

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

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08:30 – 09:00 GMT	Opening of Zoom™ link (for online participants) and admission of participants Confirm interpretation	
Session 1. Welcoming remarks by the Bureau of the Regional Steering Committee		
09:00 – 09:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">African Union – IBARFood and Agriculture OrganisationWorld Organisation for Animal Health	Huyam Salih, Chair of the GF-TADs for Africa Regional Steering Committee, AU-IBAR, Nairobi Mohammed Shamsuddin Roland Dlamini
09:30 – 09:40	Adoption of the agenda Objectives and expected outputs of the meeting	Karim Tounkara, Regional Secretary of the GF-TADs for Africa, WOAHA, Bamako
09:40 – 09:50	MentiMeter™ session	Patrick Bastiaensen, Sub-Regional Representation for Eastern Africa, WOAHA, Nairobi
09:50 – 10:00	Group photo	
Session 2. Governance aspects and regional updates		
10:00 – 10:20	Highlights from previous RSC, SGE minutes and agreed actions, including highlights of <i>ad-hoc</i> discussions on vaccines and vaccination	Patrick Bastiaensen, Sub-Regional Representation for Eastern Africa, WOAHA, Nairobi

10:20 – 10:30	Outcomes of the latest ASF GCC (2025) and reflections for Africa region	Viola Chemis, Preparedness and Resilience Department, WOA, Nairobi
10:30 – 10:50	The plan for implementation of the ASF Regional Strategy for Africa	Hiver Boussini, AU-IBAR, 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, GAC Executive, NVRI, Vom
11:00 – 11:30	Health break	
Session 2: Vaccines and vaccination		
11:30 – 11:50	The WOA standard adopted at the GS-92 (2025) on ASF vaccine manufacturing, safety and efficacy testing for authorisation	Emmanuel Couacy-Hymann, WOA Biological Standards Commission, LIRED, Bingerville
11:50 – 12:10	The WOA guidelines for field evaluation and post-vaccination monitoring of ASF vaccines	Gregorio Torres, Science Department, WOA, 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	Presentation on ASF epidemiology in Africa, characterisation of ASFVs and new vaccine development in Africa	Edward Okoth, Anna Lacasta, ILRI, Nairobi
14:30 – 14:50	Presentation on 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	Presentation on vaccine development and field deployment for safety and effectiveness	Manuel Borca, USDA-ARS, Beltsville, Maryland
15:30 – 16:00	Discussion: continental position on ASFV vaccines (policy issues, risks, communication and awareness)	Facilitator: Livio Heath, ARC - OVRI, Onderstepoort

16:00 – 16:30	Health break	
Session 3. 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 5	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	Departure of participants	

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