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Call for Expression of Interest

FAO Global Tick Laboratory Network & Training on Acaricide Resistance Tick Bioassays (Africa Region)

The FAO Global Tick Laboratory Network is pleased to invite expressions of interest from laboratories in Africa for:

1. **Integration into the FAO Global Tick Laboratory Network**, and
2. **Participation in a practical training session on acaricide resistance *in vitro* tick bioassays**

This initiative aims to strengthen laboratory capacity, harmonize methodologies, and support improved tick and acaricide resistance management across the region.

Training Details

- **Topic:** Practical training on acaricide resistance *in vitro* bioassays
- **Dates:**
 - 14 - 18 September 2026 in Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda (in English)
 - 28th September - 02 October 2026 in CIRDES, Bobo Dioulasso, Burkina Faso (in French)

Eligibility Criteria

For Integration into the FAO Global Tick Laboratory Network

Interested laboratories must:

- Be currently conducting *in vitro* acaricide resistance bioassays
- Provide supporting evidence of their activities (e.g. laboratory reports, scientific publications, or other relevant documentation)

For Participation in the Training

- One participant per laboratory (preferably the technician or scientist directly performing the bioassays).
- Mandatory completion of the FAO e-learning course on acaricide resistance ([Acaricide resistance in vitro tick bioassays | FAO VLCs](#)) documented by the certificate.
- Participants who have previously attended this training are **not eligible**



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Selection Priorities


Priority will be given to:

- Laboratories that **have not previously participated** in this training
- Laboratories that provide **direct services to farmers** (i.e. diagnostic and service-oriented laboratories), rather than purely research-focused institutions

Application Process and Timeline

Interested laboratories are invited to submit their expression of interest including:

- A motivation letter
- A brief description of laboratory activities related to acaricide resistance
- Supporting documentation (e.g. reports, publications)
- Name, role, and short CV of the proposed participant
- Proof of completion of the FAO e-learning course by the proposed participant

 **Deadline for submission:** Submit the above documents by email to FAO-Acaricide-Resistance@fao.org not later than **14 June 2026**.

Please contact: FAO-Acaricide-Resistance@fao.org or info@waavpafrika.org for any queries.

This call represents an opportunity to contribute to regional capacity building and to strengthen collaboration within the FAO Global Tick Laboratory Network.