

**THE PREPARATORY TRANSITION MEETING FOR
THE ASEAN COORDINATION CENTRE FOR ANIMAL HEALTH AND ZOOSES
25 – 26 November 2013, Ho Chi Minh, Viet Nam**

The Preparatory Transition Meeting
For the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Animal
Health and Zoonoses (ACCAHZ)

Executive Summary

The Preparatory Transition Meeting for the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Animal Health and Zoonoses (ACCAHZ) was organised from 25-26 November 2013 in Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam, to provide opportunities to discuss approaches and necessary processes to support and facilitate smooth transitions of existing mechanisms and platforms, currently under the ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Livestock (ASWGL), to ACCAHZ coordination.

The ACCAHZ is the regional response on a need for an ASEAN-owned regional coordination mechanism that will provide a comprehensive and integrated approach to effectively address the threat of emerging or re-emerging transboundary animal and zoonotic diseases. In the process, it is expected to strengthen coordination, support the development and implementation of regional strategies, and improve overall capacities in preventing, controlling and eradicating animal diseases and zoonose. ACCAHZ, once operational, is expected to coordinate all initiatives related to animal health and zoonoses within ASEAN and between ASEAN and relevant partners.

As it is, there are existing initiatives, mechanisms, and networks in the region under ASEAN, such as ASEAN *ad hoc* Veterinary Epidemiology Group (AVEG), ASEAN Laboratory Directors Forum (ALDF) and ASEAN *ad hoc* Communication for Livestock (ACGL), together with the disease specific initiatives such as Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), Classic Swine Fever (CSF) and Rabies, and these are seen to transition to ACCAHZ.

The meeting was able to develop a transition plan to integrate these initiatives, mechanisms, and networks related with animal health under ASWGL to ACCAHZ. The meeting also recommended to request existing programmes, networks and ad hoc groups to review/update their respective TORs to be in line with the ACCAHZ expected structure; and to explore possible funding support for the continuity of ACCAHZ establishment including maintaining ASEAN-RSU during the remaining years of the Preparatory and Establishment phases.

Meeting Recommendations to the ACCAHZ PrepCom

1. The Meeting recognized and highlighted the following:
 - The important contributions and various stages of cooperation under the existing animal health-related programmes and networks as presented by representatives from HPAI Taskforce, Foot and Mouth Diseases (FMD), Classical Swine Fever (CSF), Rabies, ASEAN ad-hoc Communication Group on Livestock (ACGL), ASEAN ad-hoc Epidemiology Group (AVEG), and ASEAN ad-hoc Laboratory Directors' Forum (ALDF);
 - The expected and important role of a minimum, effective and sustainable ACCAHZ in coordinating all existing programmes, networks and ad hoc groups in addressing animal health issues and challenges in the region;
 - The need for a realistic transition plan and actions in integrating/mainstreaming elements of these existing programmes, networks and ad hoc groups under ACCAHZ;
2. Taking these into account, the Meeting has proposed the following key recommendations:
 - To consider and support the proposed Transition Plan as attached;
 - To request existing programmes, networks and ad hoc groups to:
 - Review/update their respective TORs to be in line with the ACCAHZ expected structure;
 - Develop and implement their respective integration strategy; and
 - To explore possible funding support for the continuity of ACCAHZ establishment including maintaining ASEAN-RSU during the remaining years of the Preparatory and Establishment phases.



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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

OPENING SESSION

The host country, Viet Nam, will deliver a welcome remark.

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

The Meeting will elect the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Meeting, respectively.

2 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Meeting will consider and adopt its agenda.

3 BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS

The Meeting will decide on the manner in which it would like to proceed.

4 INTRODUCTION

The Meeting will be informed on the objective of the Meeting and other relevant information.

5 UPDATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ASEAN COORDINATION CENTRE FOR ANIMAL HEALTH AND ZONOSIS (ACCAHZ)

The Philippines as Chair of ACCAHZ PrepCom, with assistance from ASEAN Secretariat and ASEAN RSU, to update the Meeting on the establishment of the ASEAN Coordination Centre for Animal Health and Zoonosis (ACCAHZ)

6 UPDATE ON ASEAN ANIMAL HEALTH COOPERATION

6.1 ASEAN Cooperation on Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

Malaysia as Lead Country to brief the Meeting on existing mechanism

6.2 ASEAN Cooperation on Classical Swine Fever

The Philippines as Lead Country to brief the Meeting on existing mechanism

6.3 ASEAN Cooperation on Foot and Mouth Disease

Thailand as Lead Country to brief the Meeting on existing mechanism

6.4 ASEAN Cooperation on Rabies

Viet Nam as Lead Country to brief the Meeting on existing mechanism

6.5 ASEAN ad-Hoc Veterinary Epidemiology Group

Thailand as Lead Country to brief the Meeting on existing mechanism

6.6 ASEAN Laboratory Directors' Forum

Viet Nam to brief the Meeting on existing mechanism

6.7 ASEAN ad-Hoc Communication Group for Livestock

The Philippines as Lead Country to brief the Meeting on existing mechanism

7 TRANSITION OF EXISTING MECHANISMS TO ACCAHZ

The Meeting may wish to consider the existing mechanisms of ASEAN animal health cooperation, and decide on a transition plan to ACCAHZ coordination.

8 ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

The Meeting will consider and adopt the Report of the Meeting.

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