13th Meeting of the Regional Steering Committee (RSC13) of the GF-TADs for Africa

Abuja, Nigeria (GMT+1)  10 – 12 November 2026

Provisional Programme

Bureau for the meeting

- AU : President (AU-IBAR) Huyam Salih
- FAO : Vice – President (RAF) Mohammed Shamsuddin
- WOAH : Vice – President (WOAH Council Member) Mbargou Lô

Tuesday 10 November 2026		
08:00 – 08:30	Arrival and registration of participants	
08:30 – 09:00	Security briefing by the hotel security and UN security services	
Session 1. Welcoming remarks 		
09:00 – 09:30	• African Union • Food and Agriculture Organisation • World Organisation for Animal Health	• Huyam Salih • Moh. Shamsuddin • Mbargou Lô
09:30 – 09:50	Introduction of the Hon. Minister by the Permanent Secretary, Nigeria Opening address by the Minister of Livestock Development of the Federal Republic of Nigeria	• Chinyere I. Akujobi • Alhaji Idi Mukhtar Maiha
09:50 – 10:00	Adoption of the agenda	• Huyam Salih (AU, RSC President)
10:00 – 10:30	Break and group photograph	
Session 2. Governance aspects 		
10:30 – 10:50	Overview of the minutes and the recommendations of the 12th RSC (March 2025) and their level of implementation	• Viola Chemis (WOAH, Regional Secretariat)
10:50 – 11:00	Proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference of SGEs	• P. Bastiaensen (WOAH, Regional Secretariat)

11:00 – 11:10	New country representation following the elections of the regional bureau and the council at the 93rd General Session in May 2026 (Gambia and Lesotho as new members). Appointment of Dr Mbargou Lô as new Vice-president of the RSC on behalf of WOAH.	• P. Bastiaensen (WOAH, Regional Secretariat)
11:10 – 11:30	WOAH's 8th Strategic Plan, the FAO GPP-TAD initiative and the current One Health Quadripartite scope of diseases.	• Madhur Dhingra (MC, FAO), Neo Mapitse (MC, Regional Secretariat, WOAH)
11:30 – 11:50	Discussion	
Session 3. Reporting on GF-TADs global disease control and (post) eradication initiatives 		
11:50 – 12:30	Rinderpest post-eradication activities • Reflections on achievements, lessons learned and priorities for the second phase of post-eradication • AU Vaccine bank – Replenishment of the vaccine stock, and geographical scope of shipments (continental vs global)	• Muhammad Arshed (FAO), Mariana Marrana (WOAH) • Charles Bodjo (AU-PANVAC)
12:30 – 12:50	Discussion	
12:50 – 13:50	Lunch	
13:50 – 14:50	Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) control • Spread of SAT1 inside Africa and beyond – and update on FAO technical guidance and support. • Update on FMD risks, progress along the PCP-FMD and the role of (sub)regional strategies (West and Eastern Africa) • Rationale for a continental FMD control strategy • SADC LTC meeting feedback • Stakeholder consultation on the Revision of the Global FMD Control Strategy	• Nick Lyons (FAO, FMD WG) • Mohamed Fouad (RAHC-WA, ECOWAS) • Dereje Wakjira, (ICPALD, IGAD) • James Wabacha (AU-IBAR) • Gaolathe Thobokwe (SADC) • Nick Lyons (FAO, FMD WG)
14:50 – 16:00	Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) control • Panel discussion : Shifting perceptions of FMD vaccination and vaccines as a public good	• Charles Bodjo (AU-PANVAC) • Relebohile Lepheana (Delegate, Lesotho) • Mpho Maja (DAH, DALRRD, South Africa) • Badi Maulidi (AgResults, GALVmed) • Gaolathe Thobokwe (FANR, SADC)

