



# FAO/OIE GF-TADs

GLOBAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE  
PROGRESSIVE CONTROL OF  
TRANSBOUNDARY ANIMAL DISEASES

## First Global Steering Committee meeting of GF-TADs (SC1)

– FAO HQ in Rome, March 6 2008 –

### Draft RECOMMENDATIONS

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#### CONSIDERING

- The complementarities between the FAO<sup>1</sup> and the OIE<sup>2</sup> '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, 2004<sup>3</sup>;
- 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 results of the first evaluation of the GF-TADs conducted in December 2005, including draft recommendations;
- The outcomes achieved at the global and regional levels after the first phase of implementation (2004-2007), which are overall rated satisfactory but need to be further consolidated;
- The outcomes of the five Regional Steering Committees;
- The outcomes of the recent New Delhi International Ministerial Conference on Avian and Pandemic Influenza at New Delhi, 4-6 December 2007 and its statement on the needs to go beyond the current epizootic of HPAI and extend the international community endeavours and collaboration towards the prevention and control of emerging and re-emerging animal diseases within a 'one world – one health' concept;
- The next International Ministerial Conference on avian and human influenza, to be held in Cairo, which will include other transboundary diseases of animal origins;
- The need to evaluate the achievements of the four years of GF-TADs implementation;
- The needs to streamline communication and information sharing between FAO and OIE, and WHO for zoonotic diseases, at the regional level;

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<sup>1</sup> FAO = Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

<sup>2</sup> OIE = Office International des Epizooties (= World Organization for Animal Health)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.oie.int/eng/OIE/accords/en\\_accord\\_fao\\_2004.htm](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 zoonoses worldwide (such as rabies, brucellosis, ...)

THE GLOBAL STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT:

1. The ToRs of the Steering Committee, of the Management Committee and of the Secretariat will be validated by correspondence by the participants of this meeting, on the basis of a common proposal made jointly by OIE and FAO;
2. The mechanism to appoint the members of the Steering Committee be decided by participants on the basis of the proposals made by OIE and FAO in the coming two months; The donors will communicate their representatives in the Steering Committee.
3. GF-TADs activities are not a duplication of existing activities of each organisation done within the framework of its mandate but these activities will improve the coordination and collaboration between the organisations and will also induce the creation of new activities not already covered by the organisations
4. The conclusions and recommendations of the first GF-TADs evaluation will be analysed for an improvement of the Agreement and will help to decide upon the development of a 5-year Action Plan cycle, with the understanding that the issues that have not been fully implemented continue to be implemented in the following Plan;
5. A second evaluation of the GF-TADs initiative - based on an agreed framework between OIE and FAO - be conducted by an independent team by the end of 2008 and the results available for the second Global Steering Committee;
6. The Terms of Reference for the evaluation be drafted by the Secretariat of the Global component of GF-TADs and circulated electronically to the members of the Steering Committee for their validation;
7. After an OIE-FAO agreement on the Terms of Reference for the evaluation, the selection of the consultant(s) to carry out the evaluation be upon the two selected co-presidents of GF-TADs Global Steering Committee after consultation of GF-TADs Global Steering Committee;
8. That the corrective actions needed at the global and regional levels to consolidate and improve the outcomes of the first phase of implementation will be done after knowledge of the results of the second evaluation and decisions taken by the GF-TADs Global Steering Committee; The corrective actions will be managed by the GF-TADs Management Committee under the supervision of the GF-TADS Global Steering Committee;

9. Regarding the elaboration of the next 5-year Action Plan, it is to:

- (i) be in line with the FAO/OIE Global Strategy on HPAI prevention and control and with the 'one health' concept which will be prepared by the international Technical Agencies before the Cairo meeting;
- (ii) be endorsed during the Second GF-TADs Global Steering Committee meeting, and
- (iii) be broken down into regional Action Plans (as for the regional priorities of the Global Initiative) and submitted to the GF-TADs regional Steering Committees;

10. Regarding the activities to be implemented as part of the proposed Action Plan of the Global Initiative, be of paramount importance:

- (i) 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 gap analysis and in line with the OIE-FAO good governance principles<sup>4</sup> ;
- (ii) the development of regional networks for epidemiological surveillance, diagnostic laboratories and socio-economics; and
- (iii) the continuation of the current program on avian and human influenza, in collaboration with WHO;
- (iv) the integration of programs on neglected zoonoses in collaboration with WHO;

11. Following the initiative already existing for Rinderpest and Avian Influenza that FAO and OIE will continue reinforcing their joint programmes through the following actions:

- (i) a Global initiative to be launched as soon as possible for Foot and Mouth Disease and later (Neglected) on high-impact zoonoses apart from HPAI;
- (ii) a global conference on Foot and Mouth Disease to be organized under the auspices of FAO and OIE in Paraguay in December 2008, followed by another FMD conference in China;

12. Regarding the financing of the next 5-year Action Plan, a pledging conference be organized under the auspices of FAO and OIE at FAO Headquarters in 2009;

13. Regarding the implementation of the next 5-year Action Plan, it is to:

- (i) be implemented as funds become available (*see recommendations 12*), according to established priorities and under the guidance of the GF-TADs Steering Committee;
- (ii) be implemented by the Regional Support Units of the GF-TADs, and notably the Regional Animal Health Centres; taking into account the recommendations and guidance of the GF-TADs regional Steering Committees

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

- (iii) be implemented under the precepts of or in collaboration with WHO whenever zoonotic diseases are to be prevented or combated;

14. The next Global Steering Committee be held in 2009, according to the rules adopted in the Terms of Reference for the GF-TADs Global Steering Committee.

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