

# **GF-TADs Fourth Global Steering Committee meeting (GSC4)**

**18 – 19 October 2011**

## **Recommendations - Draft Version**

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### **1. On financing Regional and Global Secretariats**

Recognizing that the Global Framework for the Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases (GF-TADs) is a unique mechanism for the global and regional coordination of activities to alleviate poverty and promote safe trade and public health through the control of Transboundary Animal Diseases (TADs); to set priorities for disease control and to provide leadership - reiterates the need for the GF-TADs Management Committee to continue to explore ways and means to finance the GF-TADs' basic costs to make it sustainable, as discussed in GSC3, Paris, 2010.

### **2. On the five-year action plan/coming year activities**

(1) To develop a draft five-year Action plan for the next meetings of the Management Committee and the GF-TADs Global Steering Committee, the GF-TADs Global Secretariat builds upon the basic GF-TADs' documents and the One Health principles laid down in the FAO/OIE/WHO Tripartite Note of April 2010. The development of the draft five-year Action plan will also take into account the conclusions of the High Level Technical Meeting (HLTM) in Mexico in November 2011 and action plans developed by the GF-TADs Regional Steering Committees and the priorities identified by them.

(2) The GF-TADs Global Secretariat liaises with the GF-TADs Regional Secretariats to provide guidance on the development of the five-year Action plan and requests regional input before June 2012 through the GF-TADs Regional Action Plan (if available) and/or relevant GF-TADs recommendations with a background note regarding plans and activities.

(3) To assist the Regional GF-TADs Steering Committees in drafting their Regional GF-TADs Strategic/Action Plans, the GF-TADs Global Secretariat provides input and feedback on the Global GF-TADs priorities and comments on their drafts.

(4) To provide continuity whilst a GF-TADs five-year Action Plan is pending, activities of the Global Secretariat in 2011/2012 will be guided by the Recommendations of the GSC3 and GSC4 meetings.

### **3. On Rinderpest**

Recognizing the achievements of the global eradication of Rinderpest, the post eradication activities, in particular activities related to sequestration and global preparedness, be implemented as soon as possible in accordance with a revised MOU between FAO and OIE.

### **4. On the FMD strategy and the Bangkok conference**

(1) The GF-TADs Working Group on FMD continues to develop the draft Global FMD Control Strategy with input from regional representatives and experts, as discussed during the GSC4 meeting. The Working Group seeks final comments from the GF-TADs Management and Steering Committees through e-consultation at the end of this process;

(2) In the cover document of the Global FMD Control Strategy, the GF-TADs Working Group on FMD clearly aligns the FMD initiative with the priorities of the main donors (i.e. poverty alleviation

and food security) and with other horizontal (including animal health system improvements) and vertical activities (including concomitant control of other priority diseases) that are, or will be, undertaken;

- (3) The donor consensus and support session of the FAO/OIE Global Conference on FMD will propose programmes linked to the implementation of the Global FMD Control Strategy and based on sustainable Veterinary Services and the control of other major animal diseases (GF-TADs priorities and May 2004 agreement);
- (4) All donors are urged to support the implementation of the Progressive Control Pathway (PCP) Strategy for the control of the FMD, in particular in the countries where FMD is endemic;
- (5) Countries should use/are recommended to use the PCP strategy and base their request for donor support (if needed) on this. Countries are also recommended to develop proposals on a multi-annual basis.

## **5. On Rift Valley Fever**

- (1) The Rift Valley Fever(RVF) Study group to intensify its work on RVF epidemiology, possible further spread, preparedness on the ground, prediction models and to encourage vaccine development;
- (2) FAO, OIE and WHO to consider a seminar on RVF in 2013 to share recent developments and alert policy makers in RVF-free regions on recent geographic spread and the increased threat posed by RVF.

## **6. On PPR**

- (1) Taking into account the experience gained from the GF-TADs Working Group on FMD, including the human resources it requires, the GF-TADs Management Committee to establish a similar GF-TADs Working Group on PPR, and set up a work plan to develop a Global PPR Strategy;
- (2) The GF-TADs Working Group on PPR to take stock of the ongoing regional and national initiatives, strategies and projects and produce an overview describing ways to proceed at the global level for discussion and review at the GSC5 GF-TADs in 2012;
- (3) The OIE to consider using its own procedure the addition of PPR to the list of diseases for which official country status recognition can be obtained (while reflecting the regional context).

## **7. On Reference Laboratories and Centres**

- (1) The GF-TADs Task Force on Reference Centres and Laboratories to explore possibilities to align or share recognition procedures; to advise on possibilities to move towards a unified list of Reference Centres and Laboratories and to harmonise to the extent possible, including harmonised procedures for managing relations and reporting requirements;
- (2) To make the lists of Reference Centres and Laboratories public on FAO and OIE websites.

## **8. On rabies**

- (1) Rabies prevention and control to be a priority for the implementation of the One Health approach and demonstrate its credibility;
- (2)

To strengthen ongoing and develop new joint activities on global/regional campaigns for rabies control in dogs in accordance with the recommendations of the Global Conference on Rabies Control in Incheon

(Republic of Korea) in September 2011. , particularly the recommendation that rabies control in dogs should be promoted as a key strategy for controlling rabies in humans.

#### **9. On priority diseases**

- (1) In addition to HPAI, identify FMD, rabies and PPR as the three priority diseases at the global level to be taken into account for Global GF-TADs Action Plans, recognizing that this will require sustainable support to improve the efficiency of veterinary services and animal health systems;
- (2) Consider the GF-TADs working group on FMD among the priority recipients for allocation of financial resources.

#### **10. On GLEWS**

- (1) Recognizing that GLEWS is a good example of joint and coordinated activities between OIE, FAO and WHO, maintain the activities and pursue the support of donors;
- (2) Request WHO to take the lead in negotiations with the current and potential donors.

#### **11. On CMC-Animal Health**

- (1) Maintain and strengthen CMC-AH activities under the guidance of the CMC-AH Steering Committee, consistent with the procedures and objectives set in the OIE-FAO Memorandum of Understanding on CMC-AH and other relevant GF-TADs agreements on the coordination of the activities in disease event response.
- (2) Explore ways to optimize the FAO-OIE partnership.

#### **12. On Reporting**

The Global GF-TADs Secretariat to develop a template for reporting of the Regional Steering Committees to the yearly Global Steering Committee meeting (as an interactive process with the Regions and the GF-TADs Management Committee).

#### **13. On Membership**

Taking into account the end of the rotating membership of the Global GF-TADs Steering Committee of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (IBAR) for Regional Organisations; USA and EC for Donors; Asia and Pacific for the Regional GF-TADs Secretariats, the following parties will be invited as members of the Committee for the next period:

- ASEAN and IBAR for the Regional Organisations;
- EU, France, Italy, USA and World Bank for the Donors
- One of the Regional GF-TADs Secretariats (to be chosen by OIE and FAO)

#### **14. Next meeting**

The next GF-TADs Global Steering Committee meeting (GSC5) to be held in Paris, 10-11 October 2012 (to be confirmed six months ahead of this date).