

PREZODE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2025

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On December 5, 2025, PREZODE held its annual General Assembly in a hybrid format, with GA delegates participating both online and in person in Paris, France. The GA meeting was co-chaired by the outgoing PREZODE President of the GA, Dr. PapaSeck, and the incoming President, Dr. Soawapak Hinjoy. Dr. Thierry Lefrançois, Interim Secretary-General (SG) of PREZODE, and the other members of the PREZODE Executive Committee facilitated the meeting and its follow-up to the agenda. Dr. Thierry Caquet, Vice President of INRAE in charge of International Relations, welcomed the on-site participants. The record of the meeting can be found [here](#).

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1. OPENING AND WELCOME



Dr Papa Seck gave a welcome speech, welcoming the delegates to the hybrid GA meeting. He expressed his gratitude for the involvement and engagement of PREZODE members in supporting the initiative's work through its different activities. He particularly thanked the Republic of France for its strong support and extended his gratitude to the

three founding Institutes of the Initiative – **CIRAD, INRAE, and IRD** – for their financial contribution. He briefly listed the main achievements of PREZODE in the past two years, including the **growth of an international network** with the membership of 30 countries and 230 organizations; the **participation in the Pandemic Agreement discussion as a relevant Stakeholder in the INDB.**

Representing the **French government**, Mrs. **Clara Pacheco**, Head of Food Security, Nutrition, and Sustainable Agriculture at the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, delivered a compelling speech, emphasizing the renewed trust in PREZODE as stated by the President of the French Republic on November 3rd during the OSH Forum. At a time when PREZODE needs increased funding to sustain its advancement for science and prevention projects, this trust is essential. She emphasized the critical importance of making decisions based on science.

She announced the upcoming **One Health Summit on April 7, 2026**. This summit, which is unparalleled in its scope, will bring together leaders at the highest state levels to discuss the implementation of One Health strategies.

The Summit will be preceded by a high-level scientific conference, and **PREZODE will play a key role in demonstrating the concrete operationalization of One Health**. Her speech is available [here](#).



2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Interim SG presented the draft agenda. This report follows the structure of this agenda. As no comments or objections were received in advance or raised during the meeting, the agenda was considered adopted.

3. 2024 PREZODE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DRAFT MINUTES

The Interim Secretary-General (SG) of PREZODE, Dr Thierry Lefrançois, presented the draft report of the 2024 General Assembly. The minutes were circulated among the members in advance, and no comments were received; therefore, the minutes are considered approved. **They can be downloaded here.**

4. RESULTS OF THE GA VICE PRESIDENCY ELECTION

Dr. Papa Seck announced that the two candidates for Vice President, Dr. Nivian Montes de Osa Martínez, from Cuba, and Dr. Jean-Médard Kankou, from the Republic of Congo, received the exact same number of votes during the election. The members were presented with a proposal to appoint both as co-vice presidents.

The Interim SG explained that the Existing Governance did not anticipate this tie result and therefore, GA validation is required. As a result, a change in the status of PREZODE is required to organize a new election for the Presidency that will start after the 2027 GA. Dr. Seck made it clear that a dual vice presidency would enhance the geographical representation of PREZODE.

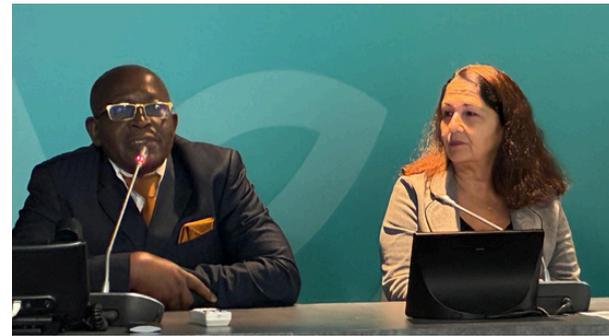
Dr. Juan Luboth, a member of the SC and representative of The One Sustainable Health Forum, proposed the idea of having a VP for each PREZODE region.

Dr. Seck and Dr. Lefrançois explained that the outgoing Presidency-Vice Presidency tandem worked as a team, sharing representations in their own region. They asserted that a dual Vice Presidency would indeed enhance these regional aspects.

