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PROGRESSIVE CONTROL OF
TRANSBOUNDARY ANIMAL DISEASES

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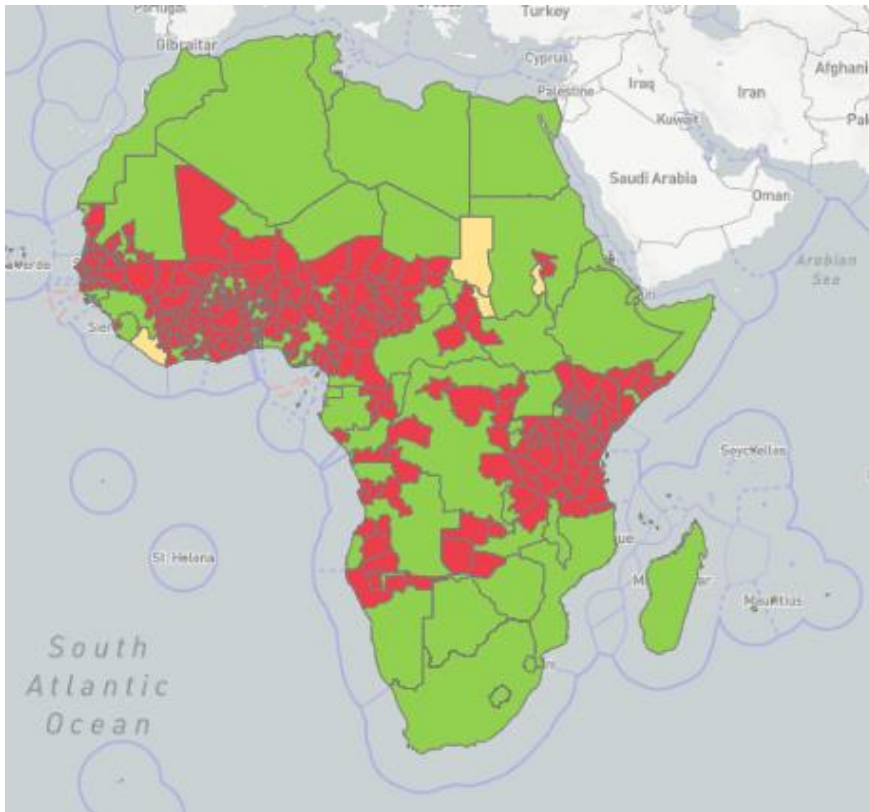


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“*Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia* (CBPP) or lung sickness in cattle, caused by *Mycoplasma mycoides subsp. mycoides* (Mmm) is truly an African disease (...), which represents a considerable burden for cattle owners in many parts of Africa (EMPRES, FAO, 2013), from (...) Gambia in the west through Somalia (...) as far south as Namibia...”.

© WOA-H-WAHIS composite map (2005 - 2019) of the distribution of CBPP in Africa (red = present; yellow = suspected). Map generated on 5 April 2022.

Background

- ▶ The disease was identified as one of the 5 priority diseases under the GF-TADs Regional Strategy 2021 - 2025, adopted in October 2021.
- ▶ As one of the listed diseases, subject to the procedure for official recognition of animal health status by the *World Organisation for Animal Health* (WOAH, founded as OIE), only four countries in Africa are currently officially free from CBPP, i.e. **Botswana, Eswatini, South Africa** (country-wide) and **Namibia** (zone located south of the Veterinary Cordon Fence, VCF).
- ▶ **Namibia** and **Zambia** are also the only countries having a WOAH endorsed official control programme for CBPP.

Background

- ▶ The 9th and 10th Regional Steering Committee meetings recommended that a coordination and information exchange platform be established for this disease :
- ▶ *“GF-TADs Africa advocates for a better understanding of the epidemiology of CBPP at sub-regional level through, for example, mapping of slaughterhouses, serological surveillance, animal identification schemes, and registration of pathologies; and that:*
- ▶ *an expert panel on CBPP be established jointly by AU-IBAR, FAO and OIE to support detection, foster and promote regional collaboration on CBPP control”*

Procedure

- ▶ Following an online Call for *Expression of Interest*, launched in January 2022, three categories of prospective members were called upon :
 - *Interested Member Countries*
 - *Interested (public) organisations, institutions*
 - *Interested private stakeholders (pharma, ...)*
 - *Interested individual experts*
- ▶ The Call was relaunched in March 2022, for lack of responses, targeting specific countries and institutions.

