



Second Global Steering Committee meeting of GF-TADs (SC2)
FAO HQ in Rome, July 8 – 9 2009

DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

CONSIDERING

- The complementarities between the FAO¹ and the OIE² 's missions, their objectives and activities;
- The Agreement between the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Office International des Epizooties, adopted by the FAO and by the OIE on May 24, 2004³;
- The Cooperation Agreement for the promotion of the joint FAO-OIE initiative "Global Framework for the Progressive Control of transboundary Animal Diseases", approved by FAO and OIE on May 24, 2004;
- The Chart of competencies and synergies of FAO and OIE – and companion *Vade Mecum* – officially endorsed in May 2008;
- The lessons learned from the experience and achievements of FAO and OIE activities under GF TADs umbrella during the past years;
- The results of the first evaluation of the GF-TADs conducted in December 2005, including draft recommendations;
- The outcomes of the first Global Steering Committee meeting of the GF-TADs (SC1, March 6, 2008, FAO HQ) and subsequent Recommendations;
- The outcomes of the five Regional Steering Committees;
- The outcomes of the Sharm-El-Sheikh international Conference on HPAI (October 2008) and the Winnipeg OWOH technical meeting (March 2009) ; where the document – *Contributing to One World, One Health: A Strategic Framework for Reducing Risks of Infectious Diseases at the Animal-Human-Ecosystems Interface* has been respectively presented and further discussed;
- The international FMD International Conference held in Asunción in June 2009;
- The next International Ministerial Conference on animal / human interface, to be held in Vietnam in 2010, which will include other transboundary diseases of animal origins, and the need for FAO and OIE to adopt a common position to prepare this Conference;
- The Agreement signed between the two organizations for final eradication of Rinderpest;
- The intersectorial nature of the OWOH strategic framework and the needs to streamline communication and information sharing between FAO and OIE, and WHO for zoonotic diseases, at the global and regional levels;

¹ FAO = Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

² OIE = World Organization for Animal Health

³ http://www.oie.int/eng/OIE/accords/en_accord_fao_2004.htm;

- The need to provide information on GF-TADs initiative to the public;
- The need to address neglected animal diseases (such as PPR) and zoonoses (such as Rift Valley Fever, rabies, brucellosis, ...) worldwide;
- The current sanitary situation with notably the emergence of influenza A / H1N1 and the pandemic phase 6 raised by WHO;

THE GLOBAL STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT:

1. The ToRs of the GF-TADs Global Steering Committee be amended to establish and define working procedures of working groups in order to address specific topics of global concern. The follow up of Asuncion FMD Conference recommendations would be the objective of the first working group. Working Groups report to the GSC;
2. The ToRs of the GF-TADs Global Steering Committee, of the Management Committee and of the Global Secretariat be transmitted as soon as possible to the Management Committee and implemented;
3. The composition of the first Global Steering Committee and of the Management Committee as agreed during the SC2 be officially released (see list in [annex](#)). As per the ToRs, the composition is valid for 2010 and 2011 (= for SC3 and SC4); in case of vacancy, the hierarchy will nominate another representative;
4. The Global Secretariat hosted at FAO HQ be officially put in place and appropriate funding be obtained in order to fully implement its terms of reference ;
5. A representative from a relevant wildlife organization at global level be asked to become a permanent observer in the GSC meetings;
6. The GF-TADs implements its activities within the framework of its mandate and in accordance to the chart of complementarities and synergies signed between the two organizations;
7. The conclusions of the second evaluation of the GF-TADs be made available to the SC2 participants in October 2009 and comments collected before the end of 2009 for the final validation of the Report by the Management Committee; the final conclusions of the Report be officially presented during the SC3;
8. Corrective actions needed at the global and regional levels to consolidate and improve the GF-TADs be proposed by the Management Committee to the Steering Committee, in light of the conclusions of the second evaluation;
9. A 5-year Action Plan cycle including financial aspects be developed with the understanding that the issues that have not been fully implemented continue to be implemented in the following Plan; the output be presented during the SC3;
10. An in-depth evaluation of all the operational RAHCs be carried out when additional funds are available;

11. OIE explore the feasibility of joining FAO to establish an FAO-OIE RAHC in Kathmandu;
12. For the GF-TADS website, the Management Committee define an editorial and content policy to be implemented by the Global Secretariat when updating the website; that the GF-TADS website be officially launched as soon as possible, and regularly updated by the GF-TADS Global Secretariat under the supervision of the Management Committee;
13. Regarding the activities to be implemented, be of paramount importance the support to the development of the performance of national animal health services (notably development of the partnership between official veterinary services and private veterinarians, producers and other stakeholders); that on this matter, any input be based on a PVS-based evaluation and PVS Gap Analysis and in line with the OIE-FAO good governance principles⁴ ;
14. Other cooperative activities be highlighted such as:
 - (i) the strengthening of regional networks of epidemicsurveillance, veterinary laboratories, socio economics and communication,
 - (ii) the continuation of avian and human influenza programmes, extended to all influenza, in collaboration with WHO,
 - (iii) the development of a Global Strategy on FMD global control worldwide based on the outcomes of the Asunción Conference Recommendations,
 - (iv) the final declaration for the Rinderpest eradication worldwide by FAO-OIE; the launching of a Global Strategy for the progressive control of PPR,
 - (v) the feasibility study of a Global Strategy for the prevention and control of RVF;
15. A high level meeting with OIE and FAO representatives be convened before the end of September to :
 - (i) decide upon the Rinderpest Joint Committee composition, the working mechanism and roadmap towards final declaration,
 - (ii) discuss a FAO-OIE joint mechanism based on the progressive control pathway presented during the Asunción global FMD conference to achieve FMD global control; and discuss the implementation of the Asunción Recommendations,
16. Regarding the technical preparatory meeting to the Hanoi conference,
 - (i) FAO and OIE strongly support the CDC Atlanta to host the meeting,
 - (ii) despite the current sanitary situation with regard to the 'Pandemic H1N1 2009' virus, H1N1 should be part of the agenda along with major animal diseases impacting human populations health and well-being;
17. Regarding the financing of the next 5-year Action Plan,
 - (i) The donors consider the possibility to fund the basic permanent needs of the GF-TADS, based on the budget presented during the SC2;

⁴ Joint OIE-FAO policy : [Ensuring good governance to address emerging and reemerging animal disease threats](#)

- (ii) A pledging conference be organized under the auspices of FAO and OIE at FAO Headquarters if possible and relevant in 2010, based on the conclusions of the second evaluation of the GF-TADs;
18. Regarding the implementation of the next 5-year Action Plan, the recommendations of the first GF TADs Steering Committee be continuously implemented as funds become available according to established priorities and under the guidance of the GF-TADs Steering Committee; the Global and Regional Support Units of the GF-TADs, and notably the Regional Animal Health Centres be supported taking into account the recommendations and guidance of the GF-TADs regional Steering Committees; the collaboration with WHO be continuously strengthened with regard to zoonotic diseases;
19. The next Global Steering Committee be held in 2010 at OIE Headquarters in Paris.

Date: July 9 2009

For FAO:

For OIE:

Annex:

Composition of the GF-TADs Global Steering Committee

Composition of the Gf-TADs Management Committee (2010 – 2011)