

**Sixth meeting of the GF-TADs Global Steering Committee,
FAO Headquarters, Rome, October 29-30, 2013
Recommendations**

The GF-TADs Global Steering Committee (GSC) reiterates its commitment to the control of the priority diseases, in particular Avian Influenza, Rinderpest post-eradication activities, Rabies, FMD, PPR and ASF, the importance of strengthening Veterinary Services, and encourage FAO, OIE, and WHO when relevant, to continue efforts for a complete implementation of the recommendations previously approved by the fifth meeting of the GF-TADs Global Steering Committee.

The GF-TADs Global Steering Committee commends OIE and FAO for the vision and leadership they have shown in their stewardship for global animal health. Through the OIE PVS Pathway missions, Global FMD Control Strategy, CMC-AH missions, GEMP trainings, GLEWS and OFFLU, etc, special issue working and advisory groups, and other infrastructure and capacity building efforts, the world's ability to effectively manage and respond to animal disease issues, as well as ensure the recognition of the importance of animal health in food security and public health for the world's population has been increased. Of course, there is more to be done to build on these successes. The GSC would like to acknowledge the progress that has been made in the past 10 years thanks to the commitment of all the GF TADs partners.

The Global Steering Committee recommends that:

1. OIE, FAO and WHO continue to strengthen their collaboration including joint development of complementary funding projects;
2. The communication on the objectives, strategies and activities of the GF TADs be improved for a better visibility in relation to all partners as well as to external bodies or individuals having interest on Animal Health matters; the information on the GF-TADs activities at global and regional levels should be provided to all concerned stakeholders through a global GF-TADs website as soon as possible;
3. The advocacy and promotion of programmes and strategies under GF-TADs be developed in order to raise better awareness and get support from funding partners;
4. The GF-TADs Regional Steering Committee for Africa continues to advocate the importance of the Animal Health and of the active involvement of the RECs and countries; thus, the ALive (Partnership for Africa livestock development, poverty

alleviation and sustainable growth in Africa) remains the major platform to be used particularly with regard to animal health since the GF-TADs Regional Steering Committee for Africa represents the Animal Health Component of ALive.

5. Activities on Priority diseases indicated in Global and Regional 5 Years Action Plans, especially FMD, PPR and Rabies, be labeled as GF-TADs activities when the activity is of global or regional interest as appropriate. In that case advocacy should be addressed to funding partners in order to convince them on the interest to label an activity of global or regional interest as GF-TADs to showcase the partnership;
6. The proposed composition and management of the GF-TADs Regional Steering Committee for Europe be endorsed and its roles as described in their ToR, be reviewed by the Management Committee and harmonized with those of the other regions;
7. OIE and FAO work more on the Guidelines *“Sequential Approach to Identifying and Prioritizing of New TADs on a Regional/Sub-regional basis”* and the document *“Cost/effectiveness of investment in prevention of TADs”*, with the support of their networks of experts;
8. The members of the GSC to comment within 4 months on the draft scheme for RSCs reporting on SMART key performance indicators (comments in tracking changes to be sent to the GF-TADs Global Secretariat; document presented during the GSC to be distributed via email by November 5, 2013);
9. GF-TADs Regional Committees report on performance indicators in order to demonstrate progress in disease control (or lack thereof) from year to year, using the indicators proposed in annex of the Regional GF-TADs 5 Years Action Plans;
10. OIE and FAO take any opportunity to promote the value of sharing isolates of priority diseases among national laboratories and OIE / FAO Reference Centres with the considerations of being public good. Such an exchange of isolates can be possible through appropriate material transfer agreements among parties involved,
11. The ASF Global Platform (and related activities) be considered under the GF-TADs [Agreement](#) and be undertaken in collaboration with the concerned partners of the GF TADs;

12. The global PPR control strategy be finalized in due time in order to be presented during an international meeting to be held before the end of 2014;
13. FAO, OIE and WHO develop agreed regional and global prevention and control activities, based on existing recommendations, develop funding proposals and engage in resource mobilization for implementation of the control of dog-transmitted rabies;
14. A special expanded session on wildlife disease issues be planned at the next steering committee with a special focus on GF-TADs priority diseases
15. An update on RVF activities be included in the disease updates at the next steering committee meeting.

Next meeting

The next GF-TADs Global Steering Committee meeting (GSC7) to be held in Paris, 29-30 October 2014 (to be confirmed six months ahead of this date).