The co-vice presidency was adopted since no other comments or objections were raised during the meeting.

Dr. Papa Seck invited the co-vice Presidents on stage to introduce themselves. **Dr. Nivian Montes de Osca Martínez** and **Dr. Jean-Médard Kankou** gave a short address. (Replay from 00:32 to 0:37 minutes).

On behalf of the GA, the co-chairs have tasked the Secretariat and Steering Committee with revising the PREZODE governance status.



Dr. Nivian Montes de Osca Martínez (on the right) and Dr. Jean-Médard Kankou (left).



5. ENDORSEMENT OF THE NEW PREZODE MEMBERS

The SG reminded the delegates that, according to PREZODE's rules, organizations applying for membership must be endorsed by a majority of PREZODE members to become full members. A list of observer members had been submitted for endorsement before the General Assembly (GA). He presented the list of the 23 applicant organizations (one applicant was added to the list, as its membership application request was received a few days before the GA).

Jens Jäger, from the **Helmholtz Center for Animal Health Research**, noted that some NGOs promoting animal welfare and rights have previously opposed animal research. That could become problematic at a certain point if the discussion comes up again. The Animal Health Research Center, which he represents as well as partners, respects ethical standards. He stated that if the debate had to take place again, it should not take place within PREZODE.

Dr. Lefrançois noted that the **membership of PREZODE requires adherence to its core values, one of which is animal disease prevention. The diversity of PREZODE members reflects various views. What is important is a common view on the objectives of PREZODE.** Members of the SC (Jamie Resaer, Chadia Wannous, as SC members, emphasized common values and inclusion.

No further comments were received from any other organization members. The list was considered to be endorsed. The new members are:

- Africa Coalition on TB (ACT Africa),
- Bangladesh Livestock Research Institute,
- Benin One Health Network for Excellence, CABI,
- Central African Network for Integrated Control of Antimicrobial Resistance (RACCIRAM),
- CFI - Canal France International,
- Chattogram Veterinary and Animal Sciences University - CVASU,
- Dispositif en Partenariat One Health Ocean Indien - dP OHOI,
- EANNASO,
- EpiX Analytics, European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare - EUPAHW,
- FOUR PAWS,
- Friendship Bangladesh,
- Institute of Vertebrate Biology, Czech Academy of Sciences,
- International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-biotech Applications (ISAAA),
- Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security,
- Laboratoire de diagnostic vétérinaire et de sérosurveillance - LADISERO,
- National Veterinary Research Institute - NIVR,
- Rural Infrastructure & Human Resource Development Organization (RIHRDO),
- SCDI Centre for Supporting Community Development Initiatives, University of Calgary,
- University of Western Australia - School of biomedical sciences,
- Rakuno Gakuen University.





6. NEWS FROM THE STEERING COMMITTEE

The Interim SG introduced the newly elected members of the Steering Committee (SC) for the three colleges. Science, Regions, and Civil Society. He also emphasized the establishment of the International Organizations College, which will participate in the SC as an observer, and the possibility, in the future, to complement this committee with FAO and UNEP representatives. You can learn more about the new SC [here](#).



Members of the Steering Committee elected for the 2025-2027 mandate.

On the picture, from left to right: Marta Martínez Aviles, Christina Pettan-Brewer, Manon Lelarge, Chadia Wannous, Prisca Mugabe, Asma Saidouni, Dien Nguyen Thi, Jamie K. Reaser.

Sukanta Chowdhury, Duangporn Pichpol, Tongkorn Meeyam, Nitish Debnath, Lucy Keatts, Magda Robalo, Ricardo Soares Magalhaes, and Gerardo Suzán complete the SC.

The new SC met in a hybrid format before the GA. The Interim SG gave a brief overview of the meeting's key outcomes:

- An ongoing discussion to define and demonstrate the added value of PREZODE.
- A discussion on fundraising and the establishment of the donor Committee.
- A presentation of current and upcoming science work, with a focus on Pillar working groups' activities and Webinar series.
- A review of actions related to the Pandemic Fund's past and upcoming PREZODE proposals.
- A discussion on a science event linked to the 2026 PREZODE GA, possibly organized in Thailand.
- An overview of the One Health high-level Summit planned in April 2026 in France and on PREZODE's involvement in the event.



