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The Danish Minister for Food, Agriculture and Fisheries hosted the International One Health Conference on 5–6 November 2025 in Copenhagen in collaboration with the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe. The conference was part of Denmark's Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

The conference aimed to inspire civil servants from human health, animal health and environmental health in the EU member states to adopt a more integrated One Health approach. It served as a platform to explore and identify effective policy solutions and good practices to support a coherent and coordinated response to health challenges in the human, animal, and environmental interface.

This document focuses on key take-aways and concrete solutions mentioned through the conference to address some of the challenges presented in the opening session while Her Majesty The Queen of Denmark attended.

Key take-aways

- One Health is a crucial cornerstone as a coherent approach to achieving and upholding universal goals related to environmental protection and climate (jif COP30), human health, animal health, plant health, and food safety.
- Collaboration between human, animal, and environmental sectors in both planning and implementation as early as possible, is essential. All sectors are part of the solution. “Bridging the silos” and building trust and mutual respect is crucial. Consider collaboration between the sectors as an opportunity and not an obstacle and put financial incentives to reward it.
- Local engagement of communities is necessary. Ensure to educate children & youth and allow “cross-silo” training of the next generation.
- Communication and demonstration of good examples of impacts of One Health efforts is needed in relation to all sectors, including private sector, research and civil society. Champions/ambassadors to communicate the key take-aways simply and effectively to the public is needed. Ensure transparency and speak a language that everybody can understand.
- The future of One Health will depend on strong involvement not only from authorities but also from research communities who innovate, from industry partners who bring solutions to life, and from civil society who ensures accountability and public trust. Important that all relevant stakeholders align and acknowledge that we all need to act instead of compete or miscredit facts.
- Remember the economic dimension and show that investments in One Health efforts pay off.
- Integrate technical and organizational systems so that data, surveillance, and response mechanisms can work as one, not in silos.
- Proactive Stewardship in Denmark: Responsible antibiotic use in agriculture, supported by surveillance and training, sets a benchmark for best practice.

Next Steps

- The conference outcome document “The Copenhagen Recommendations on One Health Collaboration - Solutions and Practical steps” including inspiration and examples from the conference, will be published.
- The Conference had a very strong focus on what the participants would do themselves during the next weeks and further to establish and strengthen the One Health approach and relations to colleagues in the other sectors. For example, the “I commit to.....” initiative was used during the conference.
- All conference participants were invited to join the “Copenhagen One Health Ambassador Group” on LinkedIn where contacts, experiences, good practices and examples can be shared from hereon.
- The interest in One Health by Her Majesty The Queen of Denmark was noticed by many participants, including the moderators. WHO forwarded key take-aways to Her Majesty The Queen of Denmark before she attends COP30 in Brazil.
- The conference webpage Home - One Health Conference 2025 will include presentations, videos and pictures from the conference, as well as the outcome document.
- The key take-aways from the conference can be used during the Danish Presidency of the Nordic Council of Ministers 2026.

Outcome document

The outcome document following from the Conference is The Copenhagen Recommendations on One Health Collaboration - Solutions and Practical Steps. The outcome document is organized around four key solutions 1) Building Collaborative Cultures and Trust, 2) Strengthening Policy and Governance Alignment, 3) Integrating Organizational and Technical Systems and 4) Enhancing Communication.

The Recommendations outline concrete steps at national/EU and institutional levels in order to foster policy alignment, organizational integration, trust, capacity building, and effective communication. The recommendations apply to competent authorities in Member States at all stage of One Health implementation maturity.

- First, building cultures of collaboration and trust — by creating regular cross-sector meetings and shared learning programmes that can help us understand each other's worlds.
- Second, aligning our policies and governance — through national One Health coordination structures, formal cooperation agreements, and shared accountability that ensure alignment of policies between ministries and agencies.
- Third, integrating our technical and organizational systems — so our data, surveillance, and response mechanisms can work as one, not in silos.
- And finally, communicating better — both internally and externally. Because clear, consistent, and honest communication inspires and builds the trust – so cooperation both begins and lasts.