



## East Africa Regional Rabies meeting Outcomes

1. This meeting considers that rabies control should be a free public good.
2. This meeting endorses the global framework for rabies control (WHO, OIE, FAO and GARC) with the target date of 2030 for no canine-mediated human deaths.
3. The participants of this meeting approve the sharing of information and data through data networks, including the PARACON rabies epidemiological bulletin.
4. As active members of PARACON, the represented countries agree to work towards sustainable rabies control initiatives in collaboration with the East African Community (EAC), One Health Commission and the African Union (i.e. AU-IBAR, Africa CDC etc.)
5. The participants prioritised activities based on the following core principles:
  - Surveillance and laboratory diagnostics
  - Mass dog vaccination (MDV)
  - Timely administration of Post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP)
  - Sharing of information and effective communication (IEC)
  - Rabies education
6. The participants recognise that improved communication between countries will facilitate the sharing of lessons learnt and the development of an inter-sectoral regional roadmap.
7. The meeting nominated **Kenya** as the chair country - for a period of two years - to progress the regional rabies elimination roadmap. Tanzania has agreed to be the chair country for the second rotation.
8. The roadmap will be presented at the next PARACON meeting later this year (2017) in South Africa.

The meeting would like to thank the organizers (CDC, GARC) and the Kenyan government (ZDU) for hosting this meeting.