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An OIE regional training seminar on 'The OIE standards and procedure to facilitate international movements of competition horses' was held in Beirut from 13 to 15 June 2019. This workshop was attended by representatives of Veterinary Authorities and the National Equestrian Federations of Middle-Eastern and North African countries.



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Through interactive activities (quizzes, case studies, question-and-answer sessions with international experts), the participants received detailed guidance on preparing applications for official recognition of freedom from African horse sickness (AHS) by the OIE, as well as on establishing and publishing a self-declaration to the OIE of an equine-disease-free zone (EDFZ) and the implementation of the high health, high performance (HHP) framework.

The importance of the equine sector in the Middle East is rooted in history and still growing today, and this seminar was the first of its kind. Official recognition of AHS-free status, the establishment and submission for publication on the OIE website of an EDFZ, and the implementation of the HHP framework are important tools in supporting the development of the equine sector and equestrian sports.

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