.00-11.45	NGS as a tool for studying potential future pandemic pathogens	<i>Cesare Cammà and Alessio Lorusso</i> Virology Department, IZSAM, Italy
11.45-12:05	Coronavirus identification and sequencing in wild animal populations; A Project Proposal for the ERFAN partners	<i>Alessio Lorusso</i> Virology Department IZSAM, Italy
12:20- 12:35	IZS Sicilia and COVID-19: Veterinary Laboratory Support to the Public Health Response	<i>Giuseppa Purpari</i> Virology Department IZSSI, Italy
12.35-13.00	Discussion and closure of the event	<i>All participants</i>

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