

## Fifth Meeting of the Standing Group of Experts (SGE) on African swine fever (ASF) of the GF-TADs for Africa



Topic : ASF vaccines and vaccination

Lome, Togo



14 October 2025

### Provisional Programme

14 October 2024		
08:30 – 09:00 GMT	Opening of Zoom™ link (for online participants) and admission of participants Confirm interpretation	
<div>Session 1. Welcoming remarks by the Bureau of the Regional Steering Committee</div> <div></div>		
09:00 – 09.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>African Union – IBAR</li><li>Food and Agriculture Organisation</li><li>World Organisation for Animal Health</li></ul>	<div>Huyam Salih, President of the GF-TADs for Africa Regional Steering Committee, AU-IBAR, Nairobi</div> <div>Mohammed Shamsuddin Mbargou Lô</div> <div>Vice-Presidents</div>
09:20 – 09:30	Adoption of the agenda Objectives and expected outputs of the meeting	Karim Tounkara, Regional Secretary of the GF-TADs for Africa, WOA, Bamako
09:30 – 09:40	MentiMeter™ session	Patrick Bastiaensen, Sub-Regional Representation for Eastern Africa, WOA, Nairobi
09:40 – 09:50	Group photo	
<div>Session 2. Governance aspects and regional updates</div> <div></div>		
09:50 – 10:20	Current ASF situation in Africa and FAO support	Abebe Wolde, RAF, FAO, Accra

10:20 – 10:40	Outcomes of the latest ASF GCC (2025) and reflections for Africa region	Viola Chemis, Preparedness and Resilience Department, WOAHA, Nairobi
10.40 – 11.00	Mapped activities of GAC pertaining to ASF vaccines and vaccination, including potential funding opportunities for research on the topic	Pam Luka, GARA Africa Chapter (GAC) Executive Committee, NVRI, Vom
11:00 – 11:30	Health break	
Session 3. Vaccines and vaccination		
11:30 – 11:50	The WOAHA standard adopted at the GS-92 (2025) on ASF vaccine manufacturing, safety and efficacy testing for authorisation	Emmanuel Couacy-Hymann, WOAHA Biological Standards Commission, LIRED, Bingerville
11:50 – 12:10	The WOAHA guidelines for field evaluation and post-vaccination monitoring of ASF vaccines	Gregorio Torres, Science Department, WOAHA, Paris
12:10 – 12:30	Highlights from previous RSC, SGEs in Africa on the topic of vaccines and vaccination: concerns/quality assessment of vaccines, registration, considerations for use in Africa	Charles Bodjo, Ag. Director, AU-PANVAC, Bishoftu
12:30 – 13:00	Interactive question and answer session	Facilitator
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break	
14:00 – 14:20	Update on the global ASFV vaccine situation and guidance for African context	María del Carmen Gallardo Frontaura, Centro de Investigación en Sanidad Animal (CISA), Instituto Nacional de Investigación y Tecnología Agraria y Alimentaria (INIA) del Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC), Madrid
14:20 – 14:30	ASF epidemiology in Africa, characterization of ASFVs and new vaccine development in Africa	Anna Lacasta, ILRI, Nairobi
14:30 – 14:50	The white paper on ASF vaccines and vaccination and highlights of discussions at GARA 2024 on the topic	Andriy Rozstalnyy, NSAH, FAO, Rome
14:50 – 15:10	Interactive question and answer session	Facilitator
15:10 – 15:30	Vaccine development and field deployment for safety and effectiveness	Douglas Gladue, USDA-ARS, Beltsville, Maryland
15:30 – 16:00	Discussion: continental position on ASFV vaccines (policy issues, risks, communication and awareness)	Facilitator: Juanita Van Emmenes, ARC - OVRI, Onderstepoort
16:00 – 16:30	Health break	



#### Session 4. Final deliberations, action points, next meeting

16:30 – 16:40	Presentation of the draft action points	Rapporteurs
16:40 – 17:10	Discussion	All
17:10 – 17:15	Proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference and to the list of technical items ( <i>Review technical topics for next SGEs 2025-2026, Membership</i> )	Patrick Bastiaensen, Sub-Regional Representation for Eastern Africa, WOAHA, Nairobi
17:15 – 17:20	Dates and venue / format of SGE ASF nr 6	Karim Tounkara, Secretary of the GF-TADs for Africa, WOAHA, Bamako
17:20 – 17:30	Closing statement by the Chair	Huyam Salih, Chair of the GF-TADs for Africa Regional Steering Committee, AU-IBAR, Nairobi
17:30	Closing of the broadcast by Zoom™ (for online participants) Departure of participants or transfer to AU-IBAR meeting	

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