The World Veterinary Association recognizes November 3 as “One Health Day” to bring global attention to the crucial need and benefits of using interdisciplinary approaches to complex challenges involving animals, people, and planetary ecosystems.

Let One Health Day remind each of us that the success of the One Health approach to complex challenges depends on active engagement in policy development and increasing the visibility of One Health around the world. The World Veterinary Association (WVA) is the global voice of the veterinary profession, along with its partners in the One Health approach, working to establish guidance and policy for the benefit of the welfare of animals, humans, and the environment.

The WVA Declaration of Incheon on the Role of the Veterinary Profession in One Health and EcoHealth Initiatives acknowledges that the veterinary profession addresses health risks at the animal-human-environmental interfaces within ecosystems that range in scale from local to global levels. It envisions the veterinary profession of 2050 being highly skilled, educated, and trusted with expertise in One Health and EcoHealth initiatives.

We encourage you to take the opportunity to implement One Health projects and special events under the auspices of One Health Day. One Health Day Events can be organized and implemented any time of the year and do not have to fall right on 3 November. Additional information is available online at www.onehealthday.org

Join the WVA in celebrating the One Health Day 2019, raising the importance of inter-sectorial collaboration to improve the health of people, animals and the environment.