

The 7th Regional Steering Committee Meeting of GF-TADs for Asia and the Pacific

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Conclusions and Recommendations

The Regional Steering Committee of GF-TADs for Asia and the Pacific **recognizes**:

1. The emergence of Avian Influenza A (H7N9), MERS CoV, recent trends of bee diseases, rabies as well as high impact pig diseases in the Region;
2. The importance of coordination of activities among FAO, OIE, WHO, regional organizations and sub-regional organizations and partners;
3. Appreciable progress of:
 - 3.1 Programs, projects and activities implemented by FAO, OIE, WHO and partners under the GF-TADs Framework at Global-, Regional- and Sub-regional levels; as well as progress made according to the recommendations from the 6th Regional Steering Committee (RSC) Meeting of GF-TADs for Asia and the Pacific (RSC of GF-TAD);
 - 3.2 Activities under OIE PVS Pathway;
4. The revised 5-year Action Plan for Regional GF-TADs for Asia and the Pacific which has been modified after receiving comments and suggestions from the 6th RSC of GF-TADs, endorsed by the Global Steering Committee and is a living document;
5. Progress and development of the Terms of Reference for the RSC of the GF-TADs for Asia and the Pacific;
6. New projects and activities under FAO and OIE as well as donors' support on TADs including zoonotic disease control by AusAID, Australia DAFF, USAID, USDA, Japan MAFF, JICA, New Zealand, and ADB, European Union and the World Bank;
7. That the Global GF-TADs Secretariat is developing guidelines to support the development of criteria for new priority diseases for approval by the GF-TADs Management Committee;
8. And notes the value that APHCA has a broader mandate of production and sustainable livestock development and that some member countries are considering becoming members of APHCA;
9. Conclusions, perspectives, recommendations and reports from TADs control activities in ASEAN, SAARC and SPC sub-regions in collaboration with FAO, OIE and other international partners, noting :
 - a. The Second FAO/OIE Sub-regional Meeting on GF-TADs for SPC proposed to include aquatic animal diseases and bee diseases as sub-regional priorities;
 - b. The recommendations of the Fourth Meeting of the HPED Steering Committee.

The Regional Steering Committee of GF-TADs for Asia and the Pacific **recommends:**

1. Member countries, OIE, FAO, partners and development partners to continue to:
 - 1.1 Employ GF-TADs as a mechanism to coordinate existing fora, programs, projects, and strategies;
 - 1.2 Ensure the synergy of coordinated efforts to maximize the efficiency of prevention and control of priority diseases under GF-TADs;
 - 1.3 Engage ASEAN, SAARC and SPC to implement activities under the GF-TADs umbrella, as well as strengthen the partnership with WHO as an important collaborating member of GF-TADs;
 - 1.4 Strengthen the coordination and contributions towards the implementation of FMD control and eradication programmes using the FAO/OIE Global FMD Control Strategy, including PCP;
 - 1.5 Revisit as appropriate disease priorities based on the current disease trends in the region.
2. FAO, OIE and WHO to continue to promote the One Health approach in the design and implementation of prevention and control of priority diseases under GF-TADs ;
3. FAO and OIE to consider the development of stepwise approaches for the control of other priority TADs and zoonoses.
4. Funding options be explored at global and regional level to support the sustainability of GF-TADs mechanisms, activities and initiatives;
5. With contribution from FAO, OIE and relevant RSC members, the Permanent Secretariat to:
 - 5.1 Finalize the TORs of the GF-TADs RSC;
 - 5.2 Regularly update the 5-year Action Plan on the following sections and report the progress to the RSC meeting:
 - Annex 1 - Summary of the main recommendations made during the GF-TADs related meetings;
 - Annex 3 - Yearly activities;
 - 5.3 After consultation with OIE and FAO, further develop the project/activities mapping exercise and take into account the ongoing investment made by other partners and member countries;
 - 5.4 Propose the labeling of activities in accordance with the established criteria in the 5-year Action Plan to demonstrate synergies amongst partners;
6. Member countries to:
 - 6.1 Give consideration to the nature and form of key performance indicators that may be used to support the 5-year Action Plan and report on them during the 8th GF-TADs Regional Steering Committee;
 - 6.2 Participate in the PVS Pathway, promote the distribution of its outputs and to use its outcomes to design and implement programmes for strengthening Veterinary

Services` and ensure animal health and production issues are captured in FAO Country Programming Frameworks as well as Country Investment Plans;

6.3 Submit animal influenza isolates, but particularly Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (H5N1), to OIE and FAO International Reference Laboratories under OFFLU to closely monitor virus evolution and provide to WHO Vaccine Composition Meeting;

6.4 Take into consideration the recommendations of the Fourth HPED Steering Committee Meeting.

In addition, the Regional Steering Committee of GF-TADs for Asia and the Pacific:

1. Welcome Dr Zhang Zhongqiu, PR China as Chairman of the Regional Steering Committee of GF-TADs for Asia and the Pacific, and thank Dr Toshiro Kawashima for his excellent chairmanship;
2. Support the proposal of SPC to include bee diseases as priority issue in the Sub-region, and encourage international organizations and partners to assist SPC in this area;
3. Invites partners, international organizations, regional organisations and countries to provide continued support to the GF-TADs mechanism and activities implemented under this umbrella;
4. Encourage the participation of donors and potential donors to GF-TADs RSC Meeting.

The Regional Steering Committee of GF-TADs for Asia and the Pacific compliments:

1. Japan MoFA and the Japanese Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs Toshiko Abe for their attendance and support during the meeting;
2. The EU, Japan MAFF, Japan MoFA, Australia, New Zealand, JICA, USDA, USAID for their visions and initiatives to support TADs control;
3. OIE-RR-AP, OIE-SRR-SEA and FAO-RAP, for their support in organizing this meeting.

The Regional Steering Committee of GF-TADs for Asia and the Pacific agree that dates and venues for the next meeting is tentatively 16-17 July 2014 in Bangkok (Thailand) back-to-back with 5th HPED SC Meeting.