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## **Zambia Hosts First-Ever One Health Coordinating Committee (OHCC) Meeting**

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Zambia is proud to host the One Health Coordinating Committee (OHCC) Meeting for the very first time, a landmark step in advancing multi-sectoral collaboration to address public health threats at the human-animal-environment interface.

The four-day meeting, officially opened by the Director General of the Zambia National Public Health Institute (ZNP HI) and Presidential Health Advisor on Health, Prof Roma Chilengi, brings together senior directors from various government ministries, government agencies, and key partners including the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), World Health Organization (WHO), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The OHCC serves as the central body responsible for coordinating the work of One Health Technical Working Groups (TWGs), which operate at both national and sub-national levels. The meeting aims to:

- Orient key government officials on their roles in actualizing the One Health approach,
- Review Terms of Reference (TORs) for OH TWGs,
- Explore case studies and lessons from One Health implementation,
- Identify opportunities for operationalizing One Health in Zambia's public health response.

"This meeting marks a pivotal moment in strengthening Zambia's ability to prevent, detect, and respond to emerging and re-emerging public health threats. It is through strong collaboration across human, animal, and environmental health sectors that we can truly achieve health security and resilience," said the Director General of ZNP HI.

Participants will engage in technical sessions, strategic planning, and peer learning, culminating in the endorsement of key priorities for the next phase of One Health coordination in Zambia.

ZNP HI reaffirms its commitment to driving the One Health agenda forward, with support from both local stakeholders and international partners.

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**Representatives from various government ministries and agencies, and partners at the OHCC meeting**