16:00 – 16:30	Break	
16:30 – 17:30	*Peste des Petits Ruminants* (PPR) eradication • Pan-African PPR programme and PAPS • Alignment of the PAPS CAG and the GF-TADs for Africa RSC Governance • PPR Vaccine Certification and Procurement Guideline in Africa • Global overview of the implementation of the PPR GEP and the revision of the 2030 deadline.	 • Jean-Mrc Feussom (PAPS, AU-IBAR) and Simon Kihu (PAPS, WOAH) • Huyam Salih (AU-IBAR, RSC President) • Charles Bodjo (AU-PANVAC) • Felix Njeumi (PPR Secretariat, FAO)
17:30 – 18:30	*Peste des Petits Ruminants* (PPR) eradication • Country presentation: Nigeria (host) • Country presentation: Dem. Rep. of Congo (buffer country) and feedback on the signing of the MoU • Country cluster presentation: ▪ Sahel countries (PRAPS) ▪ Coastal West Africa (ECOWAS)	 • Samuel Anzaku (Delegate) • Honoré N'Lemba (Delegate) • Idriss Oumar Al-Farouk (WOAH) • Lionel Gbaguidi (FAO)
18:30 – 18:50	Discussion (and end of livestream broadcast)	
18:50 – 19:00	Closed meeting of the writing team (moderators, facilitators and rapporteurs) from AU, FAO and WOAH	

Wednesday 11 November 2026		
08:00 – 08:30	Arrival and registration of participants and briefing	
Session 3. Reporting on GF-TADs global disease control and (post) eradication initiatives (cont'd) 		
08:30 – 09:15	African Swine Fever (ASF) control • Updates on progress made in terms of the Global Initiative on ASF Control and the Revised Global Initiative on ASF (2026) • Outcomes of the 5th meeting of the SGE for ASF (October 2025) including the Lomé Declaration (2025) • Continental Strategy (to be adopted at the STC in October 2027), the Lomé Declaration and follow-up catalytic actions in West Africa.	 • Andriy Rozstalnyy (Co-chair of ASF WG, FAO) • Viola Chemis (ASF WG, WOAH) • James Wabacha (AU-IBAR)

09:15 – 10:00	African Swine Fever (ASF) control (cont'd) • WOAH Guidelines on field evaluation of ASF vaccines • FAO biosecurity improvement programmes within the *Progressive Management Pathway for Terrestrial Animal Biosecurity* (PMP-TAB) • Draft guidelines on compensation framework	 • Ronald Mora Castillo (WOAH) • Andriy Rozstalnyy (Co-chair of ASF WG, FAO) • Ronald Mora Castillo (WOAH)
10:00 – 10:30	Break	

10:30 – 11:10	African Swine Fever (ASF) control
	• Panel discussion on the Continental Strategy and the Lomé Declaration: How many of their commitments have countries implemented so far?
	  • Dem. Rep. of Congo
	  • Gambia
	  • Lesotho
	  • Nigeria
	  • Senegal
	  • South Africa
	  • Uganda
		
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		• Mbargou Lô
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		• Anne-Rose Ademun

11:10 – 11:30	Discussion	
Session 4. Reporting on GF-TADs for Africa regional priority diseases and topics 		
11:30 – 12:30	Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia (CBPP) • Outcomes of the 3rd meeting and agenda of the 4th meeting of the SGE for CBPP (May 2025, November 2026) held online. • Outcomes of the online and in-person training courses on abattoir surveil-lance, organised in 2025 and 2026. • Country presentation: Senegal • Country cluster presentation: PRAPS	 • P. Bastiaensen (WOAH, Regional Secretariat) • Viola Chemis (WOAH, Regional Secretariat) • Mbargou Lô (Delegate) • Idriss Oumar Al-Farouk (WOAH)
12:30 – 13:00	Discussion	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	

14:00 – 14:40	Rift valley fever (RVF) • Response to the October 2025 outbreaks of RVF in West Africa • Country presentation: Gambia	 • Ismaila Seck (FAO) • Abdou Ceesay (Delegate)
Session 5. Emerging issues, requiring the attention of the GF-TADs RSC 		
14:40 – 15:20	High pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI) • Operationalising the Global Strategy: should we prioritise HPAI in the next 5-year Strategic Plan for Africa? • HPAI Outbreak Forecasting Tool	 • Madhur Dhingra (MC, FAO) • Ismaila Seck (WG HPAI, FAO)
15:20 – 16:00	Discussion	
16:00 – 16:30	Break	

16:30 – 17:10	High pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI)
	• Panel discussion *"Usefulness, appeal and risks of the vaccination option"*
	  • Dem. Rep. of Congo
	  • Gambia
	  • Lesotho
	  • Nigeria
	  • Senegal
	  • South Africa
	  • Uganda
		
