

The 6th Regional Steering Committee Meeting of GF-TADs for Asia and the Pacific

18-19 July 2012, Bangkok, Thailand

Conclusions and Recommendations

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

1. Progress of programs, projects and activities implemented by FAO, OIE, WHO and partners under the GF-TADs Framework, in response to the recommendations of the 5th RSC meeting GF-TADs for Asia-Pacific;
2. Progress of GF-TADs at Global-, Regional- and Sub-regional levels;
3. Progress of activities on TADs control implemented by ASEAN, SAARC and SPC sub-regions in collaboration with FAO, OIE and other international partners
4. Unique condition and special needs of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC);
5. The success of the Second Global Conference on FMD Control, recommendations adopted by the Conference, including the endorsement of the Global FMD Control Strategy and the unique combination and integration of FAO and OIE tools and instruments;
6. The important role foreseen for the RSC in the implementation of the Global FMD Strategy;
7. Key issues in TADs control for Asia-Pacific Region indicated by SC members, FAO, OIE and partners, include FMD, CSF, PRRS, HPAI, Rabies;
8. The importance of coordination among FAO, OIE, WHO, regional and sub-regional organizations and partners;
9. New projects under OIE-SRR-SEA, OIE-RR-AP, FAO-RAP, EMPRES and FAO and OIE Headquarters;
10. The importance of the development of the GF-TADs 5-year Action Plan for Asia-Pacific Region, the proposed key elements and the process for official endorsement;
11. Initiatives on TADs and zoonotic disease control by Australia DAFF, AusAID, USAID, WHO, JICA, Japan MAFF, ROK, France and EU;
12. Recommendations and conclusions of the 3rd Meeting of the HPED Steering Committee;

The Regional Steering Committee of GF-TADs for Asia and the Pacific **recommend** the implementing agencies and regional members to:

1. Continue to:

- a. Utilise GF-TADs as a mechanism to coordinate existing fora, programs, projects, and strategies;
- b. Closely engage ASEAN, SAARC and SPC Secretariats to implement activities under the GF-TADs umbrella, as well as strengthen the partnership with WHO as an important collaborating member of GF-TADs;
- c. Support Regional Organisations (eg. SAARC, ASEAN, SPC) in building their coordination mechanisms and to strengthen epidemiology and , diagnostic capacity, disease control capacity and information networking in member countries.
- d. Encourage members to develop and implement strategies for priority diseases including an advocacy strategy for TADs control, in compliance with international standards and recommendations;
- e. Encourage partners to ensure synergy of activities;
- f. Adopt and embrace the One Health approach in the design and implementation of GF-TADs programs and projects.

2. Participate:

- a. In the implementation of the Global Strategy for FMD Control, with the guidance and support from ROs and partners and in connection with existing regional platforms and initiatives in the region;
- b. In the PVS Pathway and use the outcomes of the reports for strengthening the Veterinary Services and in the development or improvement of regional, sub-regional and national animal health strategy;
- c. In a portfolio review of actions under or related to GF-TADs;

3. Accommodate:

- a. The recommendations of the 3rd HPED Steering Committee Meeting;

- b. The recommendations of the Second Global Conference on FMD Control, in particular,
 - i. The participation of countries and territories to PCP under Global Strategy for FMD Control including the OIE official recognition of programmes and status,
 - ii. Coordination and contributions of development partners towards the progressive control and eradication of FMD.
4. Endorse the framework of the draft Action Plan and provide further comments on the draft 5 year Action Plan for Regional GF-TADs for Asia and the Pacific with each SC member providing its inputs to the Regional Secretariat by 27 July 2012 ; the inputs will be used to prepare a second draft which will be circulated electronically and will be used for submission of the key elements to the Global level for the elaboration of their 5 year Action plan in early September 2012. The proposal should include disease priorities amongst others;
5. Acknowledges that the Regional Action Plan is a living document and recommends that it be reviewed and revised in alignment with the evolving regional context and needs;
6. Address with due consideration the specific needs of SPC Member Countries to sustain on-going efforts to maintain their TADs free status and preparedness against possible TADs;
7. Invites partners, international organizations, regional organisations and countries to provide continued support to the GF-TADs mechanism and activities implemented under this umbrella;
8. Encourage the participation of donors and potential donors to GF-TADs RSC Meeting, such as KOICA, ROK, PR China;
9. Takes note that of Dr Kawashima's request to step down as President of the SC and his suggestion to be succeeded by President of the OIE Regional Commission for Asia, the Far East and Oceania Dr Zhang; the SC will start a process of appointing the next President SC;

10. Decides that the ToRs and the governance mechanisms of the RSC be considered at the next SC meeting

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

1. The WHO for sending representatives from WPRO and SEARO;
2. The EU, Japan MAFF, Australia DAFF, AusAID, ROK and USAID for their visions and initiatives to support TADs control;
3. FAO-RAP, OIE-RR-AP and OIE-SRR-SEA for their support in organizing this meeting;
4. The Department of Livestock Development, Thailand for the hospitality and active participation in TADs controls in the Region.

The Regional Steering Committee of GF-TADs for Asia and the Pacific agree that dates and venues for the next meeting is 17-19 (tentatively) July 2013 in Tokyo (Japan) back-to-back with HPED SC Meeting, pending confirmation.