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GF-TADs MEETING

GLOBAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE PROGRESSIVE CONTROL OF TRANSBOUNDARY ANIMAL DISEASES (GF-TADs) FIVE-YEAR ACTION PLAN 2012 – 2016 AMERICAS CHAPTER

Santiago de Chile, Monday 23 July, 2012

INTRODUCTION

- In April 2005, the FAO and the OIE launched the *Global Framework for the progressive control of Transboundary Animal Diseases (GF-TADs)* program for America, which was joined by the Pan-American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center (PANAFTOSA/PAHO), the Regional International Organization for Plant Protection and Animal Health (OIRSA), the Andean Community of Nations (CAN), the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the Caribbean Animal Health Network (CaribVET-Caribbean Animal Health Network), the Standing Veterinary Committee (SVC), the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), the North American Animal Health Committee (NAAHC), the Mexican-American Commission for the Eradication of Screwworm (COMEXA); the U.S.-Panamanian Commission for the Eradication and Prevention of Screwworm; the Iberian-American Pork Producers Organization (OIPORC), the Latin American Poultry Association (ALA), and the Rural Associations Federations of MERCOSUR (FARM).
- The GF-TADs offers assistance across the continent and region by coordinating action to combat the transboundary animal diseases defined as priorities on the American continent – Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD), Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), Classical swine fever (CSF) and Rabies (R), and specific emerging and re-emerging diseases as dictated by developments in the global and regional health situation.
- The GF-TADs is a coordination mechanism that operates between global and regional international bodies but has no brief as an implementing body. Accordingly, it acts to stimulate synergies and builds bridges to coordinate actions on the transboundary diseases in question, to avoid overlapping, duplication and contradictions in the region's health policies and initiatives.
- The GF-TADs of the Americas chapter has promoted and contributed to a major coordination and collaborative work task since it was set up.
- The World Health Organization (WHO) is a major pillar of GF-TADs and together with the FAO and OIE is pro-active in the development and application of the "One Health" concept.

- As animal-based food production is of great socio-economic importance in the Americas, food safety is taken extremely seriously by the region's countries and in the global food market.
- Under the GF-TADs framework, the OIE and FAO have developed a set of tools and platforms such as GLEWS, OFFLU, CMC-AH that provide support in prevention, the progressive control of animal diseases and response to health emergencies at global, regional and local level.

BACKGROUND:

- Following the Official Agreement between the FAO and the OIE dated 14 and 15 April 2005, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, the Regional Steering Committee (RSC) was inaugurated for the American chapter to ensure consistency and offer guidance in animal health policies, general activities and programs on the American continent. Selected Chief Veterinary Officers (CVOs), regional and central representatives of the FAO, the OIE and representatives of the regional and sub-regional animal health organizations serve on the RSC.
- Since the inaugural GF-TADs meeting in 2005, a total of eight consultation transnational meetings have been held to coordinate the GF-TADs Regional Steering Committee's activities for the American Continent. The last meeting was held on 1 July 2011 in Panama City.
- Implementation of the FAO/OIE GF-TADs joint initiative on the American Continent has borne fruit, through the excellent reception received by the world, regional and sub-regional bodies that take part in its running, with special mention for the responses to the prevention and control measures introduced during the global Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza H5N1 and H1N1 pandemic emergencies in 2009.
- To strengthen the foundations laid by the GF-TADs initiative on the American continent, a more focused activity program is required, and thus the FAO and OIE have jointly contemplated drawing up a Five-Year Activity Program 2012–2016, which they hope will be produced at the forthcoming GF-TADs meeting to be held in the FAO's Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago, Chile, on 23 July 2012.

Aims:

- Find out about the activities of the member organizations of the American continent GF-TADs so that the member countries can take more advantage of them.
- Define complementary strategies and activities of the American continent GF-TADs organizations so that the member countries can take more advantage of them.
- Draw up a Five-Year Action Plan for 2012–2016 that should include: introduction, guidelines for the action plan, focus, priorities, general aims, expected results and implementation arrangements.
- Enhance the coordination and integration between the participating GF-TADs producer and animal health organizations.

Participants:

The meeting will precede the meetings organized by OPS during the week of 24–27 July 2012 (COPAIA 6, COHEFA 12, Foro Una Salud FAO/OIE/OPS, RIMSA 16) in Santiago de Chile. The GF-TADs meeting will be held in Santiago de Chile City on Monday 23 July 2012 in the Pier Brunori Room of the Regional Office of the FAO for Latin America and the Caribbean, Av. Dag Hammarskjöld 3241, Vitacura, Santiago de Chile.

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Provisional agenda of the meeting:

Time	Topic	Speaker
Monday 23 July, 2012		
08:00 - 08:30	Registration	
08:30 – 09:00	Opening Ceremony	
	Inaugural address	Mr. Raúl Benítez, FAO Assistant Director-General and Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean, Dr. Juan Lubroth, Chief Veterinary Officer, FAO, Dr. John R. Clifford, President of the GF-TADs
	Inaugural addresses of Governmental authorities	Mr. Aníbal Ariztía R. National Director of the Agricultural and Livestock Service (SAG) of Chile
	Appointment of the chairman and the rapporteur of the Meeting	Dr. Luis Barcos , OIE, Moderator
10:00 – 10:20	<u>Coffee break</u>	
10:20 – 10:40	Recommendations of the OIE/FAO Global Conference on Foot and Mouth Disease and its implications for the region	Dr. Juan Lubroth, FAO Dr. Luis Barcos, OIE
10:40 – 11:00	Economic and social impacts of transboundary diseases – regional forum / cost-benefit studies	Dr. Luis O Barcos, OIE Dr. Tito Diaz – FAO
11:00 – 11:20	Animal health challenges in Latin America and the Caribbean	Dr. Moisés Vargas Terán, FAO
11:20 – 12:00	Proposing a draft of the GF-TADs/Americas Five-Year Action Plan 2012 – 2016	Dr. Luis O. Barcos , OIE Regional Representative for the Americas
12:00 – 12:30	Preliminary discussion and working groups formation	
12:30 – 14:00	Working groups (alternative meetings rooms) Discussion on the analysis of working groups Presentation of the GF-TADs/Americas Five-Year Action Plan 2012 – 2016	
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch	

15:00 – 16:00	Adoption and Following agreement of the GF-TADs/Americas Five-Year Action Plan 2012 – 2016	
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break	
16:30 – 17:00	Organisations' future activities	
17:00 – 17:30	Conclusions and Recommendations	
17:30 – 18:00	Closing address	All GF- TADs organisations
18:00 – 18:30	Closing cocktail	

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