

12th Meeting of the Regional Steering Committee (RSC12) of the GF-TADs for Africa

Ezulwini, Eswatini (GMT+2)







26 – 28 August 2024



Provisional Programme



Bureau for the meeting

- AU : President (AU-IBAR) Huyam Salih
- FAO : Vice – President (RAF) Mohammed Shamsuddin
- WOAHP : Vice – President (WOAH Council Member) Roland Dlamini

Monday 26 August 2024		
08:00 – 09:00	Arrival and registration of participants and briefing	
Session 1. Welcoming remarks 		
09:00 – 09:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • African Union • Food and Agriculture Organisation • World Organisation for Animal Health 	Huyam Salih Mohammed Shamsuddin Roland Dlamini
09:20 – 09:30	Adoption of the agenda	Huyam Salih (AU, RSC President)
Session 2. Governance aspects 		
09:30 – 09:40	Overview of the recommendations of the 14 th Global Steering Committee (GSC) May 2024	A. Fediaevsky (WOAH, GS)
09:40 – 09:50	Overview of the minutes of the 11 th RSC (June 2022)	Karim Tounkara (WOAH, Regional Secretariat)
09:50 – 10:00	Overview of the recommendations of the 11 th RSC and their level of implementation	Viola Chemis (WOAH)
10:00 – 10:10	Proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference	P. Bastiaensen (WOAH)
10:10 – 10:30	Opening address by the Minister of Agriculture of the Kingdom of Eswatini	Hon. Jabulani Mabuza
10:30 – 11:00	Break and group photograph	

11:00 – 11:10	New country representation following the elections of the regional bureau and the council at the 91 st General Session in May 2024 (Morocco and Nigeria as new members)	Karim Tounkara (WOAH, Regional Secretariat)
11:10 – 11:20	Roadmap to the renewal of the Presidency and Vice-Presidency of the RSC (October 2024)	Huyam Salih (AU, RSC President)
11:20 – 11:40	Should GF-TADs continue to focus on priority diseases or work on TADs management across the board ? Ideas for the next Strategic Plan (2026 – 2030)	Mohammed Shamsuddin (FAO, RSC Vice-President)
<p>Session 3. Reporting on GF-TADs for Africa regional priority diseases and topics </p>		
11:40 – 12:20	Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia (CBPP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnostics • Prophylaxis 	Loïc Comtet (I-D) Charles Bodjo (PANVAC)
12:20 – 12:40	Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia (CBPP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcomes of the 2nd meeting of the SGE for CBPP (July 2024) held in Lusaka, Zambia 	Charles Chinyemba Maseka (Zambia Delegate)
12:40 – 13:00	Discussion	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 14:40	Rift valley fever (RVF) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding transmission thresholds for endemic and epidemic RVF • Ahead of the curve: anticipating RVF outbreaks through forecasting- a strategy for timely response and mitigation in the eastern and southern Africa region 	Bernard Bett (ILRI) Fred Kivaria (FAO)
14:40 – 15:00	Rift valley fever (RVF) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country presentation : Uganda 	Rose Ademun (Delegate)
15:00 – 15:30	Discussion	
<p>Session 4. Emerging issues, requiring the attention of the GF-TADs RSC </p>		
15:30 – 15:50	High pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision of the HPAI Global Strategy 	Ismaila Seck (FAO)
15:50 – 16:30	High pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country presentation : Senegal • Country presentation : France (vaccination) 	Mbargou Lô (Delegate) Pierre Primot (DGAL)
16:30 – 17:00	Discussion	
17:00 – 17:30	Break (and end of online broadcast)	

17:30 – 18:00	Closed meeting of the writing team (moderators, facilitators and rapporteurs) from AU, FAO and WOAHA	
Tuesday 27 August 2024		
08:00 – 09:00	Arrival and registration of participants and briefing	
Session 4. Emerging issues, requiring the attention of the GF-TADs RSC (cont'd)		
09:00 – 09:40	<p>Lumpy skin disease (LSD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capripoxvirus diseases: syndromic testing, outbreak investigation, surveillance, and vaccine quality control • Recent changes made to WOAHA TAHC Chapter (3.4.12) and the subsequent recommendations pertaining to diagnostics and vaccines 	<p>Charles Lamien (FAO-IAEA)</p> <p>A. Van Schalkwyk (OVRI)</p>
09:40 – 10:00	<p>Lumpy skin disease (LSD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country presentation : Nigeria 	Columba Vakuru (Delegate)
10:00 – 10:20	Discussion	
10:20 – 10:50	Break	
10:50 – 11:30	<p>African Horse Sickness (AHS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccine production shortages and solutions • Challenges validating AHS laboratory assays 	<p>Otto Koekemoer (OBP)</p> <p>Baratang A. Lubisi (OVRI)</p>
11:30 – 11:50	<p>African Horse Sickness (AHS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country presentation : Eswatini 	Roland Dlamini (Delegate)
11:50 – 12:10	Discussion	
Session 5. Strengthening of VS, role of the Veterinary Statutory Bodies (VSB) and Education Establishments (VEE), feedback from the private sector / stakeholders		
12:10 – 12:30	<p>Strengthening capacities of veterinary services :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAO Tools and programmes : updates 	Moh. Shamsuddin (FAO)
12:30 – 12:45	<p>Strengthening capacities of veterinary services :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WOAHA Tools and programmes : launch of the PVS Information System 	Jennifer Lasley (WOAHA)
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch	
13:45 – 14:00	<p>Role of the Veterinary Statutory Bodies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update from the <i>African Association for Veterinary Statutory Bodies</i> 	Florence Kasirye (UVB)

