

Missions were carried out in Rabat and Casablanca, Morocco from 8 to 17 March 2013 and in Tehran and Isfahan, Islamic Republic of Iran from 19 to 26 April 2013 to assess the competencies and capacities of the national influenza centres in the two countries in to explore their potential for serving as future regional reference centres for influenza surveillance in the Eastern Mediterranean. The missions also provided an opportunity to review ongoing collaboration on the regional External Quality Assessment programme, on the PulseNet-Middle East Network of Public Health and Food Regulatory Agency laboratories, and explore additional opportunities for collaboration.

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