



The Sixteenth Annual Regional Emergency Centre for Transboundary Animal Diseases Meeting in Asia and the Pacific (AREM)

17–21 October 2022
Pullman King Power, Bangkok, Thailand

1. Background

The FAO Emergency Centre for Transboundary Animal Diseases (ECTAD) was founded in 2005 in response to the emergence of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). FAO ECTAD programme in Asia and the Pacific was the first decentralised ECTAD programme established in 2006 with its regional office based in the FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (RAP). The First Annual Meeting of the Asia Regional Programme on HPAI was held in January 2007 which provided an important opportunity for the programme personnel to meet as a group and develop a common understanding of the complex issues and challenges to be dealt with in the region. Since then, the Annual Regional ECTAD Meeting in Asia and the Pacific (AREM) have been organized with a motivation to focus on strengthening the coordination of the ECTAD Regional Programme and improving the efficiency of its delivery amid the evolving situation. Each AREM has allowed ECTAD teams from the country, regional and headquarters levels to review ongoing activities and re-evaluate ECTAD's future direction taking into account the changes likely to take place in the next few years—both within and outside of FAO.

During the past two years, due to COVID-19 restrictions, the AREM were organized in virtual mode. While virtual meetings allow some level of information to be shared, interactive engagement and ideas solicitation have rather been more challenging. And this is now very crucial as the ECTAD programme is going through a few key transitions, including;

- ECTAD in Asia has had to adjust methods of delivering its field programme due to COVID-19 pandemic and its related restrictions during the past two years. As the world gradually evolves into the post-pandemic era, there is a need to ensure ECTAD teams at both country and regional levels can maintain their high delivery.
- The new FAO Strategic Framework 2022–2031 with 20 Programme Priority Areas and four cross-cutting/cross-sectional “accelerators” provides a corporate direction for the ECTAD programme in all its programmatic interventions.
- The main resource partner of the ECTAD programme, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), expressed its interest to collaborate with FAO under the new Global Health Security Program (GHSP) until 2027. However, the new GSHP also brings critical changes in terms of the donor's funding modality. The new funding modality, starting in 2023, will require closer integration of regional contributions to the countries, to which funding will be allocated.
- The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in increased interest from resource partners to strengthen pandemic prevention and preparedness through the One Health approach.

This enhanced interest has increased resource mobilization opportunities; however, it has to be well coordinated to ensure feasibility and sustainability.

With these, the 16th AREM will aim to update programme priorities at the country and regional levels and discuss key strategic directions for the ECTAD Asia programme for 2022/2023 and beyond.

2. Objectives

- a. Review the country, regional and global priorities taking into consideration the current and evolving situation and matters that may influence livestock production, risk of disease introduction and animal health status, as well as the governments' policies to address the risks;
- b. Review and discuss ways to strengthen coordination and collaboration among ECTAD for improved efficiency and coherence of programme delivery;
- c. Review and discuss the potential scenarios for project implementation and delivery based on the funding status during 2023–2024, and identify suitable options for business continuity;
- d. Initiate the development of a common strategic vision and strategic guidance for ECTAD programme in the Asia and Pacific region;

3. Expected outputs

- a. A meeting report including
 - i. Summary of country and regional, in alignment with global, priorities;
 - ii. Summary of agreed actions to be taken by the countries and the region to strengthen coordination and collaboration to improve efficiency and coherence of programme delivery, and to ensure business continuity; and
- b. Draft strategic vision and key elements of, as well as agreed steps to finalize the strategic guidance for ECTAD programme in Asia and Pacific.

4. Participants

- a. FAO ECTAD at countries including Team Leaders or CTLs as well as selected team members from Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Nepal, the Philippines and Viet Nam;
- b. Technical and operations team members from FAO ECTAD at RAP;
- c. Relevant FAO team members from the FAO RAP Animal Production and Health Module; and
- d. Key ECTAD management from FAO headquarters, including the ECTAD Global Coordinator and Deputy Global Coordinator.

5. Date

Monday to Friday, 17–21 October 2022

6. Venue

Pullman King Power Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

Main topics of the programme

Date	Main topics
Monday 17 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Workshop on Better Story-telling for Better Advocacy
Tuesday 18 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Session 1: Opening Session and Scene-Setting• Session 2: Updates from global and regional programme• Session 3: Programme coordination and alignment
Wednesday 19 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Session 3: Programme coordination and alignment
Thursday 20 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Session 4: Managing business continuity• Session 5: Shared vision
Friday 21 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Session 6: Strategic guidance for ECTAD program in Asia and the Pacific• Session 7: Conclusions and wrap up

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Agenda

Monday 17 October 2022

Workshop on Better Story-telling for Better Advocacy

09.00–17:00 (UTC +7)

