



Last November 3rd and 4th, 2020 took place the Eleventh Meeting of the *11th Global Steering Committee (GSC11)* of the Global Framework for the Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases (GF-TADs), in a virtual format.

The GF-TAD has an action structure in which the Global Steering Committee provides guidance on the global technical activities carried out by the Global Secretariat under the supervision and agreement of the Management Committee. It also provides strategic guidance to the Regional Steering Committees in defining their annual or multi-year action plans by facilitating collaboration and cooperation between the global and regional levels.

During the meeting, the governance activities of the Global Steering Committee since were reviewed, while presenting perspectives for 2020-21. Presentations were also made on governance capacity with stakeholders, strengthening commitment at both national and regional levels, and the status of implementation of the recommendations of the third assessment was assessed.

In terms of global progress on TADS, presentations were made on foot and mouth disease, classical swine fever and rinderpest after eradication, work on the Global GF-TADs Initiative for African Swine Fever (ASF) control, and discussion on common and specific constraints and advantages of global GF-TADs strategies.

At the continental level, the GF-TADs Regional Steering Committees work constantly to ensure coordination of activities with the support of the GF-TADs Regional Secretariats, hosted by the OIE Regional Representations.

Particularly in the Americas Region, the [11th meeting of the Regional Steering Committee](#) took place on 16 June 2020. During this meeting, the list of priority diseases was reviewed and the creation of the Permanent Expert Group (PEG) on Avian Influenza was adopted, which will be coordinated by the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), and the Permanent Expert Group on Classical Swine Fever (PEG-CSF), which will be coordinated by the International Regional Organization for Agricultural Health, joining the already existing Standing Group of Experts on African Swine Fever, which held two meetings in December 2019 and June 2020 in which [Border Control](#) and the Risk of introduction and dispersion in the Americas were discussed, respectively.

For more information:

- <https://rr-americas.oie.int/en/projects/gf-tads/>
- <http://www.gf-tads.org/regional/americas/en/>
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