



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

Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire



1 – 3 August 2023

Provisional Programme

Tuesday 1 August 2023		
08:00 – 09:00	Arrival of participants	
Session 1. Welcoming remarks by the Bureau of the Regional Steering Committee		
09:00 – 09:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • African Union • Food and Agriculture Organisation • World Organisation for Animal Health 	Nick Nwankpa Mohammed Shamsuddin Roland Dlamini
09:20 – 09:30	Adoption of the agenda Objectives and expected outputs of the meeting	Karim Tounkara, Secretary of the GF-TADs for Africa, WOA, Bamako
09:30 – 10:00	Break	
Session 2. Governance aspects		
10:00 – 10:15	Presentation of the minutes of the 2 nd SGE meeting	Patrick Bastiaensen, Sub-Regional Representation for Eastern Africa, WOA, Nairobi
10:15 – 10:25	Overview of the action points of the 2 nd SGE meeting and their level of implementation	Viola Chemis, Regional Activities Department, WOA, Nairobi
10.25 – 11.25	Regional updates on the current disease situation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RAHC (ECCAS) • EAREN (IGAD) ICPALD • RESEPI Central Africa • SADC-LTC (EIS) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patchili Bouzabo • W. Kinyangui • J-M. Feussom • M-L. Penrith
11.25 – 12.00	<u>Discussion</u> : current disease situation	Facilitator



Session 3. Strengthen biosecurity for the control of ASF along the value chain

12:00 – 12:30	Key-note <ul style="list-style-type: none">Cote d'Ivoire	Vessaly Kallo, Director of Veterinary Services, Cote d'Ivoire
12:30 – 13:00	Biosecurity in the different value chains <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sector 1 : Industrial, intensiveSector 2 : Smallholder, semi-intensiveSector 3 : Backyard, free-range, scavenging, extensive	Mary-Louise Penrith, University of Pretoria, South Africa
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 15:00	Member country presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none">Cabo VerdeCameroonTogoUganda	
15:00 – 15:30	Sector 1 : Biosecurity at farm-level	 Jeroen Dewulf, Ghent University, Belgium
15:30 – 15:50	Sector 1 : Feed	Peter Evans, Veterinary Director, SAPPO, South Africa
15:50 – 16:10	Sector 1 : Compartmentalisation - principles	Charmaine Chng, Science Department, WOA, Paris
16:10 – 16:30	Break	
16:30 – 16:50	Sector 1 : Compartmentalisation - application	Mpho Maja, Director Animal Health, DARRL, South Africa
16:50 – 17:10	Sector 1 : Movement control, quarantine, identification and traceability	Peter Evans, Veterinary Director, SAPPO, South Africa
17:10 – 17:30	<u>Discussion</u> : certifying ASF compartments for trade	Facilitator


Wednesday 2 August 2023


08:00 – 09:00	Arrival of participants		
Session 3. Strengthen biosecurity for the control of ASF along the value chain (continued)			
09:00 – 09:20	Sector 2 : Good biosecurity practices in the small holder sector : an example from Vietnam		Pawin Padungtod ECTAD Country Programme, FAO, Vietnam
09:20 – 09:40	Sector 2 : Community engagement to support smallholders in Asia via <i>Community ASF Biosecurity Intervention (CABI)</i> programme.		Yooni Oh, ECTAD Regional Office, FAO, Bangkok
09:40 – 10:00	Sector 2 : Biosecurity along the value chain (pens, transport, slaughter slabs, markets)		Michel Dione, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), Dakar
10:00 – 10:20	Sector 2 : Feed and swill feeding		Casimir Marcel Ndongo – Kounou, ECTAD, FAO, Yaounde
10:20 – 10:40	Sector 2 : Movement control of people (traders, animal health service providers) and animals (pigs, rodents, birds, etc...), on-farm quarantine, introduction of new animals, all-in / all-out, renting boars		Djassi Edoukou, Independent ASF consultant, Abidjan
10:40 – 11:10	<u>Discussion</u> : what are the incentives for reporting and the benefits of applying strict biosecurity		Facilitator
11:10 – 11:30	Break		
11:30 – 11:50	Sector 3 : Community-contracting and self-regulation at community-level		Erica Chenais, Department of Disease Control and Epidemiology, Swedish National Veterinary Institute, Uppsala, Sweden
11:50 – 12:10	Sector 3 : FAO <i>Progressive Management Pathway for Terrestrial Animal Biosecurity (PMP-TAB)</i> - towards sustainable and resilient livestock production systems		Andriy Rozstalnyy, ASF Working Group, NSAH, FAO, Rome
12:10 – 12:30	Sector 3 : Scavenging for food and use of food waste		Edward Okoth, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), Kabete
12:30 – 13:00	<u>Discussion</u> : is community-based self-governance the solution ?		Facilitator
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch		



