



**One Health & Development Initiative**

## **ONE HEALTH INSIGHTS EDITORIAL GUIDELINES**

## **INTRODUCTION**

One Health and Development Initiative (OHDI) is the leading indigenous nonprofit, nongovernmental organization in the One Health space in Nigeria and in Africa at large, proffering solutions to interrelated issues in human, animal, environmental, and ecosystem health. Our mission is rooted in the belief that public health concerns are interwoven, demanding a comprehensive strategy for solutions that are both impactful and enduring. We have remained focused on our vision to be the foremost organization utilizing the One Health approach to address and solve public health and sustainable development issues in Africa. One Health Insights publishes to provide the public with clarity and insight into the big issues facing society.

## **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

One Health Insights is a platform dedicated to fostering collaboration, sharing knowledge, and promoting awareness of the interconnectedness of human, animal, and environmental health. Our guiding principles serve as the foundation of our platform, guiding our actions, decisions, and contributions towards the advancement of the One Health approach.

This document aims to safeguard the trust relationship between One Health Insights and its audience, as well as to uphold the integrity of the platform and its editorial content. While our policies may not cover every possible scenario, we rely on reasoned decisions, editorial discretion, and practical judgment in situations where a specific policy may not directly address the issue at hand.

## **EDITING PROCESS: COMMISSIONING, EDITING & AUTHOR APPROVAL**

The management, collaborators, and board members recognize that editorial choices are based solely on merit, and that One Health Insights advocates for independent thought while retaining editorial autonomy over its content. The editorial team is committed to upholding this independence and preserving the integrity of One Health Insights.

## **ACCURACY, SOURCING AND ATTRIBUTION**

One Health Insights is dedicated to delivering accurate, equitable, and honest reporting with integrity. We will not manipulate or withhold pertinent facts to align with a particular narrative or agenda, nor will we knowingly deceive our readership. Rigorous fact-checking procedures are conducted for all our content, and sources of information are meticulously identified and cited to the fullest extent possible. When and where necessary, we will transparently provide our audience with the details needed to assess the credibility of our sources. Anonymous articles will not be featured on One Health Insights.

## **AUTHORSHIP AND CONTRIBUTORS**

Authors are expected to contribute articles on topics within their area of expertise and with a demonstrated track record of knowledge and practise. It is mandatory for authors to disclose any affiliations or funding relevant to the subject matter they are addressing, or that could be perceived as relevant. This transparency serves to safeguard the author's reputation, as well as the integrity and independence of One Health Insights. Any opinions expressed within articles are attributed to the named experts and may not necessarily reflect the viewpoints of One Health Insights.

One Health Insights is dedicated to promoting diversity and inclusion in its selection of authors, considering factors such as cultural background, gender, age, and geographic location (where the author resides). We conduct regular internal audits to ensure that we uphold this commitment and honor our pledge to inclusivity.

## **ETHICS**

One Health Insights is committed to adhering to all applicable laws, including those pertaining to plagiarism, privacy, contempt of court, the handling of confidential information, and defamation. It's important to note that while material may be legally suitable for publication, it may not necessarily align with our standards and ethical considerations. Therefore, we hold ourselves to a higher standard beyond mere legal compliance, ensuring that our content upholds ethical principles and maintains the integrity of our platform.

One Health Insights is more than a platform for sharing articles; it embodies a commitment to unity and synergy across human, animal, and environmental health domains. Through interdisciplinary and multisectoral collaboration, evidence-based insights, and a holistic perspective, we advocate for sustainability, inclusivity, and education. By fostering transparent, integrity-driven practices, we aim to inspire positive change and empower individuals and communities worldwide. Together, we strive to build a healthier, more resilient future where the well-being of humans, animals, and the environment are intricately interconnected and mutually supported.