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- ▶ **Why SGE on CBPP for Africa ?**
- ▶ The Standing Group of Experts on CBPP (SGE-CBPP) for Africa is set up within the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations / World Organisation for Animal Health's GF-TADs to promote regular exchange of information and best practices among concerned national veterinary authorities, international and national experts, and the private sector.
- ▶ The SGE-CBPP for Africa will start with a core group of 4 founding Members Countries drawn from Central (**Chad**), Eastern (**Somalia**), Southern (**Zambia**) and Western Africa (**Nigeria**), with the aim to progressively extend to more countries.

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- Regular **information** exchange on CBPP situation preparedness and control measures applied,
- Technical support for regular review of national and regional **CBPP control strategies** by experts, based on experiences and best practices, with a view to provide scientific and technical advice,
- Technical formulation of disease control policies and scientific guidance to aid in the coordination of CBPP prevention and control efforts, integrated into **other bovine disease control efforts**, where applicable,

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- Enhance / foster / promote regional collaboration on;
 - ❖ **laboratory** diagnosis by exchange of best practices and support capacity building,
 - ❖ applied research or adaptation of existing tools, including CBPP epidemiology, biosecurity, socioeconomics and **vaccine** upgrading,
 - ❖ technical support and guidance on awareness raising campaigns by exchange of best practices and tools to improve **risk communication, and community and stakeholders' engagement** (RCCE) and drive behaviour change,
 - ❖ technical support and guidance on cross-border surveillance and concerted risk management measures along the **beef and dairy value chains**, among countries in the Africa region;

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- Regular **communication/information exchange/sharing** on the outcomes of the group discussions to other **Member Countries** and all stakeholders,
- Coordination on technical support and guidance on **identification of priorities for the development and adaptation of existing tools, training needs, and CBPP control projects** relevant for the region,

Composition - SGE - CBPP for Africa

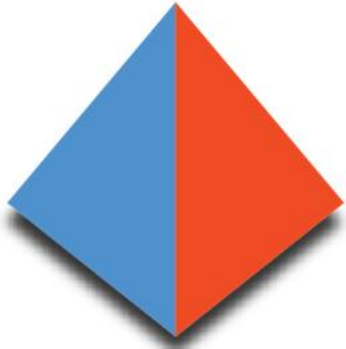
- ▶ The founding Member Countries (**Chad, Nigeria, Somalia and Zambia**) will establish the SGE CBPP for Africa. Experts from **other countries** in the region will be included in SGE CBPP when relevant according to the extension of the engagement of more countries to active CBPP control strategies.
- ▶ **AU-IBAR,**
- ▶ Selected **Regional Economic Communities** (COMESA Secretariat, ECCAS-RAHC, ECOWAS-RAHC, IGAD-ICPALD, and SADC-LTC),
- ▶ **FAO** and **WOAH** regional representations,
- ▶ *International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)*
- ▶ **Joint FAO/IAEA Centre on Food and Agriculture,** and
- ▶ **other international and regional organizations** active in the field of animal disease control strategies.

Composition - SGE - ASF for Africa

- ▶ Regionally and internationally recognized CBPP **experts** with experience working in Africa will be included in the group on an *ad hoc* basis.
- ▶ Experts from WOAAH and FAO **reference laboratories** and **collaborating centers**, as well as selected **national/regional laboratories**:
 - ❖ the *Pan-African Veterinary Vaccine Centre* of the African Union (AU-PANVAC) Debre-Zeit - Ethiopia (WOAH Collaborating Centre) ,
 - ❖ the *National Veterinary Research Institute* (NVRI), Vom - Nigeria,
 - ❖ the *Botswana National Veterinary Laboratory* (BNVL) Gaborone - Botswana (WOAH Reference Laboratory) and
 - ❖ the *Laboratoire Central Vétérinaire* (LCV) Bamako - Mali.
- ▶ Additional international recognized experts drawn from universities/academia, partners and donors on CBPP or other technical topics to be invited by the group to support the SGE-CBPP on an *ad hoc* basis.

In conclusion

- ▶ The GF-TADs Regional Steering Committee is requested through the Chair to discuss and adopt the proposed *terms of reference* (ToRs) for SGE on CBPP for Africa;
- ▶ Request through the Chair approval to convene the 1st meeting (launch) of the Standing Group of Experts on CBPP for Africa during the second half of 2022.



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