



7th Meeting of the Regional Steering Committee Programme for the Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases (GF-TADs) for the Americas

Quito, Ecuador, April 15, 2015

RECOMMENDATION

CONSIDERING THAT:

- The objective of the GF-TADs, is helping continental and regional level in the coordination of actions against transboundary animal diseases (TADs).
- The GF-TADs is a coordination mechanism between World International and Regional Organizations which aims to stimulate synergies and approaches for coordination of actions in the fight against TADs, to avoid overlaps, duplication or contradiction in policy and health activities in the region.
- The GF-TADs Global has promoted the development of a Strategic Plan 2012 to 2016, for which each region has developed its own plan according to your priorities and particularities.
- The GF-TADs of the Americas has developed the Strategic Plan 2012 - 2016, taking into account the guidelines of the Global GF-TADs.
- Members of the GF-TADs have evaluated the state of development of the Strategic Plan 2012 - 2016
- Members of the GF-TADs of the Americas scheduled activities to develop during 2015 and 2016
- The GF-TADs has developed a proposal for the "Terms of reference of the GF-TADs Regional Steering Committee for the Americas," which has been discussed in depth during this Meeting.
- The GF TADs of the Americas recognizes that Aquaculture is an important sector and huge development in the region.
- The GF TADs of the Americas recognizes the importance of increased health risks by globalization and particularly for African Swine Fever which is showing rapid dispersion in other continents.
- GF TADs of the Americas has shown concern the increasing number of faculties of Veterinary Science that do not meet minimum conditions for adequate training of veterinarians and also is valuable to establish close links with the Faculty of Veterinary Science and Veterinary Colleges to effects collaborate on priorities GF TADs of the Americas.

**The Steering Committee of the GF TADs of the Americas
HEREBY RECOMMENDS THAT:**

- Members of the GF-TADs of the Americas, efforts continue to improve coordination and monitoring and tracking activities in the Region.
- Members of GF-TADs sent before July 30 of each year to the Secretary of GF-TADs, the programs of the most important activities related to the Veterinary Services for the purposes of publishing on the Inter institutional Region agenda.
- Members of the GF-TADs of the Americas adopted the "Terms of reference of the GF-TADs Regional Steering Committee of the Americas" attachments.
- The Regional Steering Committee of GF-TADs of the Americas is composed of:
 - a. President: Dr. Guilherme H F Marques, President of the Regional Commission of the OIE for the Americas
 - b. Vice-president: Dr. Luis Espinoza – OIRSA
 - c. Vice-president: Dr. José Miguel Cordero - OIPORC
- The 4 members of the Bureau of the OIE Regional Commission for the Americas;
- One representative appointed by the Headquarters of the OIE (OIE Paris) and one representative appointed by the Headquarters of FAO (Rome);
- The OIE Regional Representative for the Americas and the Sub Regional Representative of the OIE for Central America and 1 representative of each of the Regional and Subregional Offices of the FAO from America;
- 1 representative of WHO;
- Representatives of specific financial partners;
- Representatives of regional organizations (PAHO-PANAFTOSA, IICA, OIRSA, CAN, CVP, FARM, OIPORC, NAAHC).
- Members of the GF TADs of the Americas agree to be incorporated within the priorities of the GF TADs of the Americas the Aquaculture, particularly on issues related to:
 - Promote the implementation of PVS in Aquaculture of the OIE in the Member Countries of the Americas
 - Epidemiological surveillance
 - Education
 - Definition of priority diseases for Crustaceans, fish and bivalves in the region of the Americas, the member countries to submit their proposals for priority diseases requested.
- Members of the GF TADs of the Americas will evaluate the proposal FAO sent to the Secretary for purposes of evaluating whether you can take the progressive path for Classical Swine Fever as an assessment tool of national programs and the regional program Classical Swine Fever in the Americas.
- Members of the GF TADs of the Americas agree that joins the Steering Committee of GF-TADs of the Americas regional organizations that gather the Faculties of Veterinary Medicine and Veterinary Schools in the region.
- Members of the GF TADs of the Americas adopt include African Swine Fever, exotic disease in the Americas, from the point of knowing specific preventive

measures to control entry of the disease in the region and exchange information and experiences of countries that preventive measures are implemented.

Recommendation adopted by the Steering Committee of the GF TADs of the Americas on 15 April 2015.