Refer to a separate concept note with agenda

Tuesday 18 October 2022

Date and Time	Topics	Presenter / Resource Persons
<i>Session 1: Opening Session and Scene-Setting</i> <i>Moderator: Kachen Wongsathapornchai</i>		
07:30 – 08:30	Registration and networking	
08:30 – 08:40	Opening remarks	ADG-RAP (TBC)
08:40 – 09:00	Introduction, meeting objectives, meeting format and general announcement	Kachen W.
09:00 – 10:00	Introduction of global, regional and country teams	All
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Refreshment and group photo</i>	
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Team building exercise I</i>	RAP Team
<i>Session 2: Updates from global and regional programme</i> <i>Moderator: Kachen Wongsathapornchai</i>		
11:00 – 11:30	FAO's Animal Health Related Programme – Global Updates and Perspectives	Baba Sumare / Mirela Hasibra
11:30 – 12:00	Updates on Global ECTAD programme	Baba Sumare / Mirela Hasibra
12:00 – 12:30	Updates on FAO RAP programme	Kachen W. / Scott Newman
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
<i>Session 3: Programme coordination and alignment</i> <i>Moderator: Kachen Wongsathapornchai</i>		
13:30 – 13:50	ECTEDTalk: Presentation from country (1)	
13:50 – 15:00	Workshop on programme coordination and alignment	Kachen W.
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Refreshment</i>	
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Team building exercise II</i>	RAP Team

Date and Time	Topics	Presenter / Resource Persons
16:00 – 16:20	ECTEDTalk: Presentation from country (2)	
16:20 – 17:00	Workshop on programme coordination and alignment	Kachen W.
17:00 – 18:00	Side meetings and knowledge-sharing opportunities	All

Wednesday 19 October 2022

Date and Time	Topics	Presenter / Resource Persons
<i>Session 3 (continued): Programme coordination and alignment</i>		
<i>Moderator: Kachen Wongsathapornchai</i>		
07:30 – 08:30	Side meetings and knowledge-sharing opportunities	All
08:30 – 08:50	ECTEDTalk: Presentation from country (3)	
08:50 – 09:00	Summary of Day 1	Kachen W.
09:00 – 10:00	Workshop on programme coordination and alignment	All
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Refreshment</i>	
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Team building exercise III</i>	RAP Team
11:00 – 11:20	ECTEDTalk: Presentation from country (4)	
11:20 – 12:30	Workshop on programme coordination and alignment	All
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:30 – 13:50	ECTEDTalk: Presentation from country (5)	
13:50 – 15:00	Workshop on programme coordination and alignment	All
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Refreshment</i>	
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Team building exercise IV</i>	RAP Team
16:00 – 16:20	ECTEDTalk: Presentation from country (6)	
16:20 – 17:00	Workshop on shared history	Peter Black
17:00 – 17:30	Synthesis of Day 2	Kachen W.
17:30 – 18:30	Side meetings and knowledge-sharing opportunities	All

Thursday 20 October 2022

Date and Time	Topics	Presenter / Resource Persons
<i>Session 4: Managing business continuity</i>		
<i>Moderator: Filip Claes</i>		
07:30 – 08:30	Side meetings and knowledge-sharing opportunities	All
08:30 – 08:50	ECTEDTalk: Presentation from country (7)	
08:50 – 10:00	Developing new partnerships for resource mobilization – how to improve coordination and enhance opportunities	Kachen W.

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10:00 – 10:30	<i>Refreshment</i>	
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Team building exercise V</i>	RAP Team
11:00 – 12:30	Management and operational issues	Andrew / Mirela
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
<i>Session 5: Shared vision</i>		
<i>Moderator: Peter Black and Wantanee Kalpravidh</i>		
13:30 – 15:00	Workshop on developing a shared vision of a strategic guidance for ECTAD program in Asia and the Pacific	All
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Refreshment</i>	
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Team building exercise VI</i>	RAP Team
16:00 – 17:30	Workshop on developing a shared vision of a strategic guidance for ECTAD program in Asia and the Pacific	All
18:30 – 22:00	Working dinner on country and regional engagement	

Friday 21 October 2022

Date and Time	Topics	Presenter / Resource Persons
<i>Session 6: Strategic guidance for ECTAD program in Asia and the Pacific</i>		
<i>Moderator: Peter Black and Wantanee Kalpravidh</i>		
07:30 – 08:30	Networking and knowledge sharing	All
08:30 – 10:00	Facilitated discussion on a plan to finalise a strategic guidance for ECTAD program in Asia and the Pacific, and how it may be utilised	All
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Refreshment</i>	
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Team building exercise VII</i>	RAP Team
11:00 – 12:30	Facilitated discussion on a plan to finalise Strategic guidance for ECTAD program in Asia and the Pacific, and how it may be utilised	All
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00 – 15:00	Facilitated discussion on a plan to finalise Strategic guidance for ECTAD program in Asia and the Pacific, and how it may be utilised	All
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Refreshment</i>	
<i>Session 7: Conclusions and wrap up</i>		
15:30 – 17:00	Consolidation of meeting findings and next steps	
17:00	Closing of meeting	