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Proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference of SGEs

- African Swine Fever

- Viola Chemis, Patrick Bastiaensen
- WOAH, Regional Secretariat

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Proposed changes to the ToRs for the CBPP-SGE

- Expanding participation beyond the original founding members (Chad, Nigeria, Somalia, and Zambia) to include additional countries actively engaged in CBPP control from North Africa – Magreb region
- Tunisia was requested and responded in the affirmative
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Proposed changes to the ToRs for CBPP-SGE

- The founding Member Countries (**Chad, Nigeria, Somalia, Zambia and Tunisia**) will establish the SGE CBPP for Africa.
- Experts from other countries in the region will be included in SGE CBPP when relevant according to the extension of the engagement of more countries to active CBPP control strategies.
- AU-IBAR, AU-PANVAC, Regional Economic Communities (COMESA Secretariat, ECCAS-RAHC, ECOWAS-RAHC, IGAD-ICPALD, and SADC-LTC), FAO and WOAH regional representations, ILRI, the Joint FAO/IAEA Centre of Nuclear Techniques in Food and Agriculture and other regional organizations active in the field of animal disease control strategies.
- Regionally and internationally recognized CBPP experts with experience working in Africa will be included in the group on an ad hoc basis.
- Experts from WOAH and FAO reference laboratories, as well as selected national/regional laboratories: the *National Veterinary Research Institute* (NVRI), Vom - Nigeria, the *Botswana National Veterinary Laboratory* (BNVL) Gaborone – Botswana, the *Laboratoire Central Vétérinaire* (LCV) Bamako – Mali and the *Animal Health Institute* (AHI) Sebeta – Ethiopia.
- Additional international recognized experts drawn from universities/academia, partners and donors on CBPP or other technical topics to be invited by the group to support the SGE-CBPP on an ad hoc basis.

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Proposed changes to the ToRs for ASF-SGE

- Following the 5th meeting of the SGE for African swine fever (ASF, Lomé, October 2025), a proposal was adopted regarding the non-responsiveness of Member Mali (VS) and Regional Support Laboratory (AHI, Ethiopia).
- As a last resort, a letter was sent on 3 November 2025 by the then Regional Secretary, Dr Karim Tounkara, to both Members to ask them to express their (renewed) interest in remaining members of the SGE for ASF.
- Neither responded.
- As a result, Mali was removed from the list of 10 Members and AHI was removed from the list of Regional Support Laboratories.
- A proposal was submitted for the Botswana National Veterinary Laboratory in Gaborone to replace AHI, but this request was officially declined –for lack of capacity – by the WOAH Delegate, Kefentse Motshegwa on 23 April 2026.
- As Kenya, in Lomé, in October 2025, has expressed interest in joining as a Regional Support Laboratory (VetLabs, Kabete) in addition to being a Member (VS), this proposal can now be referred to the Regional Steering Committee.

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The proposed changes to the ToRs are therefore as follows (page 4):

- The founding member countries (**Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, DRC, Kenya, ~~Mali,~~ Nigeria, South Africa, Togo** and **Uganda**) will establish the SGE ASF for Africa. Experts from other countries in the region will be included in SGE ASF when relevant according to the extension of the engagement of more countries to active ASF control strategies.
- AU-IBAR, Regional Economic Communities (ECCAS-RAHC, ECOWAS-RAHC, IGAD-ICPALD and SADC-LTC), FAO and WOAH regional representations, ILRI, and other regional organizations active in the field of animal health control strategies.
- Regionally and internationally recognized ASF experts with experience working in Africa will be included in the group on an ad hoc basis.
- Representatives of WOAH and FAO Reference Laboratories and Collaborating Centers, as well as selected national/regional laboratories : Pan African Veterinary Vaccine Centre of the African Union (AU-PANVAC) Debre-Zeit-Ethiopia, National Veterinary Research Institute, Vom-Nigeria, ~~the Animal Health Institute (AHI), Sebeta-Ethiopia~~, the National Veterinary Reference Laboratories (Kabete VetLabs) Kabete, Kenya, Onderstepoort Veterinary Research (OVR), Pretoria-South Africa, and the *Institut Sénégalais de Recherches Agricoles - Laboratoire National de l'Elevage et de Recherches Vétérinaires* (ISRA-LNERV), Dakar-Senegal ~~and the Botswana National Veterinary Laboratory (BNVL), Sebele, Botswana.~~

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