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Update on the PPR Global Eradication Programme and the PPR Global Conference

4 October 2018 | 12.30 – 14.00 | IRAN ROOM

Background

The PPR Global Control and Eradication Strategy (GCES) was endorsed during an international conference on PPR held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire in April 2015 with the vision of PPR-free world by 2030. Furthermore, the Membership of FAO and OIE, through governing body resolutions of both organisations confirmed this international consensus and their commitment to this initiative. At its 24th Session, COAG requested the establishment of the PPR governance with its Advisory Committee and FAO/OIE Joint Secretariat. To further advance towards the eradication of PPR by 2030, and building on the efforts of the FAO/OIE Global Framework of the Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases (GF-TADs) FAO and OIE established the Joint PPR Secretariat, in March 2016, to support countries and drive the PPR eradication effort. An initial five-year PPR Global Eradication Programme (GEP) for 2017-2021¹ was developed through an inclusive and peer-reviewed drafting process, and launched by FAO and OIE in October 2016.

The eradication of PPR will contribute to fighting rural poverty by preserving the income and asset base of farmers, which is fundamental for the economic empowerment of women in Africa, Asia and the Middle East where such empowerment is game changing. Indeed, women are most often responsible for domesticated small ruminants for both providing food and selling the related products in local settings. Sheep and goats are a primary source for food and income for 300 million of rural families throughout the globe. Food (milk and meat) from sheep and goats are an essential part of the daily diet of these communities and contribute to preventing malnutrition. Thus eradicating PPR is an effective tool for tackling food insecurity and malnutrition, resulting in a lasting positive impact on the nutritional status of vulnerable rural populations.

On 10 October 2017, during a high level meeting between the European Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development and the Directors General of FAO and OIE, the European Union (EU) confirmed its intention to join FAO and the OIE in the global eradication campaign against PPR. The three organisations agreed to organize the FAO-OIE Global Conference "Partnering and investing for a PPR-free world", hosted by EC and supported by the African Union Commission, on 7 September 2018 in Brussels.

Recently, Permanent Representatives for the United Nations Rome based agencies have established the "Group of Permanent Representatives Friends of the PPR GEP" currently chaired by the Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Côte d'Ivoire to FAO, IFAD and WFP in Rome.

Members of the PPR Advisory Committee will be invited to attend the side event.

¹ The PPR GEP can be accessed at: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-i6316e.pdf>

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Purpose of the event

The side event will update on the PPR GEP implementation progress and the outcomes of the FAO/OIE Global Conference on “Partnering and Investing for a PPR-free World” organized in collaboration with the European Union and the African Union Commission, on 7 September 2018 in Brussels, in order to advance PPR Global Control and Eradication Strategy towards the eradication of PPR by 2030.

Format of the side event

The side event will take the form of two plenary presentations followed by a panel discussion between Government representatives, international and regional organisation representatives, research representatives, private sector representatives, and civil society and non-governmental representatives. The panel discussion will be moderated by Mr. Berhe Tekola, Director Animal Production and Health Division (AGA). The panel members (AOAD², AU-IBAR³, IGA⁴) will be invited to make initial statements (max. 3 minutes) and answer the questions of the moderator.

² Arab Organization for Agricultural Development

³ African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources

⁴ International Goat Association

Tentative agenda

- 12.30 Welcome message and opening statement by DDN and OIE deputy DG
- 12.35 Update on the PPR GEP implementation and the outcomes PPR Global Conference
- 12.50 Update on the establishment of the “Group of Permanent Representatives Friends of the PPR GEP”
- 12.55 Short statements by panel members
- 13.05 Questions to the panelists
- 13.20 Open questions/comments from the audience
- 13.55 Summary of discussions and conclusion by the Moderator

In cooperation with

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), European union; African Union and Group of Permanent Representatives Friends of the PPR GEP.



The event will be webcast:
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