

Concept Note

Title : 9th FAO/OIE Regional Steering Committee Meeting of GF-TADs for Asia and the Pacific

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Background and justification:

The Global Framework for the Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases (GF-TADs) is a joint FAO/OIE initiative that combines the strengths of both organizations in translating the GF-TADs objectives on the ground. The mechanism brings collective action to support the control and eradication of transboundary animal diseases and have yielded several important institutional and operational gains.

In Asia, the GF-TADs Regional Steering Committee is meeting for the 9th time emphasizing that through the GF-TADs mechanism and structure, the governance of animal health systems can be improved and in the process be the most effective response to address livestock diseases.

At the last regional steering committee meeting in 2014 it was recommended to hold the RSC meetings every other year to allow for sub-regional meetings to be held between them. In response to this, Sub-regional meetings of GF-TADs were held for ASEAN in March 2015 in Chiang Mai, Thailand, SAARC in August 2015 in Bangkok, Thailand and SPC in March 2015 in Nadi, Fiji. A similar meeting was also held in Shanghai, China for East Asian members in March 2016. In these meetings, members of each sub-region discussed issues, challenges and possible solutions pertinent to each sub-region.

The outputs from all these subregional meetings will now be discussed in the 9th RSC Meeting of GF-TADs for Asia and the Pacific currently to be co-organised by FAO and OIE on 20-21st July 2016 in Tokyo, Japan.

Objectives/Outcomes :

1. Update the meeting on TADs activities/ initiatives conducted at the global, regional and subregional levels during the past two years.
2. Brief participants on the overview of the current disease situation in the Asia Pacific region to include emerging diseases
3. Identify and address challenges/concerns encountered by RSOs on TADs control as well as conduct of subregional and regional meetings.
4. Agree on the way forward.

Expected Outputs: Recommendations on Day 2 and Meeting Report

Key inputs/ Main Activities:

Presentations on progress of TADs control initiatives from partners and RSOs
Discussion on emerging diseases, challenges

Implementation Methods (also indicate name of partner if sub-contacted):

Activity is cost shared between OIE and FAO

Timing/duration and Location: 20 – 21 July 2016, xxxx Hotel, Tokyo, Japan

Estimated Budget (US\$):**Expected number of participants/participant type:**

49 participants with the following breakdown:

- 10 funded participants
 - 4 members of the Bureau of OIE Regional Commission (China, Cambodia, Nepal and New Zealand)
 - 3 representatives from RSOs (ASEAN, SAARC and SPC)
 - 3 representatives from ASWGL and SAARC CVOs and SPC members

- 2 funded tentative speakers
 - 1 Aquatic animal health expert
 - 1 Arbovirus expert

- 10 observers from host countries (7) and RRAP (3) (self-funded)
- 8 observers invited to East Asia CVOs meeting ((China & Korea) x 1 + (Taipei, Mongolia, HK)x2)
- 8 from specific funding partners (Japan, Australia, RO Korea, EU, JICA, USAID, World Bank, Asia Development bank)
- 2 from WHO HQ, WPRO or SEARO
- 9 OIE/FAO staff
 - from FAO HQ (1) and RAP (4)
 - 4 from OIE HQ (1), RRAP (2) and SRR SEA (1)