

## Concept Note

### 3rd FAO/OIE Sub-regional Meeting on GF-TADs for ASEAN member countries

Location Brunei

24 April, 2017

#### Background:

The Global Framework for the Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases (GF-TADs) is a joint FAO/OIE initiative which specifically aims at the control and prevention of Transboundary Animal Diseases (TADs) and Emerging Infectious Diseases, providing a regional coordinating framework for a range of infectious disease control activities occurring at global and regional levels.

Regional Specialized Organizations (RSO) such as the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), were identified as key actors in the implementation of GF-TADs. In their interaction with OIE, FAO, national Veterinary Services and technical specialists, the RSOs strategize and prioritize activities for disease control, notification, surveillance, and risk mitigation.

The Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) co-organised the first FAO/OIE Sub-regional Meeting on GF-TADs for ASEAN member countries in 2009 in Indonesia and the 2nd in 2015 in Thailand. There are many programmes, projects and disease control strategies that have been developed and implemented since then. To continue to foster co-operation, collaboration and timely information sharing within the ASEAN sub-region and harmonise with regional and global strategies and update on emerging animal disease situations it is important that the current status and progress of such activities should be shared among partners.

The 9th Regional Steering Committee meeting for GF-TADS in Asia and the Pacific was held in June 2016 in Tokyo, Japan where representatives from SAARC, ASEAN, SPC and East Asia all met to discuss and update on important transboundary animal disease issues. It was agreed to continue to meet every other year with sub-regional meetings held in the interim years. The annual ASWGL has been proposed and discussed with partners to include a session (no more than half a day) for the ASEAN sub-regional GF-TADS meeting in the agenda, as key persons on animal health from all 10 ASEAN countries will be gathered as well as other important development partners in the sub-region.

#### Objectives:

The objectives of the Meeting are to:

1. Update on GF-TADs work in the ASEAN member countries;
2. Link activities of RSO to Regional and Global GF-TADs;
3. Identify any new considerations for inclusion in the meeting's recommendations.

**Target group:**

The target group consists of n **participants from 10 ASEAN member countries**, who will attend ASWGL in Brunei 24-28th April 2017. Proposal is to include a half day devoted to GF-TADS in the Agenda as suits the ASWGL agenda.

**Overall list of expected participants:**

- **n.30** Officers from the ASEAN member countries;
- **n.5** FAO-RAP
- **n.2** OIE-RR-AP
- **n.2** OIE-SRR-SEA (Dr Ronello Abila + 1 tbc);

**Air ticket arrangements by:**

Participants themselves for:

- ASEAN member countries (attending ASWGL, meetings at their own cost);
- OIE-RR-AP;
- FAO-RAP.

**Accommodation arrangements by:**

TBA

**Per diem:**

Self-funded.

**Transfers from/to airport in charge of:**

TBA

**Registration:**

As all invitees will be self-funded, and OIE travel will not be involved in ticket purchasing. A paper registration form is proposed.

**Languages/Interpretation:**

The working language will be English

**Additional notes:**

- Meeting costs, including meeting room rental and equipment, coffee break, documents, meeting material, one reception dinner, will be 50:50-shared between OIE and FAO. Payment procedure to be agreed on once venue is confirmed.