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## **FOURTH ANNUAL GLOBAL “ONE HEALTH DAY” - NOVEMBER 3, 2019 ARE YOU PLANNING YOUR EVENT?**

Since 2016, three leading international One Health groups, the [One Health Commission](#), the [One Health Initiative](#) Autonomous *pro bono* Team, and the [One Health Platform Foundation](#), have partnered in leading global “[One Health Day](#)”. Officially celebrated on November 3, individuals and groups from around the world, from academic to corporate to non-profit, students to established professionals, take the opportunity to implement One Health projects and special events under the auspices of “One Health Day.” Highlighting the benefits of a One Health transdisciplinary approach towards solving today’s critical animal, human and ecological health challenges, projects focus on worldwide public health issues such as antimicrobial resistance, emerging /reemerging zoonotic infectious diseases, comparative medicine and research and the inextricable interactions between animal, environmental and human health.

One Health is a movement to forge co-equal, all-inclusive collaborations, in both research and applied sciences, between agriculturalists and food producers, human and veterinary medical healthcare providers, nurses, dentists, environmental health specialists, educators, social scientists, wildlife / conservation medicine experts and many other related disciplines. The three global partners are calling upon individuals and groups from around the world to implement One Health educational projects and awareness events in 2019. One Health Day Events can be organized and implemented any time of the year and do not have to fall right on 3 November unless they are participating in the Student Competition.

As early as 2010 the World Bank recognized and published [documentary evidence](#) supporting benefits of a One Health approach in disease prevention, public health and global security. The One Health approach is being increasingly accepted by numerous major international health oriented organizations such as the World Health Organization, the World Medical Association, the World Veterinary Association, the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, and the World Organization for Animal Health, and many countries are implementing the concept into government level policies. The One Health concept provides a path to achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and will advance health for the 21st century and beyond by accelerating biomedical research on topics that fall at the interface of many disciplines. When fully implemented, One Health will help sustain biodiversity, protect the planet and save untold millions of lives in present and future generations.

The global One Health Day [2016](#), [2017](#) and [2018](#) Event Descriptions and Maps provide impressive examples of how the world is embracing and advocating for One Health. Online registration for events is free of charge and is necessary to get on the annual, global One Health Day map. The registration form can be accessed via One Health Day webpages on either the [One Health Commission](#) or [One Health Platform](#) websites. Event organizers are encouraged to use the One Health Day logo and to promote their events via local media and internationally via social media. Questions should be directed to Regional One Health Day Points of Contact.

To highlight and encourage the next generation of One Health experts, multi-disciplinary student groups can compete for cash prizes and global recognition again in 2019. Up to four [Student Competition](#) awards of \$2,000 each may go to the top event in each of four global regions. [Winning Student Teams for 2018](#) were Ross University, St. Kitts, Caribbean, the Federal Rural University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and the University of Rwanda Rift Valley Fever Project, Rwanda. This year competing student groups will find an Event Submission Checklist to enhance their Event Summary package and they are encouraged to begin planning their joint events now!

Additional information is available online at [www.onehealthday.org](http://www.onehealthday.org)

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## About the initiators

**The One Health Commission** is a globally focused 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to promoting improved health of people, domestic animals, wildlife, plants and the environment. Committed to creating unifying interactions and opportunities between animal health, human health and planetary health, it is a gateway for the active exchange of One Health-related knowledge, sharing of resources and collaborative projects that reach beyond disciplinary boundaries. Working to train the next generation of One Health leaders, the Commission seeks to 'Connect' One Health Advocates, to 'Create' networks and teams that work together across disciplines to 'Educate' about One Health and One Health issues. It does this by leading and facilitating active One Health education initiatives around the world. [www.onehealthcommission.org](http://www.onehealthcommission.org)

**The One Health Initiative Autonomous *pro bono* Team** was originally established in 2006-2007. The One Health Initiative website, originated October 2008, has been called "the international clearing house for significant One Health information" and by some the "New York Times of One Health." Its world-wide circulation has been strengthened by its up-to-date One Health News, Publications and Upcoming Events postings relative to animal, human and environmental health. It is estimated to be accessed monthly by *roughly* 20,000 individual visitors from over 150 countries. The OHI website is known to have had at least 119 reciprocal links worldwide. Among the leading high-profile search engines the One Health Initiative website is listed *first* or among the first when either "One Health Initiative" or "One Health" are searched. [www.onehealthinitiative.com](http://www.onehealthinitiative.com)

**The One Health Platform** is a One Health scientific reference network that aims to enhance our understanding of and preparedness for current and future outbreaks of zoonoses, emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases in humans and animals and antimicrobial resistance. This includes the ecological and environmental factors which drive and impact on these diseases. The One Health Platform is a strategic forum of stakeholders with the aim of constructing connections across One Health Science and One Health Policy - safeguarding Global Health Security. The Platform engages in collaborative partnerships with existing international governmental and non-governmental organizations and institutions to set up a framework for information-sharing, cooperation and awareness raising activities. The One Health Platform organizes the biennial World One Health Conferences. More information is available through the monthly One Health Media Bulletin and at [www.onehealthplatform.org](http://www.onehealthplatform.org).