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Online Side Event

The Alliance against Health Risks in Wildlife Trade: Advancing One Health

April 23rd, 2026 • 14:00 -15:30 CEST (8:00 am EDT/ 21:00 JST) • Zoom Webinar

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Background

Wildlife trade—legal, illegal, domestic or international—is a global driver of health risk at the human–animal–environment interface.

The International Alliance against Health Risks in Wildlife Trade is a global, interdisciplinary network of over 180 organisations and 500+ experts working to prevent pathogen spillovers at the source by bridging science, policy and practice through a One Health approach. Its activities include knowledge exchange, capacity building, pilot projects, policy advisory support, and awareness-raising.

This online side event will draw attention to the health risks posed by wildlife trade while highlighting the Alliance’s work in advancing this issue within the global One Health agenda. A group of experts and practitioners will be brought together to unpack how these health risks emerge and can be addressed across scales.

Objectives

1. **Raise global awareness** about zoonotic health risks inherent to wildlife trade and their implications for pandemic prevention strategies and global health policy.
2. **Showcase successful projects** with concrete results from field implementation.
3. **Stimulate actionable dialogue** on evidence-informed policies to reduce risk at source.
4. **Highlight multi-sectoral collaboration to reduce health risks in wildlife trade.**

Agenda

Time (CEST)	Activity	Lead
14:00-14:05	Opening: Alliance's film screening	
14:05 – 14:10	Welcome & Opening Remarks	
14:10– 14:15	Keynote session:	
05'	Understanding health Risks in wildlife trade: Evidence-Based knowledge	Susan Lieberman <i>(WCS Vice President)</i>
14:15 – 14:45	Panel discussion:	
30'	<p>How is the International Alliance advancing the implementation of the One Health approach in the context of wildlife trade?</p> <p>The discussion will highlight policy opportunities across scales and will share lessons learned from implementation of transdisciplinary projects funded by the Alliance, focusing on ways to strengthen coordinated, cross-sectoral action.</p>	<p>Panellist speakers:</p> <p>Barbara Maas <i>(Head of Endangered Species, Conservation NABU International)</i></p> <p>Hongying Li <i>(Senior Program Manager & Senior Scientist)</i></p> <p>Craig Stephen <i>(President, McEachran Institute)</i></p> <p>Matthew Collis <i>(IFAW Senior Director-Policy)</i></p> <p>Sarah Ferguson <i>(TRAFFIC's Director of Policy)</i></p>
14:45 – 15:05	Voices from the Field – Success Stories	
10'	<p>Towards designing Nature 4Health (N4H) in Vietnam; a global program to reduce zoonotic disease risk by investing in nature or upstream prevention – IUCN Vietnam project and International Alliance Collaboration.</p>	Jake Brunner <i>(Head of IUCN's Lower Mekong Sub-region)</i>
10'	<p>Sustainable Wildlife Governance in Namibia, Cameroon, and DRC - SWM Programme and International Alliance Collaboration:</p>	Eugenio Sartoretto <i>(FAO Legal Officer – SWM Programme, Legal component coordinator)</i>
15:05 – 15:25	Interactive Q&A	
15:25 – 15:30	Closing & Key messages	

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This event is part of the **One Health Festival Summit**. Learn more on the [official event webpage](#).

NOTE: The event is open to all. We invite government officials and technical experts, and other important actors from academia, donors, civil society, and media, as well as partners supporting One Health implementation.