



Tenth Meeting of the Global Steering Committee of the GF-TADs (GSC10)

FAO HQ in Rome, 13-14 November 2018

Recommendations

Considering

- The Cooperation Agreement for the promotion of the joint FAO-OIE initiative “Global Framework for the Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases” (GF-TADs) signed by FAO and OIE in 24 May 2004;
- The outcomes and recommendations of the previous GF-TADs Global Steering Committee (GSC) meetings;
- The findings and recommendations of the ‘Joint FAO/OIE Evaluation of the GF-TADs’ jointly managed by the FAO Office of Evaluation and the OIE Performance Management Cell and carried out by two independent consultants selected through a competitive process;
- The draft Action Plan developed to address the recommendations of the Joint FAO/OIE Evaluation of the GF-TADs and adjusted during the GSC10 meeting;
- The necessity to strengthen the GF-TADs structure, mechanisms and functions both at global and regional levels in order to address the increasing challenges of transboundary animal diseases;

- The progress on the global strategy for the control and eradication of the *Peste des Petits Ruminants* (PPR) and the outcomes of the Global Conference “*Partnering and Investing for a PPR-free World*” held in Brussels on 7 September 2018, and the positive momentum and engagement from Ministers from infected and at risk countries as well as resource partners;
- The high risk of spread of African swine fever (ASF) in the Asia-Pacific Region and Europe, the challenges in disease detection and the role of wild and feral pigs in the epidemiology of ASF;
- That foot and mouth disease (FMD) is one of the priority diseases of the GF-TADs, the progress made, and the need for continued support for the implementation of the FAO/OIE FMD global strategy;
- The progress made in the implementation of the Rinderpest post-eradication programme;

THE GLOBAL STEERING COMMITTEE DECIDES TO:

- Adopt the Action Plan developed based on the outcomes of the Joint FAO/OIE Evaluation of the GF-TADs and the discussions during the GSC10.

THE GLOBAL STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT:

1. The implementation of the Action Plan be under the responsibility and leadership of the Management Committee (MC);
2. The FAO and OIE ensure the adequate support for the effective implementation of the Action Plan;
3. The MC update the Action plan as need be;
4. The MC explore the possibility to include a larger group of interested partners and other donors into the GSC in order to support the implementation of the GF-TADs Action Plan;

5. FAO in collaboration with OIE undertake an analysis and mapping of livestock trade and movement patterns to contribute to implementation of the GF-TADs Global Control/Eradication strategies and other priority diseases;
6. FAO and OIE, with the support of the scientific community, facilitate the introduction of new, innovative, easy delivery and effective vaccines for transboundary animal diseases in particular FMD, PPR and ASF;
7. FAO and OIE, with the support of their Joint PPR Secretariat, and in collaboration with AU-IBAR, Regional Economic Communities and relevant partners:
 - Pursue efforts to fill the financial gap of the PPR Global Eradication Programme (GEP) in particular the support expressed by some resource partners.
 - Undertake the mid-term review of the PPR GEP in the second semester 2019;
8. The PPR Global Secretariat develop a monitoring and evaluation system to track progress towards global PPR eradication by 2030 through the deployment of expert teams missions to affected and at-risk countries to evaluate and analyze national PPR prevention and control programs;
9. The GF-TADs FMD working group assess the progress made on FMD global control, the socio-economic impact of FMD and the development of an updated resource mobilization strategy with the engagement of the RECs and partners;
10. FAO-OIE joint rinderpest secretariat in collaboration with relevant partners advocate for the improvement of rinderpest diagnostic assays, the provision of rinderpest vaccine reserves and availability of vaccine seed accessible for vaccine production when needed;
11. The Regional Steering Committee of the GF-TADs for Asia-Pacific, through the support of an ASF Standing Group of Experts, be active in assessing the risks and strengthening early warning systems, surveillance and biosecurity measures in all susceptible species including wildlife for the effective control of the disease;
12. FAO and OIE to support the implementation of the “Summary and Conclusions of the 3rd Regional Workshop on Swine Disease Control in Asia” held in the Philippines from 2- 4 October 2018, in particular to those related to ASF;
13. The Global Secretariat represent GF-TADs in the annual Tripartite executive meetings.