7. PREZODE PROJECTS, PROGRAMS, AND COLLABORATIONS

This session gave an overview of the global state of the Initiative and its activities and programs. It also provided a focus on specific collaborations and projects. (The activities briefly presented here will be developed in the 2025 PREZODE activity report, to be issued early 2026).

A. Global Outlook

The interim SG presented the overall state of the initiative: over 260 members, including 30 countries (Belgium, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Congo, DRC, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, France, Gabon, Guinea-Conakry, Haiti, Laos, Madagascar, Mexico, Morocco, Panama, Philippines, Senegal, Thailand, Trinidad & Tobago, United Kingdom, Uruguay, Vietnam, Zambia and Zimbabwe). The list of members can be found [here](#). The broad diversity of organizations, from 80 countries, demonstrates inclusion in line with the One Health values.

Dr. Lefrançois informed the audience that the **Secretariat has a specific legal status (Association Loi 1901)** as of June 2025. This status will grant the secretariat access to funding and the ability to organize specific collaborations.

PREZODE participated in **several high-level events** during the past 12 months, making its mark at the World Resilience Summit, the World Health Summit, the **World Animal Health Summit, the Paris Peace Forum, COP16 Biodiversity, IUCN Congress 2025, UNFCCC COP30, IPBES 10 Plenary**, and in the **UN General Assembly**. It was mentioned during the G20 Health or G7 Health summits.

Representatives of PREZODE participated in regional meetings through various formats, including panel sessions, roundtable discussions, and poster exhibits. These meetings included the Pacific Heads of Veterinary and Animal Production Services in Noumea and the One Health ASEAN-France Scientific Conference in Jakarta ([see events here](#)).

PREZODE's involvement in promoting prevention and one health in the **Pandemic Agreement negotiations**, as well as its current participation in the **PABS discussion** to implement the agreement, was clearly highlighted. PREZODE's work has earned international recognition. The initiative is involved in **joint working groups** with the **WHO**, the **WOAH**, and the **FAO**.



Participation in the SPC-PHOVAPS meeting and in the One Health ASEAN France scientific conference.



PREZODE's team with AC. Amprou during the Pandemic negotiations.

The webinar series has already reached a growing audience, enhancing the scientific network and fueling discussions and research. The Initiative's communication expanded significantly, with a redesigned and extended website, featuring additional documentation, and a growing audience for the newsletters, which are open to contributions from members and partners.

Two scientific publications were submitted: One in Nature Health, on “Preventing future pandemics: a global science-policy initiative,” and one in Scientific Data: “PREZODE.data: a comprehensive public database of operational needs and knowledge gaps to prevent zoonotic disease emergence.

The Interim SG presented the efforts in the proposal to the 3rd call of the **Pandemic Fund** and mentioned the preparation of a new proposal.

B. PREZODE PROGRAMS

The two ongoing PREZODE programs (PREACTs and PEPR PREZODE) support research and operational activities focusing on the development and implementation of sustainable solutions for the prevention of zoonoses in targeted regions and countries.



Dr. Manon Lounnas, the Programs Coordinator, offered highlights on the initial achievements. She recalled that the last of the three projects structuring PREACTs, funded by **Agence Française de Développement (AFD)**, will be launched soon. Follow this link to see the development of the PREACTs programs.

Dr. Lounnas also provided an overview of the **11 projects** funded by the French **Ministry of Higher Education and Research** through the PEPR following three calls for projects covering the first three pillars of the PREZODE scientific framework. All of the granted projects were asked to develop a One Health approach and link their activities with civil society and stakeholders. Projects span France, overseas territories, Africa, and Asia, and cover a wide range of approaches, from risk characterization to prevention and early warning surveillance, using both pathogen-specific and non-pathogen-centered perspectives.

Manon Lounnas invited on stage two experts to give examples of activities implemented as part of these projects.

