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Keith Hamilton is a veterinarian from the British Isles who works in the area of international health. After qualifying from Liverpool University in 1997 he worked in mixed animal practice and in field disease control programs (including the UK foot and mouth disease outbreak of 2001) in the UK and overseas. After completing a Master's degree in human infectious disease control at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in 2003 he took up a position as a Veterinary Adviser to the UK Government, advising on policies for detection and control of animal diseases and zoonoses which were exotic to the UK. In 2007 he was seconded to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE). He remained at the OIE for 8 years during which time he worked on improving pandemic preparedness, laboratory capacity building, crisis management, destruction and sequestration of rinderpest, and he went on several missions to investigate the source of new and emerging diseases (including pandemic H1N1, avian influenza H7N9 and MERS); latterly he worked with international partners to develop and implement OIE's biological threat reduction strategy. In 2015 he moved to the USA to take up a position as Executive Director of International Programs at Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine.