

The ABC's of Intergovernmental Organizations

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Overview & Acronyms

- United Nations (UN)
- World Trade Organization (WTO)
- World Health Organization (WHO)
- Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- Codex Alimentarius (Codex)
- World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)
- International Organization for Standardization (ISO)

United Nations (UN)

WHAT THE UN DOES:

- Maintain international peace
- Protect human rights
- Humanitarian aid
- **Sustainable development**
- Uphold international law

UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

- WHO
- FAO

UN RELATED AGENCIES

- WTO

World Trade Organization (WTO)

OVERVIEW:

- Deals with the rules between trading countries
- “The goal is to ensure that trade flows as smoothly, predictably and freely as possible”
- **The WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement)**
 - **Applies to food safety, and animal and plant health regulations**
- **Intended to stop protectionism**
- **Countries can have their own regulations, but must be based on science**

RELATIONSHIPS:

- WHO
- FAO
- **Codex**
- OIE
- International Plant Protection Council (IPPC)

World Health Organization (WHO) & Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

WHO: HUMAN

- Health Systems
- Noncommunicable diseases
- Good health throughout life
- Communicable disease
- Preparedness, surveillance and response
- Corporate services- Policy making

FAO: AGRICULTURE

- Eliminate hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition
- Productive and sustainable agriculture, forestry and fisheries
- Reduce rural poverty
- Enable inclusive and efficient agricultural and food systems
- Increase the resilience of livelihoods to threats and crises

Codex Alimentarius (Codex)

- FOOD SAFETY AND TRADE HARMONIZATION
- FAO and WHO are parent organizations
- Consensus based
- Uses independent third bodies for science
- Reference organization under WTO SPS Agreements
- MOU with OIE
- Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH)
 - Salmonella in beef, pork and chicken meat
 - Over arching principals and HACCP
 - Parasite control
- Codex Committee on Veterinary Drugs in Food (CCRVDF)
 - Sets ADIs and MRLs
 - Contentious over new technologies

World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)

- RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPROVING ANIMAL HEALTH WORLDWIDE
- Reference organization under WTO SPS Agreements
- Transparency for global animal disease
- Collect, analyze, disseminate veterinary scientific information
- Encourage international solidarity
- Safeguard trade
- Promote veterinary services- “Global public good”
- Food safety and animal welfare

International Organization for Standardization (ISO)

- Independent
- Non-governmental
- 162 National Standard Bodies
- Voluntary
- Consensus based
- International standards

Thank you & Questions?

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