

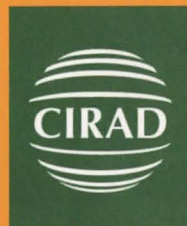
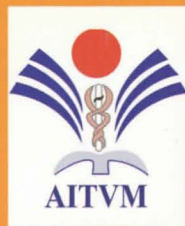
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## **THE CARIBBEAN ANIMAL HEALTH NETWORK (CARIBVET) HARMONISATION AND REINFORCEMENT OF ANIMAL DISEASE SURVEILLANCE FOCUSED ON EMERGING DISEASES**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The Caribbean animal health network (CaribVET) is a collaboration network among veterinary services, diagnostic laboratories, research institutes, universities and regional/international organisations to improve animal health in the Caribbean. Its specific objectives are to foster exchange of information and collaboration among people involved in animal health, promote a regional approach for emergency preparedness and diseases control, develop and harmonise regional veterinary diagnostic capacities, and strengthen national epidemiological surveillance systems through training and skills building. The CaribVET website ([www.caribvet.net](http://www.caribvet.net)) is a participatory website which encompasses information and data on surveillance systems, diagnostic laboratories, conferences, bibliography, and diseases of major concern in the Caribbean region. A steering committee of CaribVET, a coordination unit and six working groups were established to organize the collaboration on specific diseases or activities. Control of emerging, re-emerging and exotic animal disease threats have been at the forefront of CaribVET activities. The working

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