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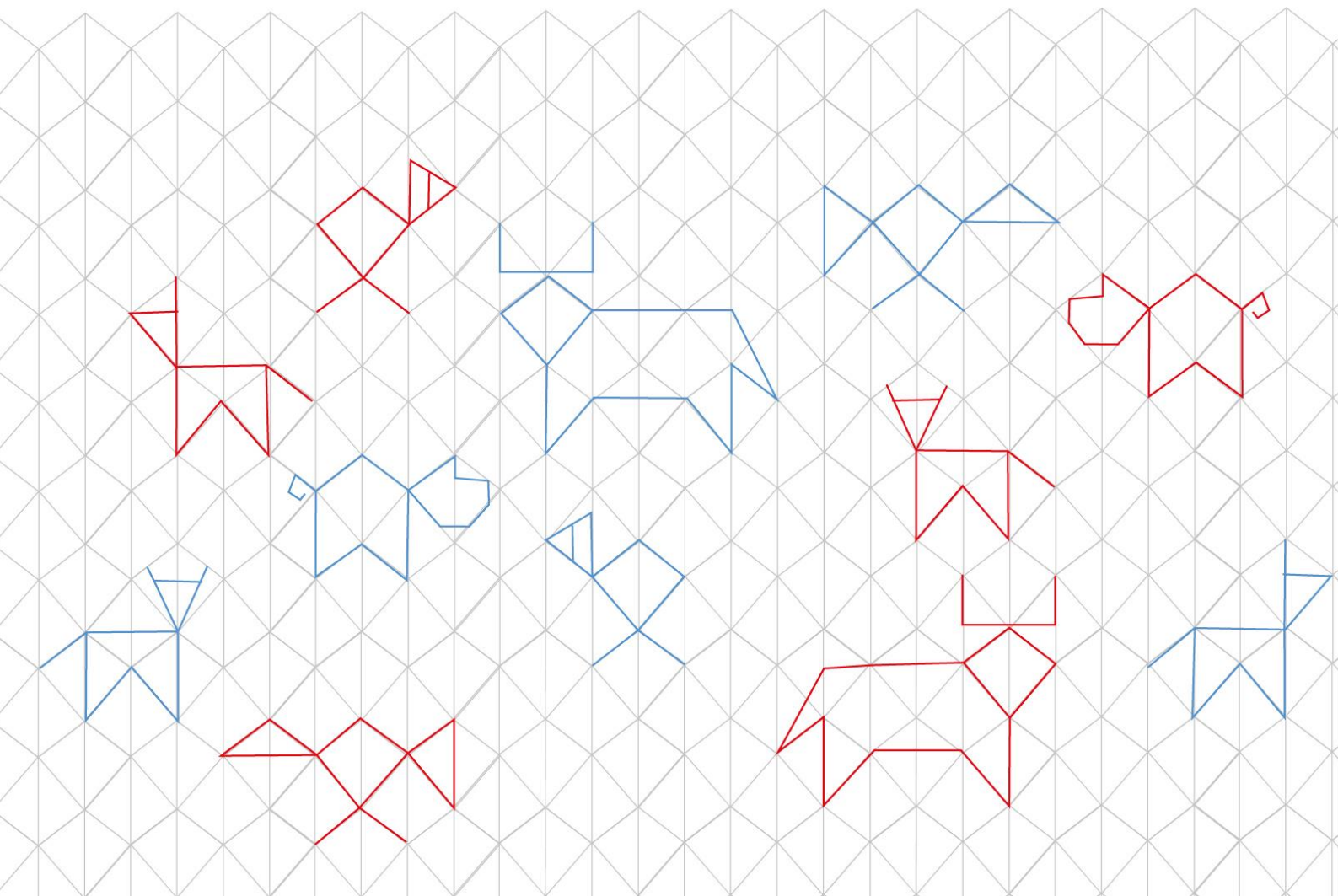


