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Overview of the minutes and the recommendations of the 12th RSC (March 2025) and their level of implementation

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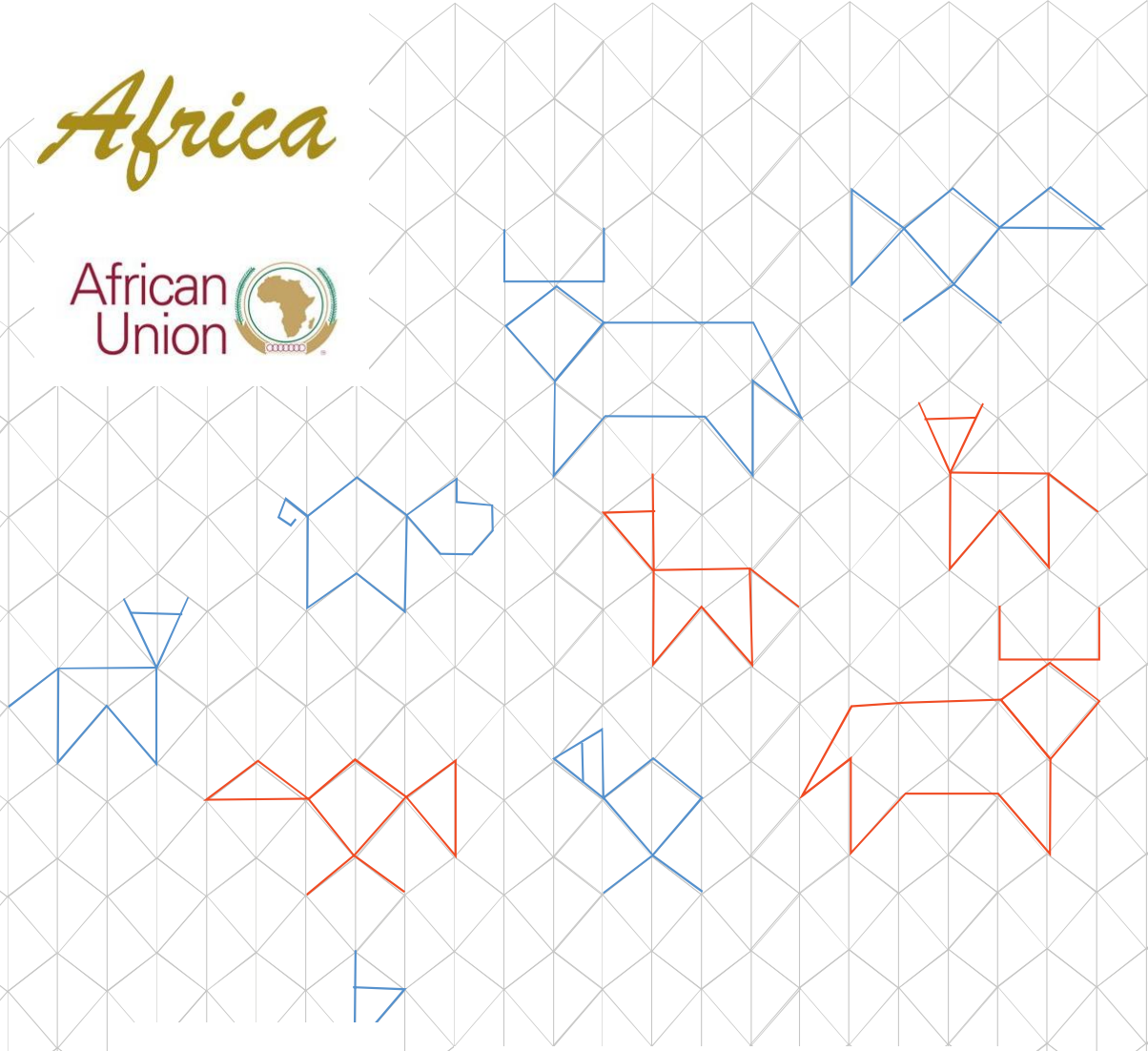

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Introduction: GF-TADs Africa

- GF-TADs is the joint FAO-WOAH-AU-IBAR mechanism
- Enables coordinated prevention and control of TADs through regional collaboration, strategic planning, and technical partnerships
- Established in 2004 through the FAO-WOAH GF-TADs Agreement
- Global framework for prevention, detection and control of TADs
- Supports countries through regional alliances, capacity development, enocurages coordinated disease control programmes

Governance Structure

- Global Steering Committee - overall strategic direction
- Regional Steering Committees - adapt priorities and action plans to regional needs
- GF-TADs Africa - continental platform for coordination

GF-TADs Regional Strategy for Africa 2021 – 2025



GF-TADs for Africa - WOAH - Africa

12th Regional Steering Committee (RSC-12) of GF-TADs for Africa



- Venue: Mbabane, Eswatini (hybrid format)
- Date: 11-13 March 2025

- In attendance Delegates: Eswatini, Nigeria, Senegal, Uganda and Zambia (latter speaker/observer)
- Reviewed progress on implementation of recommendations from RSC-11
- Priority TADs: PPR, FMD, ASF, CBPP and RVF, emerging issues - HPAI, LSD, AHS Strengthening Veterinary Services, regional coordination, surveillance, laboratory networks, partnerships and sustainable financing.
- Overall, 46 individuals registered for the meeting and - over the three days – 58 attended, most of them in person (79%). 34% of participants were women: 11 voting members (10+ quorum)

Main Messages:

- Continental disease priorities: PPR, FMD, RVF, ASF & CBPP
- **PPR** GEP and EU investments
- Countries were encouraged to increase **domestic financing** and strengthen vaccination and surveillance for **PPR** eradication
- Stronger implementation for PCP, improved vaccine availabilty, harmonised vaccine registration, greater need for PPPs in **FMD** control
- Focus on biosecurity, surveillance, risk communication, implementation of Continental Strategy, maintain vigilances in evaluation of new **ASF** vaccines
- **CBPP** & **RVF** require better surveillance, stronger diagnostics, increased reporting and continental guidance on control strategies
- Growing concern with **HPAI** & **emerging disease threats**, requiring preparedness, biosecurity and regional engagement
- Emphasis on strengthening Veterinary Services through PVS, laboratory networks, veterinary education, veterinary statutory bodies & engagement of the private sector
- Disease control be integrated, regionally coordinated, supported by strong veterinary systems, partnerships and resource mobilisation

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KEY DECISIONS

Extension of the **GF-TADs Africa Regional Strategy to end-2026**;

Launch preparation for the **2027-2031 Regional Strategic Plan**

Re-election and confirmation of the **RSC leadership**

- Director of AU-IBAR as President of the RSC (Dr Huyam Salih);
- FAO Regional Senior Animal Health and Production Officer as Vice-President of the RSC (Dr Mohammed Shamsuddin);
- Member of the WOAH Council as Vice-President of the RSC (Ronald Dlamini)

AU-IBAR to coordinate development of additional **continental** disease control **strategies**, and facilitate endorsement

AU-IBAR to advocate for an **African Animal Health Summit**

Call for **Member States** to:

- Increase investments in surveillance, diagnostics, vaccination and Veterinary Services
- Promote zoning and compartmentalisation for safe trade
- Strengthen laboratory and epidemiology networks
- Improve resource mobilisation and partnerships

Support establishment of **Centres of Excellence for priority TADs**; strengthen veterinary workforce development through VSBs and VEEs

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

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