		Moderated by Ismaila Seck (WG HPAI, FAO)
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Thursday 12 November 2026		
08:00 – 08:30	Arrival and registration of participants and briefing	
Session 5. Emerging issues, requiring the attention of the GF-TADs RSC (continued) 		
08:30 – 09:30	Lumpy skin disease (LSD) • Panel discussion *"Should we prioritise LSD in the next 5-year Strategic Plan for Africa and what are achievable goals ?"*	• Anne-Rose Ademun (Delegate, Uganda) • Abdou Ceesay (Delegate, Gambia) • Charles Lamien (FAO-IAEA) • Neo Mapitse (WOAH) • Andriy Rozstalnyy (FAO) • A. Van Schalkwyk (OVRI)
Session 6. Reporting on GF-TADs for Africa networking frameworks 		
09:30 – 09:40	Proposal for a continental Emergency Fund for Transboundary Animal Diseases (Africa TADs-Emergency Fund)	• Huyam Salih (AU, RSC President)
09:40 – 10:10	Discussion	
10:10 – 10:30	El Niño-Driven Animal Disease Risks in Eastern and Southern Africa: Implications for Preparedness and Early Action	• Fredrick Kivaria (FAO)
10:30 – 11:00	Break	
11:00 – 11:40	Continental laboratory networks • VETLAB Network • Beneficiaries of the Pandemic Fund	 • Charles Lamien (FAO-IAEA) • Moh. Shamsuddin (FAO)
11:40 – 12:20	Regional animal health, laboratory and epidemiology networks • IGAD RAHN-EA (September 2026) and the PLACE Project (Eastern Africa) • REMESA : general updates and GS Resolution GS-93 - 5 • SADC LTC - LSC (Southern Africa) • RESEPI (ECOWAS) (West Africa)	 • Dereje Wakjira (ICPALD, IGAD) • Mohammed Bengoumi (FAO), Hajer Kilani (WOAH) • George Dautu (Chair, Zambia) • Sahr Raymond Gbori (Chair, Sierra Leone)
12:20 – 12:50	Discussion	

Session 7. Strengthening of VS, role of the Veterinary Statutory Bodies (VSB) and Education Establishments (VEE), feedback from the private sector / stakeholders 		
12:50 – 13:10	Strengthening capacities of Veterinary Services : • FAO Tools and programmes : Digital Transformation of Animal Health Surveillance Systems in Africa, Nairobi, 3 to 6 November 2026	• Charles Bebay (FAO)
13:10 – 13:30	Strengthening capacities of Veterinary Services : • WOAH Tools and programmes : The Africa PPP Forum in the Veterinary Domain (WOAH and AU-IBAR)	• Desmond Rono, Rahul Srivastava (WOAH) and Mary Mbole (AU-IBAR)
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch	
14:10 – 14:30	Role of the Veterinary Statutory Bodies • Panel discussion "Why is the *African Association for Veterinary Statutory Bodies struggling and how can we make it work ?"*	• Florence Kasirye (Uganda Veterinary Board, UVB) • Moetapele Letshwenyo (WOAH) • Mbargou Lô (Del'te, Senegal) • James Wabacha (AU-IBAR)
14:30 – 14:50	Role of the Veterinary Education Establishments • Update from the *African Association for Veterinary Education Establishments*	• Noursaid Tligui (IAV Hassan II - EM6MV)
14:50 – 15:10	Feedback from the private sector / stakeholders • Update from the *Pan-African Farmers Organisation* (PAFO)	• Phenias Ndlela Gumede (PAFO)
15:10 – 15:30	Discussion	
15:30 – 16:30	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 		
16:30 – 16:50	Presentation of the draft recommendations	
16:50 – 17:30	Discussion (adoption will follow in two weeks)	
17:30 – 17:40	Dates and venue / format of 2027 meetings of SGEs, RMMs and RSC-14	• Moh. Shamsuddin (FAO)
17:40 – 17:50	Closing statement by the RSC Chair	• Huyam Salih (AU-IBAR)
17:50 – 18:00	Closing statement by the WOAH Delegate of Nigeria	• Samuel Anzaku (Delegate)
18:00	End of online broadcast	