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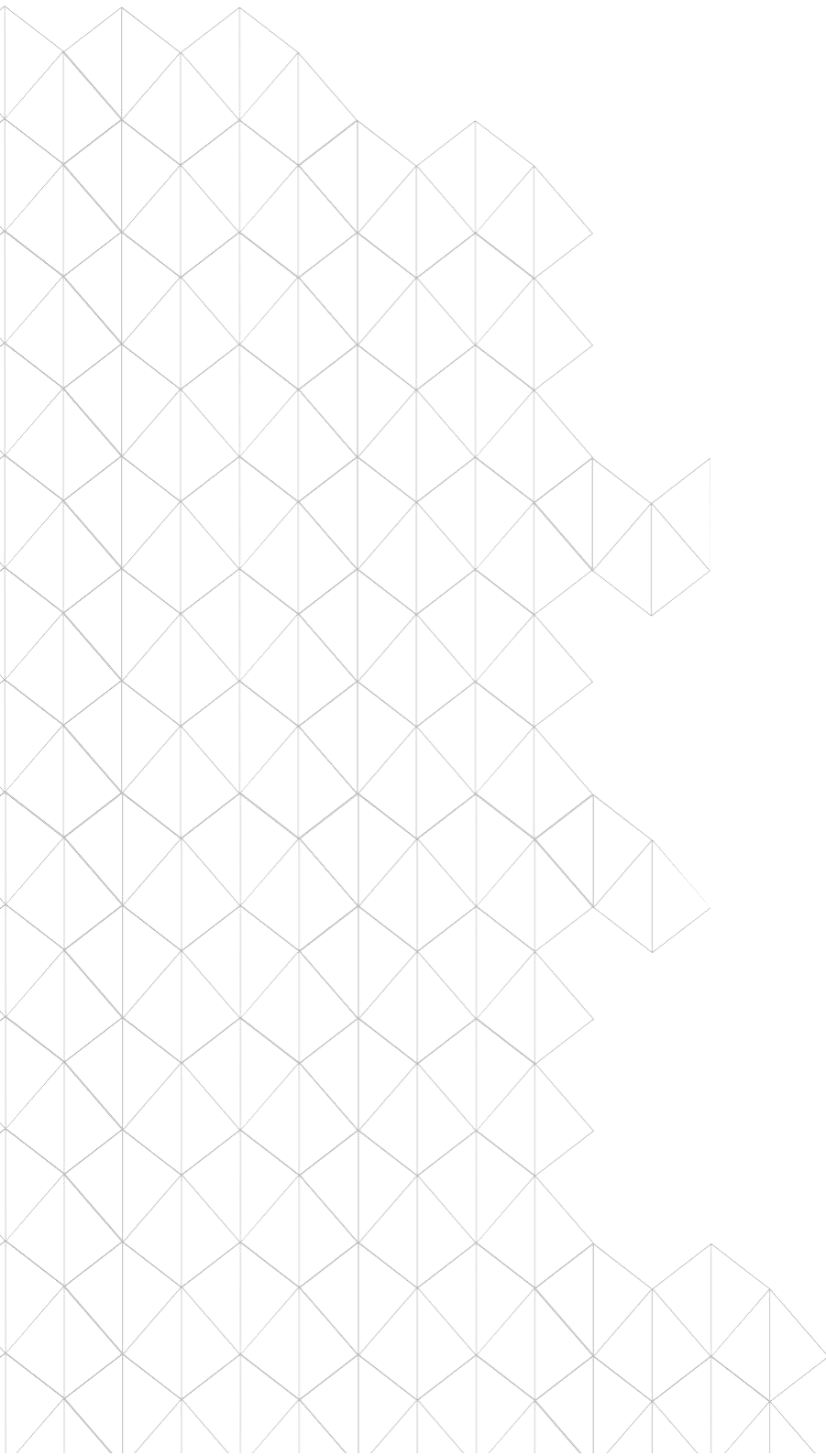
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Abbreviations

CAHFSA: Caribbean Agricultural Health and Food Safety Agency

CaribVet: Caribbean Animal Health Network

CDR: Regional Steering Committee

CENSA: National Center for Agricultural Health

CFIA: Canadian Food Inspection Agency

CVP: Permanent Veterinary Committee of Mercosur

FAO: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

GF-TADs: Global Framework for the Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases

