CAHFSA Joins Regional Dialogue on Animal Health at the 28th WOAH Conference for the Americas



Dr. Nneka Hull James together with Dr. Catya Martinez Rivas - WOAH's Sub-Regional Representative for the Americas, Dr. François Caya – WOAH's Deputy Director General, Dr. Emmanuelle Soubeyran – WOAH's Director General and Dr. Fransisco D'Alesio - WOAH's Regional Representative for the Americas

The Caribbean Agricultural Health and Food Safety Agency (CAHFSA) participated in the ***28th Conference of the Regional Commission for the Americas of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)***, held from 2 – 6 November 2026 in Asunción, Paraguay.

Representing CAHFSA, Dr. Nneka Hull James, Animal Health Specialist, joined regional and international stakeholders in discussions on key animal health priorities, emerging threats, and strategies to strengthen Veterinary Services across the Americas.

The conference provided an important platform for exchanging knowledge and strengthening regional cooperation on issues including animal disease surveillance, emergency preparedness and response, antimicrobial resistance (AMR), One Health, animal welfare, and the prevention and control of transboundary animal diseases.



Dr. Nneka Hull James and Dr. Roxanna Alverez – Director of Health for Belize, representing the Caribbean at the WOAH Regional Conference in Paraguay.

CAHFSA's participation reinforces its commitment to supporting Caribbean countries in strengthening animal health systems, enhancing regional coordination, and promoting collaborative approaches to addressing current and emerging animal health challenges.



Dr. Mario Ignacio Alguero - WOAH's PVS Pathway Programme Officer, providing an overview of the PVS Pathway training held in St. Lucia in April 2026

During this conference a meeting was convened with the WOAH Director General and her team with CAHFSA discuss avenues to increase Caribbean participation in WOAH events and opportunities for WOAH activities in the Caribbean in 2027.

Guatemala has been proposed as the host country for the next Regional Conference in 2028, with formal confirmation expected at the WOAH General Session in May 2027.

Strengthening partnerships and regional cooperation remains essential to safeguarding animal health across the Caribbean and the wider Americas.