

Meeting on the Results of the FAO Experts' Mission on "One Health" within the Framework of the FAO Regional Project.

On December 16, 2024, a working meeting was held at the "Archabil" hotel regarding the results of the FAO experts' mission. The mission evaluated the capabilities of national veterinary laboratories and the antimicrobial resistance surveillance system using FAO-ATLASS in the food and agriculture sector within the framework of the FAO regional project "One Health" – protecting food systems, preventing future pandemics. The project is funded by the Pandemic Fund. Representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Environmental Protection, and other interested agencies of the country, including representatives from FAO and WHO, participated in the working meeting. The meeting was moderated by Arslan Soltanmyradov, Head of the Department of International and Scientific Relations of the State Veterinary Service under the Ministry of Agriculture of Turkmenistan. He noted the key role of the mission and its successful completion.

International experts included FAO experts Duriya Charyphan and Dsani Ester. The meeting included final presentations and recommendations from FAO experts based on the mission's results.

During the discussion, key steps for protecting food systems and preventing future pandemics were considered. The "One Health" approach emphasizes the interconnection between human, animal, and environmental health. Participants discussed the need to strengthen intersectoral cooperation to effectively address current challenges. Priority steps were identified for coordinating efforts of various sectors and developing comprehensive approaches to achieve sustainable results.