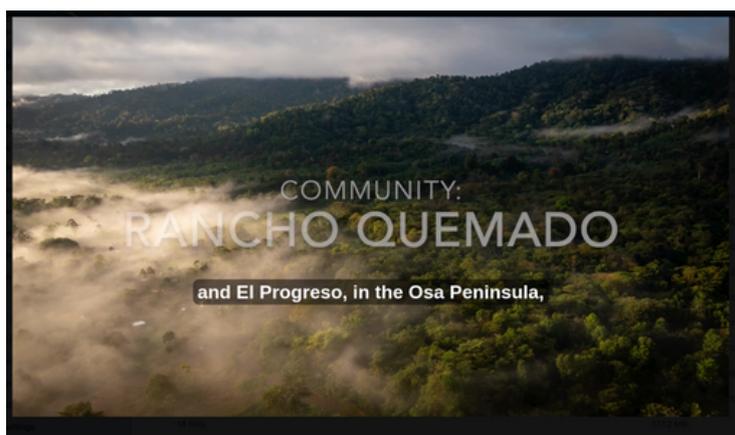
Mr. Patrice Landry Koudoum gave insights into the programs led under **the PREZODE programs in Cameroon: PRACTs AfriCam projects and CAVICOR (project of the PEPR PREZODE)**. He introduced the context of anthropogenic activities that increased emerging infectious risks and spillovers in forests and Sudano-Sahelian areas in Cameroon. He presented the first results of surveys conducted by students within the activities of the Research Institute CREMER, a national partner of AfriCam.



These surveys assessed risks of zoonotic disease emergence and implemented surveillance and early detection strategies on bat populations. The study reveals that more than 90% of the 1072 interviewed people in three areas consume bushmeat, almost 20% use caves for shelter, and 55% have bats in their house. The studies will fuel the PREPR project CAVICOR. This project aims to understand the circulation of coronaviruses infecting Cameroon's cave-dwelling bats and the risk of the emergence of new viruses in humans.

Dr. Andrea Chaves, Principal Investigator for the **ASAMCO** projects, showcased the close work with communities in **Costa Rica**, more specifically in Rancho Quemado and El Progreso in the **Osa Peninsula**, where there are high interactions between animal, human, and environment. The Project consists of several activities:

- To understand the cultural habits that influence disease exposure, and to co-design strategies via various workshops and campaigns.
- To strengthen the leadership of rural women in prevention.
- To sensitize and educate children.
- To evaluate the interaction between domestic and wild animals for a better sensitization of farmers.
- To document social development and education to promote cultural changes, especially in hunting



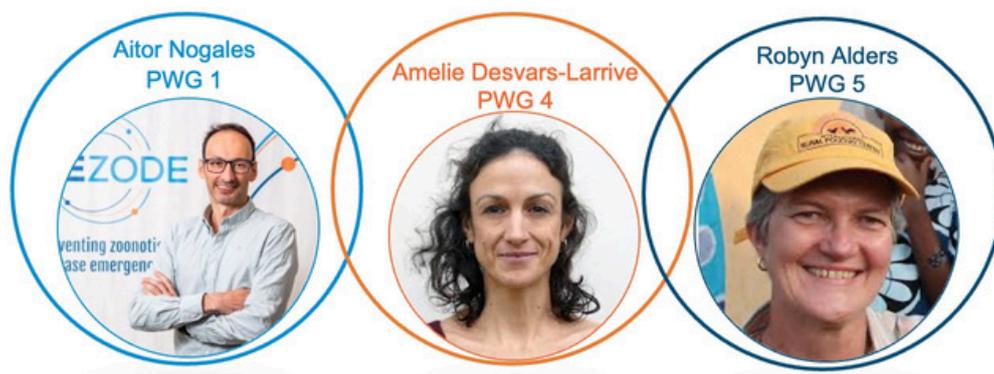
[Click here to see the video of the ASAMCO project in Costa Rica.](#)

C. ACTIVITIES OF THE FIVE PILLAR WORKING GROUPS (PWGS)

Dr. Elsa Leger, Global Science Officer, emphasized the significant role of the PWGs in the advancement of the scientific framework established with the PREZODE Strategic Agenda. These international groups, which bring together 87 experts from 37 countries, work on crucial issues to prevent zoonotic emergence. These issues include risk analysis, data systems, integrated surveillance systems, primary prevention strategies, equity issues, and strengthening One Health operationalization and governance. She delivered an overview of the Pillar Working Groups' initial achievements, namely:

- **Priorities identified and used as a baseline for the PREZODE Pandemic Fund** proposal (ENGAGE).
- **Experts' involvement in various PREZODE activities**, such as the Webinar series, the writing of an op-ed, and articles.
- **High-level deliverables** are ongoing.