14:00 – 14:15	<p>Role of the Veterinary Education Establishments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update from the <i>African Association for Veterinary Education Establishments</i> 	Dietmar Holm (UP)
14:15 – 14:30	<p>Feedback from the private sector / stakeholders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update from the <i>Pan-African Farmers Organisation (PAFO)</i> 	Kolyang Palebele (PAFO)
14:30 – 15:00	Discussion	
<p>Session 6. Reporting on GF-TADs global disease control and (post) eradication initiatives </p>		
15:00 – 15:40	<p>Rinderpest post-eradication activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint Advisory Committee work plan : updates Vaccine bank - Maintaining Africa free from Rinderpest 	Henry Wamwayi (JAC) Charles Bodjo (PANVAC)
15:40 – 16:00	Discussion	
16:00 – 16:15	Updates on the <i>Partnerships and Financing Panel (PFP)</i> of the GF-TADs	Bouda Ahmadi (FAO, GS)
16:15 – 16:30	<p>Continental laboratory networks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VETLAB Network 	Charles Lamien (FAO-IAEA)
16:30 – 17:00	<p>Regional laboratory and epidemiology networks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SADC LTC - LSC (Southern Africa) IGAD EAREN (Eastern Africa) 	P. Makaya (Zimbabwe) Y. Wogayehu (Ethiopia)
17:00 – 17:30	Break (and end of online broadcast)	
17:30 – 18:00	Closed meeting of the writing team (moderators, facilitators and rapporteurs) from AU, FAO and WOA	
<p>Wednesday 28 August 2024</p>		
08:00 – 09:00	Arrival and registration of participants and briefing	
<p>Session 6. Reporting on GF-TADs global disease control and (post) eradication initiatives (cont'd) </p>		
09:00 – 09:40	<p>Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates on progress made in terms of the availability of FMD vaccines in Eastern Africa Updates on progress made in terms of the PCP-FMD in Africa 	Badi Maulidi (GALVmed) Mohamed Sirdar (FMD WG)
09:40 – 10:00	<p>Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Country presentation : Morocco 	Abderrahman El-Abrak (Delegate)
10:00 – 10:30	Discussion	

10:30 – 11:00	Break	
11:00 – 11:40	Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) eradication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pan-African PPR programme • Global overview 	Huyam Salih (AU-IBAR) Simon Kihu, Felix Njeumi (PPR Secretariat)
11:40 – 12:20	Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) eradication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country presentation : Dem. Rep. Congo • Country cluster presentation : PRAPS 	Honoré Nlemba (Delegate) Idriss Oumar Al-Farouk (WOAH)
12:20 – 12:40	Discussion	
12:40 – 13:40	Lunch	
13:40 – 14:20	African Swine Fever (ASF) control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continental Strategy – recent endorsement (May 2024) • Updates on progress made in terms of the Global Initiative 	Hiver Boussini (AU-IBAR) Viola Chemis (ASF WG)
14:20 – 14:40	African Swine Fever (ASF) control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country presentation : SGE Member Cameroon 	Garga Gonné (Delegate)
14:40 – 15:00	Discussion (note that the 4 th SGE for ASF will follow this meeting from 29 – 30 August, hence this session is last)	
15:00 – 15:30	Break and closed meeting of the writing team (moderators, facilitators and rapporteurs) from AU, FAO and WOAH	
Session 8. Final deliberations, recommendations, next meeting, closing		
15:30 – 15:45	Presentation of the draft recommendations	Karim Tounkara (WOAH)
15:45 – 16:15	Discussion (adoption will follow in two weeks)	
16:15 – 16:20	Dates and venue / format of RSC13	Viola Chemis (WOAH)
16:20 – 16:30	Closing statement by the RSC Chair	Huyam Salih (AU)
16:30	End of online broadcast	

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