GPE: Standing Group of Experts

ICA: Colombian Agricultural Institute

IICA: Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture

MAPA: Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply of Brazil

NAAHC: North American Animal Health Committee

NCFAD: National Centre for Foreign Animal Disease

NVSL: National Veterinary Services Laboratories

OIPORC: Ibero-American Organization of Pig Farming

OIRSA: International Regional Organization for Plant and Animal Health

WOAH (formerly OIE): World Organisation for Animal Health

ASF: African Swine Fever

CSF: Classical Swine Fever

SAG: Agricultural and Livestock Service of Chile

SG-CAN: General Secretariat of the Andean Community

TBN: To Be Nominated

ToR: Terms of Reference

EU: European Union

USDA: United States Department of Agriculture

Executive Summary

The 1st Meeting on Transboundary Swine Diseases (GPE-TSD) of the GF-TADs for the Americas was held on September 23–24 in Panama City, Panama. Its main objective was to resume the activities of the SGE, addressing priority topics such as the regional epidemiological situation of ASF and CSF, the capacities of collaborating centers within the surveillance network, the role of wildlife, biosecurity, emergency preparedness and response, and risk communication. The meeting also aimed to issue technical recommendations for countries and regional and subregional cooperation agencies to strengthen coordination and programs for the prevention, surveillance, and control of ASF and CSF in the Americas.

The event agenda was designed based on the pillars of the Regional Strategy for ASF (2021–2025).

The meeting included the participation of experts designated by the countries (United States, Canada, Guatemala, Cuba, Jamaica, Brazil, Chile, and Colombia, with Panama participating as the host country), representatives from international organizations (WOAH, FAO, IICA, OIRSA), reference laboratories (NVSL, USDA, APHIS, NCFAD-CFIAD), experts in biosecurity and wildlife, as well as private sector stakeholders (OIPORC, Porkcolombia, ABPA, LATAM ASF Prevention Group in the Americas).

Key topics addressed included epidemiological surveillance, diagnostics, biosecurity, risk communication, response planning, and continuity of trade, highlighting regional experiences and lessons learned.

Key Discussion Points

Health Status and Surveillance

- Update on the ASF/CSF situation in the Dominican Republic and Haiti
- Use of epidemiological intelligence for early detection
- Promotion of syndromic and active surveillance in wildlife
- Risk assessment as a key decision-making tool.

Laboratory Diagnostics

- Strengthening national capacities with support from Reference Laboratories
- Proficiency testing, interlaboratory comparisons, and twinning programs
- Use of alternative samples and rapid field tests
- Regional laboratory network for swine diagnostics.

Biosecurity and Movement Control

- Experiences in biosecurity implementation (Dominican Republic)
- Movement control as a risk mitigation strategy
- Management of international waste at strategic points.

Preparedness and Response Plans

- Simulation exercises (FAO, IICA) and tabletop exercises.
- Inclusion of all stakeholders: farms, zoos, public health authorities.
- Role of laboratories in emergencies and sample collection.

Risk Communication

- Tailored strategies according to target audiences.
- Public-private articulation and collaboration with professional associations.
- Dissemination of messages at points of entry and through airlines.
- Evaluation of campaign impact (interceptions, surveys).

Business Continuity

- Promotion of safe trade under international standards
- Review of regulations and sanitary certificates
- Application of compartmentalization, zoning, and self-declarations.

Proposed Next Steps

SGE-TSD

1. Review the recommendations from the meeting for technical approval.
2. Review the updated Terms of Reference of the GPE-TPD for technical approval.
3. Review the Regional ASF Strategy to promote its alignment with the Global ASF Initiative 2026–2030.

RSC (at its next meeting in 2026)

4. Approve the Terms of Reference of the SGE-TSD to enable the activation of workstreams.

COUNTRIES

5. Address the recommendations issued during the meeting, presented as an annex to this document.
6. Continue surveillance and official reporting of suspected and confirmed ASF and CSF cases to WOA. H.
7. Maintain participation in subregional and regional working platforms for these diseases, facilitating information exchange, collaboration, and sanitary coordination.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND COOPERATION AGENCIES

8. Address the recommendations issued during the meeting, presented as an annex to this document.
9. Support countries in their national ASF and CSF programs.
10. Promote resource mobilization for national and regional ASF and CSF programs.

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