She welcomed on stage three of our experts, Dr. Aitor Nogales, Dr. Amelie Desvars-Larrive, and Dr. Robyn Alders, who graciously provided their valuable feedback.



Dr. Aitor Nogales, a member of the 2023-2025 SC, explained his role in PWG1, which focuses on helping to shape priorities aligned with its core objectives and main goals. One of the main activities is the development of a PREZODE Glossary, which will provide a comprehensive list of clearly defined key terms related to zoonotic emergence and the One Health approach. He also presented the ongoing writing on **three opinion articles**:

- On **Avian Influenza**. This article aims to frame avian influenza not simply as a recurring crisis, but as a strategic lens for strengthening global efforts to prevent zoonotic disease emergence.
- On **Mosquito-borne Arboviruses**, to position zoonotic arboviruses not merely as regional health concerns, but as globally significant, climate-sensitive, and rapidly evolving threats
- On **Pathogen X** – an unknown or newly emergent pathogen (including potential novel variants).

Dr. Amelie Desvars-Larrive provided an overview of the work done within the PWG 4 “Prototype a global information system for surveillance and early detection”: clean, restructure, and **curate the PREZODE database of 1526 operational needs** and knowledge gaps collected within the 27 PREZODE international workshops conducted in 2021-2022. She emphasized the collective and meticulous task achieved, **working out 35 categories**. She underscored that the team was very careful of all original nuances. This rigorous process has given a coherent and genuine usable resource, creating a foundation for a more ambitious work to start shortly. The work achieved through PWG 4 is **aligned with the International Data Working Group**.

In a [video](#) displayed during the session, **Dr. Robyn Alders** presented her reflections on key tasks undertaken within PWG5. First, the writing of an op-ed published in Le Monde, in parallel with the last discussion on the Pandemic Agreement, to advocate that prevention must be a concrete priority (link to OpEd). The experts also collaborated on the elaboration of a policy brief, «One Health in Action: Key Factors for National Adoption and Implementation,” emphasizing that institutionalization does not necessarily mean operationalization.

Both Robyn Alders and Amelie Devars-Larrive also presented the **“equity” subgroup, implemented after the hosting of the webinar “equity issues in zoonosis prevention” held in January 2025**. A paper is underway to propose a stepwise approach to embedding equity and inclusivity within the PREZODE framework and address options for overcoming structural inequities and epistemic and institutional barriers.

Advancing equity: From panel to Working Group



Members	
Robyn Alders	Manon Lounnas
Nicolas Antoine-Moussiaux	Lina Mego
Salome Bukachi	Dien Nguyen Thi
Max Claron	Marisa Peyre
Amélie Desvars-Larrive	Magda Robalo
Andres Garchitorena	Kelly Sambucci
Fatma Guerfali	Margarida Simoes
Elsa Leger	Sandul Yasobant

Dr. Elsa Léger presented other major deliverables planned for 2026, including a PREZODE Atlas of Prevention Strategies and activities on One Health, such as the **joint working group on Science-Policy dialogue with the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)**. Find her presentation [here](#).

D. LABELLING PROCESS

The initial foreseen section on PREZODE labeling and OH governance mapping could not take place during the GA due to limited time. Dr Léger announced that **the labeling process is now officially open** and **accessible** through the PREZODE website [here](#).

All PREZODE members and other interested partners are invited to submit applications to have their projects/initiatives/activities endorsed under PREZODE values, as presented during the 2024 General Assembly:

- Contribute to the prevention of zoonotic disease emergence by following at least one of the key recommendations of the PREZODE Strategic Agenda.
- Consider aspects related to gender equality, diversity, ethics, and open science.
- Aim to contribute to at least one Sustainable Development Goal targeted by PREZODE.
- Aim to launch actions in research, innovation, education, or development that will improve knowledge or knowledge sharing on the emergence and spread of zoonotic risks, surveillance, and mitigation actions.
- Promote the One Health approach as an integrated, unifying approach:
 - Aiming at sustainable balancing and optimizing the health of people, animals, and ecosystems.
 - Recognizing that the health of humans, domestic and wild animals, plants, and the wider environment (including ecosystems) is closely linked and interdependent.
 - Mobilizing multiple sectors, disciplines, and communities at varying levels of society to work together at fostering well-being and tackling threats to health and ecosystems, while addressing the collective need for clean water, energy and air, safe and nutritious food, considering climate change issues, and contributing to sustainable development.
 - Encourage sharing relevant information, results, and innovations with the PREZODE community of practice, ideally through a common platform, to improve knowledge and ensure the future empowerment of local and international communities.
 - Encourage evidence-based policy development and/or recommendations using a bottom-up approach whenever possible and relevant.
 - Take an inclusive approach whenever possible to engage with relevant actors at all geographic levels to ensure actions are relevant and acceptable.

The PREZODE endorsement scheme fosters synergies between existing and upcoming initiatives, encouraging collaboration and enhancing sustainability. The program also aims to promote science-based solutions to inform policymakers and decision-makers. Participants will benefit from recognition for adopting collaborative principles, inclusion in a community of practice, and increased visibility through PREZODE's communication channels. The scheme will also ensure that endorsed activities complement, rather than duplicate, existing efforts, thereby maximizing their impact.

F. THE INTERNATIONAL DATA WORKING GROUP

The PREZODE chief data officer, **Dr. Paula Cáceres**, introduced the progress of the International Data Working Group (IDWG) and the PREZODE International Platform. Recalling that prevention, at the heart of PREZODE, is often invisible but crucial, she stressed that we need mechanisms that recognize, support, and sustain it before crises occur. **A significant step forward was taken with the definition of an international PREZODE data platform concept and the launch of the process to build it.** This initiative is the result of a coordinated, collective effort involving over 60 data experts. The group conducted a broad benchmarking and assessment of more than 100 existing platforms and carried out interviews to generate the terms of reference for a call for tender for the prototype.

The platform is to be built around three complementary modules that help us to see, connect, and act:

- **Module 1 - Project Catalogue:** Designed as a living map of prevention in action, to enhance visibility of ongoing work, foster collaboration, and enable rapid mobilization in the event of a health crisis.
- **Module 2 - Science-Society Liaison:** A collaborative, multilingual interface that connects communities, scientists, and stakeholders to create co-designed solutions.
- **Module 3 - Data Integration and Analysis:** To support early prevention and evidence-based decision-making through integrated multi-source data.

Dr. Cáceres invited three experts from the IDWG: Christina Pettan-Brewer, Paolo Tizzani, and Sarah Olson (*from left to right in the picture*), to provide details on the different modules, relying on their field experience.



Dr. Christina Pettan-Brewer (School of Medicine, University of Washington) gave an overview of the Project Catalogue module. She emphasized that a shared global map of prevention projects is essential to make existing work visible, reveal collaboration opportunities, and reduce duplication. To illustrate this, she used the example of Avian Influenza, which went from North to South America. Thanks to communication within the One Health networks, Brazil was ready when the HPAI hit the country, helping to prevent human cases. She highlighted that such a map creates a living picture of prevention in action, something that is currently missing.

Dr. Sarah Olson (WCS) provided insights into the Science Society Liaison module. She took the example of the Wildlife Conservation Society's work in Pakistan and Alaska in supporting community surveillance through a focus on tracing coronavirus transmission between humans and animal hosts. She stressed that prevention only works when grounded in local realities, and that communities must be able to express their needs in their own terms.

She highlighted the importance of spending time with communities to understand their perspectives and co-designing the science/community surveillance. She explained that the platform shifts the paradigm from extractive research to collaborative research - from science going to communities to communities bringing information to researchers. She underlined that trust and relationships are crucial for building knowledge.

Dr. Paolo Tizzani (WOAH) explained the principles of the Data Integration and Analysis module. From the point of view of global organizations, surveillance data are dispersed across sectors, formats, institutions, and countries, making it difficult to bring them together for accurate use. He highlighted that although data exist, they are scattered, and that integrating multi-source data in one place would save time and help aggregate information in case of an event, and for authorities to make decisions in a timely and efficient manner. He noted that a data integration and analysis module would strengthen early warning capabilities and enable decision-makers to act earlier and with greater confidence.

