

## 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Regional Steering Committee (RSC12) of the GF-TADs for Africa

Mbabane, Eswatini (GMT+2)






11 – 13 March 2025

### 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

Tuesday 11 March 2025		
08:00 – 09:00	Arrival and registration of participants and briefing	
<b>Session 1. Welcoming remarks</b> 		
09:00 – 09:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• African Union</li> <li>• Food and Agriculture Organisation</li> <li>• World Organisation for Animal Health</li> </ul>	Huyam Salih Mohammed Shamsuddin Roland Dlamini
09:20 – 09:40	Opening address by the Minister of Agriculture of the Kingdom of Eswatini	Hon. Mandla Tshawuka, MP
09:40 – 10:10	Break and group photograph	
10:10 – 10:20	Adoption of the agenda	Huyam Salih (AU, RSC President)
<b>Session 2. Governance aspects</b> 		
10:20 – 10:30	Overview of the recommendations of the 14 <sup>th</sup> Global Steering Committee (GSC) May 2024	Madhur Dhingra (MC, FAO), Neo Mapitse (MC, WOAHP)
10:30 – 10:50	Overview of the minutes and the recommendations of the 11 <sup>th</sup> RSC (June 2022) and their level of implementation	Karim Tounkara and Viola Chemis (WOAH, Regional Secretariat)
10:50 – 11:00	Proposed amendments to the RSC Terms of Reference and to the Terms of Reference of SGEs	P. Bastiaensen (WOAH)



11:00 – 11:10	New country representation following the elections of the regional bureau and the council at the 91 <sup>st</sup> General Session in May 2024 (Morocco and Nigeria as new members).	Karim Tounkara (WOAH, Regional Secretariat)
11:10 – 11:20	Renewal of the Presidency and Vice-Presidency of the RSC (tenure ended October 2024).	Huyam Salih (AU, RSC President)
<b>Session 3. Reporting on GF-TADs global disease control and (post) eradication initiatives</b>		
11:20 – 12:00	Rinderpest post-eradication activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint Advisory Committee work plan: updates</li> <li>• Vaccine bank - Maintaining Africa free from Rinderpest</li> </ul>	Henry Wamwayi (JAC) Charles Bodjo (PANVAC)
12:00 – 12:30	Discussion	
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 – 14:10	Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates on progress made in terms of the availability of FMD vaccines in Eastern Africa (GALVmed) and Africa at large (PANVAC)</li> <li>• Update on FMD risks, progress along the PCP-FMD and the role of (sub)regional strategies</li> </ul>	Badi Maulidi (GALVmed) Charles Bodjo (PANVAC)  Melissa McLaws (FAO, FMD WG)
14:10 – 14:30	Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Country presentation: Morocco</li> </ul>	Abderrahman El-Abrak (Delegate)
14:30 – 15:00	Discussion	
15:00 – 15:40	Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) eradication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pan-African PPR programme</li> <li>• Global overview of PPR GEP</li> </ul>	Huyam Salih (AU-IBAR) Simon Kihu (WOAH), Felix Njeumi (FAO) (PPR Secretariat)
15:40 – 16:10	Break	
16:10 – 16:30	Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) eradication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Country presentation: Nigeria</li> <li>• Country cluster presentation: PRAPS</li> </ul>	Columba Vakuru (Delegate) Idriss Oumar Al-Farouk (WOAH)
16:30 – 16:50	Updates on the <i>Partnerships and Financing Panel</i> (PFP) of the GF-TADs	Bouda Ahmadi (FAO, GS)
16:50 – 17:30	Discussion (and end of livestream broadcast)	
17:30 – 18:00	Closed meeting of the writing team (moderators, facilitators and rapporteurs) from AU, FAO and WOA	


## Wednesday 12 March 2025


08:00 – 09:00	Arrival and registration of participants and briefing	
<b>Session 3. Reporting on GF-TADs global disease control and (post) eradication initiatives (cont'd)</b> 		
09:00 – 10:00	African Swine Fever (ASF) control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continental Strategy – recent endorsement (May 2024)</li> <li>Updates on progress made in terms of the Global Initiative on ASF Control</li> <li>Outcomes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SGE for ASF (October 2024) held online</li> </ul>	Hiver Boussini (AU-IBAR)  Andriy Rozstalnyy (Co-chair of ASF WG, FAO) Viola Chemis (ASF WG, WOAHA)
10:00 – 10:20	African Swine Fever (ASF) control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Country presentation: SGE Member South Africa</li> </ul>	Liana Janse Van Rensburg (Western Cape VS)
10:20 – 10:50	Discussion	
10:50 – 11:20	Break	
<b>Session 4. Reporting on GF-TADs for Africa regional priority diseases and topics</b> 		
11:20 – 12:00	Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia (CBPP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Panel discussion</li> </ul>	Loïc Comtet (I-D) Charles Bodjo (PANVAC) Mamadou Niang (FAO) Neo Mapitse (WOAHA)
12:00 – 12:20	Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia (CBPP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outcomes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the SGE for CBPP (July 2024) held in Lusaka, Zambia</li> </ul>	Charles Chinyemba Maseka (Zambia Delegate)
12:20 – 12:40	Discussion	
12:40 – 13:40	Lunch	
13:40 – 14:20	Rift valley fever (RVF) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understanding transmission thresholds for endemic and epidemic RVF</li> <li>Ahead of the curve: anticipating RVF outbreaks through forecasting- a strategy for early warning, timely response and mitigation in the Africa region</li> </ul>	Bernard Bett (ILRI)  Fredrick Kivaria (FAO)
14:20 – 14:40	Rift valley fever (RVF) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Country presentation: Central African Republic</li> </ul>	Marcel Boka (FAO)

