

ACCRA NATIONAL LAUNCH WORLD RABIES DAY 2020

AND

SIGNING OF AGREEMENT TO ELIMINATE RABIES IN GHANA BY 2030



The banner features a blue background with abstract shapes. On the left, a circular inset shows a dog being vaccinated, with a smaller inset below it showing a dog and a cat. To the right, the text '2020 | WORLD RABIES DAY NATIONAL LAUNCH' is displayed. Below this, a table provides event details. The theme 'End Rabies - Collaborate, Vaccinate' is written in red. At the bottom, a row of logos represents the participating organizations.

DATE	TIME	VENUE
WEDNESDAY 16 SEPT. 2020	10AM-12:30PM	CLOGSAG CONFERENCE HALL, ACCRA

Theme: End Rabies - Collaborate, Vaccinate

Logos include: Ghana Health Service, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), Ghana Veterinary Services, Ghana Wildlife Services, Ghana Forestry Services, Ghana Parks and Wildlife Service, IWA, UNICEF, WHO, USAID, and World Health Organization.



Stakeholders at Launch



Director of Veterinary Services Directorate Addressing Launch



RIWA Ghana Chairman Speaking at Launch

United Against Rabies Zero by 30

In response to Member States' requests, in May 2013, the 66th World Health Assembly passed Resolution WHA66.12; this resolution urged WHO Member States to ensure continued country ownership of programmes for neglected tropical disease prevention, control, elimination and eradication.

On September 2015, the Member States of the United Nations adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the associated Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Agenda, and more specifically Goal 3.3, commits the World Health Organization (WHO) and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) to work with Member States towards ending epidemics of neglected tropical diseases by 2030, including rabies.

In December 2015, the global conference titled 'Global Elimination of Dog Mediated Rabies: The Time is Now' reached international consensus and correspondingly established 2030 as the goal date for the elimination of dog-mediated human rabies. This was globally recognised as an aspiration and an achievable target by both the animal and public health sectors.

In May 2016, the Member Countries of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) adopted Resolution N.26, which recommended that the OIE, in partnership with WHO, FAO and other interested parties, sustain its commitment to the elimination of dog-mediated rabies given that it is a global public good. The resolution also recommends that the OIE and OIE Member Countries maintain and reinforce their efforts to foster political will and long-term commitment for the elimination of dog-mediated rabies.

Stemming from and building the global consensus ascertained from the adoption of the resolutions, the WHO, OIE, FAO and the Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC) joined forces and formed the United Against Rabies collaboration. This platform has pledged its commitment and technical support to assist and accompany rabies endemic country efforts to end human deaths from dog-mediated rabies by 2030.

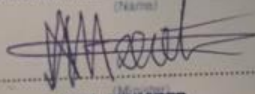
Together, the United Against Rabies collaboration calls upon national governments to take an active and important step forward towards the achievement of UN SDG Goal 3.3, by endorsing the following statement and committing their country to take part in the fight against this important neglected disease.

In response to this call, GHANA
(Insert country)

reaffirms its commitment to prioritise rabies prevention in its national plans and work with human and animal health stakeholders to eliminate rabies deaths nationally by 2030.

Date: 21st August 2020

HON. DR. OLUKU AFRIMIE AKOTO
(Name)



**HON. MINISTER
MINISTRY OF FOOD & AGRIC.**

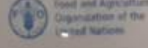
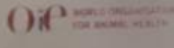
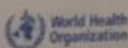
Date: 8th September 2020

HON. DR. OKOE BOYI
(Name)



**HON. DEPUTY MINISTER
MINISTRY OF HEALTH**

Members of the United Against Rabies initiative, which works to end rabies deaths by 2030



Agreement to Eliminate Rabies in Ghana By 2030