Session 4. Enhanced surveillance and diagnostic capabilities for ASF control

Topic :		Field surveillance, surveillance along the value chain
14:00 – 14:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Purposes of surveillance : disease control or disease intelligence ?	Misheck Mulumba, Onderstepoort Veterinary Research (OVR) institute, South Africa
14:20 – 14:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Challenges in active and passive surveillance for ASF or for syndromic surveillance in the pig-sector and how to improve the systems (including abattoir and market surveillance)	Michel Dione, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), Dakar
14:40 – 15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Understanding cross-border movements and spatial and temporal transmission of ASFV through molecular techniques	Gerald Misinzo, Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA), Tanzania
15:00 – 15:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">On-farm surveillance	José Manuel Sánchez-Vizcaíno, Viral Immunology and Preventive Medicine Unit, VISAVET, Madrid, Spain
15:20 – 15:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wildlife surveillance	Ferran Jori, UMR ASTRE, CIRAD, Montpellier, France
15:40 – 16:00	Break	
16:00 – 16:30	Member country presentations – field surveillance <ul style="list-style-type: none">South AfricaNigeria	
16:30 – 17:30	<u>Discussion</u> : Indirect surveillance approaches (by proxy) : sentinel animals, carcass price monitoring, marketing volumes, environmental sampling, opportunistic sampling of wildlife...	Facilitator

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Session 4. Enhanced surveillance and diagnostic capabilities for ASF control (continued)		
Topic :	Diagnostics	
09:00 – 09:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New diagnostics considered for the Terrestrial Manual • FAO – WOAHS Guidelines on ASF diagnostics • Pen-side tests and feedback from countries 	Livio Heath, Onderstepoort Veterinary Research (OVR) institute, South Africa
09:20 – 09:40	Changes to the WOAHS Terrestrial Manual (ASF Chapter)	Emmanuel Couacy-Hymann, Chair of the WOAHS Biological Standards Commission, CNRA-LIRED, Côte d'Ivoire
09:40 – 10:10	Member country presentations - diagnostics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congo (Dem. Rep.) • Kenya 	
10:10 – 10:40	Break	
10:40 – 11:00	Building a regional ASF laboratories network	Livio Heath, Onderstepoort Veterinary Research (OVR) institute, South Africa
11:00 – 11:20	R&D and capacity building activities of the Joint FAO/IAEA Centre on ASF diagnosis and surveillance through the VETLAB Network.	Charles Euloge Lamien, Joint Division FAO/IAEA, Vienna
11:20 – 12:20	National reference laboratories' presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NVRI • LNERV - ISRA • LNAVET • NAHDIC (AHI) 	
12:20 – 12:40	Twinning for ASF, an ongoing example <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ghana 	Theo Odoom, Accra Veterinary Laboratory, Ghana
12:40 – 13:10	<u>Discussion</u> : Adopting molecular techniques so as to build capacity to differentiate wild from vaccine strains in the future, asymptomatic virus strains, differential diagnoses for ASF, and linking syndromic surveillance outcomes to diagnostic protocols.	Facilitator

13.10 – 14.00	Lunch	
14.00 – 15.00	Closed meeting of chairs and rapporteurs	
Session 5. Final deliberations, action points, next meeting		
15:00 – 15:15	Presentation of the draft action points	Rapporteurs
15:15 – 16:00	<u>Discussion</u> : draft action points	Facilitator
16:00 – 16:10	Proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference and to the list of technical items (<i>vaccines</i>)	Viola Chemis, Regional Activities Department, WOAHA, Nairobi
16:10 – 16:15	Dates and venue / format of SGE nr 4	Karim Tounkara, Secretary of the GF-TADs for Africa, WOAHA, Bamako
16:15 – 16:30	Closing statement by the Chair	Nick Nwankpa, Chair of the GF-TADs for Africa Regional Steering Committee, AU-IBAR, Nairobi
16:30	Break and departure of participants	

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