Dr Cáceres emphasized the **collective work** and thanked all experts participating in the IDWG, which strengthens collaboration. She announced that the call for tender will be published in early 2026. Further on, a global communication and engagement campaign will be established, along with an International Users Committee.

G. FINANCIAL ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Lefrançois introduced this sequence by explaining that PREZODE will start a process to discuss the interactions between PREZODE and the private sector, currently represented by 19 members (Manufacturers, consulting and tech companies, and foundations). He emphasized the need to engage better with private actors.

Mrs. Jessica Abbate from Geomatys presented a draft strategy. She listed 3 major questions:

- What interests does the private sector represent -from information to product and funding opportunities meeting Onen Health goals?
- What unique opportunities do they provide - Help clarify PREZODE added value, strategies for sustainability, and marketing strategies?
- What are some roadblocks to public-private interactions and partnerships? Ethical concerns, data sharing, or intellectual property.

In 2026, PREZODE will conduct a confidential survey with private and public entities: To the first group, the questions will raise concrete questions: what does my organization want to contribute to/ get from PREZODE? What are our limitations/concerns about intellectual property? On what points can we collaborate openly with public actors?

To the public entities, the questions will address fears/concerns about working with the private sector; limitations/constraints/guardrails institutions place on partnering or collaborating with private entities; and potential needs for private entities to help meet your needs. The results of the survey will allow to define boundaries and explore collective opportunities.

François-Xavier Babin, from the Foundation Mérieux, suggested refining the listing between the operators, in private for-profit and private non-profit, as this would be a key level to engage actors, such as Foundations.

8. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION: PREZODE IN ACTION: CONNECTING SCIENCE, SOCIETY AND DECISION-MAKING

This round table highlighted concrete ways in which PREZODE partners operationalize One Health by strengthening the interface between science, society, and decision-makers. Featuring experiences from South-East Asia with perspectives from Africa and Latin America, **the session identified shared success factors and opportunities for cross-regional cooperation.**

Dr. Soawapak Hinjoy, who moderated the panel discussion, gave a highlight on cross-ministerial One Health governance and PREZODE's role through the enablers of the national One Health platform.

Jeff Acaba (Regional CSO of APCASO network) shared his experience in Community-led surveillance and civil society engagement in governance and accountability.

Phuong Vu (One Health Partnership MAE) provided insights from the perspective of national multi-stakeholder governance in Vietnam.

Rico Ancog (SEARCA UPLB, Philippines) focused on the challenges of translating research into policy and capacity building.

Dien Nguyen Thi gave an overview of GREASE network activities in Vietnam.

To broaden the discussion to other regions, Dr. Soawapak Hinjoy invited **Dr. Papa Seck** and **Dr. Nivian Montes de Osca Martínez** to share their experience and practices in their countries.

*From left to right:
Soawapak Hinjoy,
Dien Nguyen Thi,
Papa Seck, and Nivian
Montes de Osca.*

*The roundtable starts
at 2h10" in the replay.*



9. HANDOVER OF THE PREZODE GA PRESIDENCY AND CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

Dr. Papa Seck expressed his continued satisfaction and appreciation in assuming the role of chairperson for the General Assembly (GA) over the past two years. He then proceeded to relinquish the presidency to **Dr. Soawapak Hinjoy**. He received a strong positive response from the audience.



Dr. Hinjoy delivered the concluding remarks at the fourth PREZODE General Assembly. She underscored that "community" was the most suitable term to describe PREZODE. The initiative encompasses all world regions, particularly through the dual vice presidency, Steering Committees, and the diverse range of members. She congratulated all participants in PREZODE programs, activities, and working groups on their achievements and ongoing efforts. These activities facilitate knowledge sharing and growth.

Mrs. Clara Pacheco, the French government's representative, concluded the session, expressing gratitude to Dr. Papa Seck for his dedication. France confirmed its continued support for PREZODE, ensuring the initiative's sustainability and growth.



Mrs. Clara Pacheco, the French government's representative, concluded the Assembly after Dr. Soawapak's address.