14:40 – 15:00	Discussion	
<b>Session 5. Emerging issues, requiring the attention of the GF-TADs RSC</b>		
15:00 – 15:40	High pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revision of the HPAI Global Strategy</li> </ul>	Madhur Dhingra (MC, FAO)
15:40 – 16:40	High pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Country presentation : Uganda</li> <li>• Country presentation : France (vaccination)</li> </ul>	Anne Rose Ademun (Delegate) Olivier Debaere (DGAL)
16:40 – 17:00	Break	
17:00 – 17:30	Discussion (and end of livestream broadcast)	
17:30 – 18:00	Closed meeting of the writing team (moderators, facilitators and rapporteurs) from AU, FAO and WOAHA	

#### Thursday 13 March 2025

08:00 – 09:00	Arrival and registration of participants and briefing	
<b>Session 6. Reporting on GF-TADs for Africa networking frameworks</b>		
09:00 – 09:20	Continental laboratory networks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VETLAB Network</li> </ul>	Charles Lamien (FAO-IAEA)
09:20 – 10:00	Regional laboratory and epidemiology networks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SADC LTC - LSC (Southern Africa)</li> <li>• IGAD EAREN (Eastern Africa)</li> </ul>	Pious Makaya (Chair, Zimbabwe) Kassahun Amssalu (ag. Chair, Ethiopia)
<b>Session 5. Emerging issues, requiring the attention of the GF-TADs RSC (continued)</b>		
10:00 – 10:40	Lumpy skin disease (LSD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Panel discussion</li> </ul>	Charles Lamien (FAO-IAEA) A. Van Schalkwyk (OVRI) Madhur Dhingra (MC, FAO)
10:40 – 11:10	Break	

11:10 – 11:30	Lumpy skin disease (LSD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Country presentation : Congo (Dem Rep)</li> </ul>	Honoré N'Lemba Mabela (Delegate)
11:30 – 11:50	Discussion	
11:50 – 12:30	African Horse Sickness (AHS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vaccine production shortages and solutions</li> <li>Challenges validating AHS laboratory assays</li> </ul>	Nobalanda Mokoena (OBP) Baratang A. Lubisi (OVRI)
12:30 – 12:50	African Horse Sickness (AHS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Country presentation : Eswatini</li> </ul>	Roland Dlamini (Delegate)
12:50 – 13:10	Discussion	
13:10 – 14:10	Lunch	
<b>Session 7. Strengthening of VS, role of the Veterinary Statutory Bodies (VSB) and Education Establishments (VEE), feedback from the private sector / stakeholders</b>		
14:10 – 14:30	Strengthening capacities of veterinary services : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FAO Tools and programmes : Regional support laboratories' concept</li> </ul>	Moh. Shamsuddin (FAO)
14:30 – 14:50	Strengthening capacities of veterinary services : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WOAH Tools and programmes : launch of the PVS Information System</li> </ul>	Jennifer Lasley (WOAH)
14:50 – 15:10	Role of the Veterinary Statutory Bodies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update from the <i>African Association for Veterinary Statutory Bodies</i></li> </ul>	Florence Kasirye (UVB)
15:10 – 15:30	Role of the Veterinary Education Establishments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update from the <i>African Association for Veterinary Education Establishments</i></li> </ul>	Noursaid Tligui (IAV Moh.VI)
15:30 – 15:50	Feedback from the private sector / stakeholders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update from the <i>Pan-African Farmers Organisation (PAFO)</i></li> </ul>	Zuberi Bihangamanywa (PAFO)
15:50 – 16:10	Discussion	
16:10 – 16:50	Prolonged break	Closed meeting of the writing team (moderators, facilitators and rapporteurs) from AU, FAO and WOAH

Session 8. Final deliberations, recommendations, next meeting, closing		
16:50 – 17:00	Presentation of the draft recommendations	Karim Tounkara (WOAH)
17:00 – 17:40	Discussion (adoption will follow in two weeks)	
17:40 – 17:50	Dates and venue / format of 2025 meetings of SGEs, RMMs and RSC13	Moh. Shamsuddin (FAO)
17:50 – 18:00	Closing statement by the RSC Chair	Huyam Salih (AU)
18:00	End of online broadcast	

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