

GF-TADs

GLOBAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE
PROGRESSIVE CONTROL OF
TRANSBOUNDARY ANIMAL DISEASES

Africa



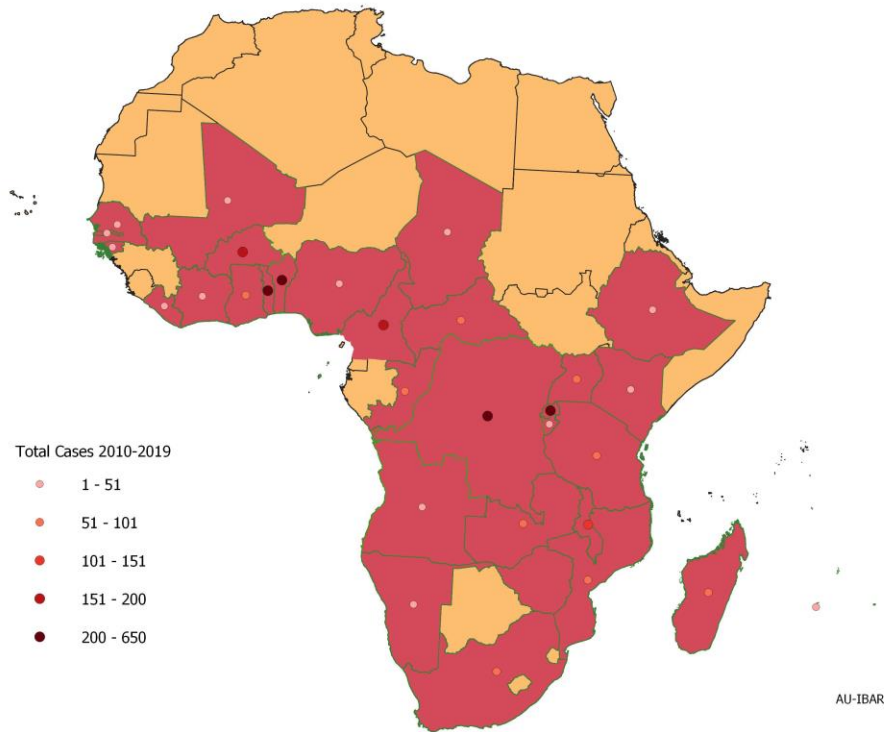
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- Africa pig population: 45 Million
- Between 2018 and 2020, ASF disease outbreaks manifested themselves in 26 countries in Africa : Angola, Benin, Burkina-Faso, Burundi, Cabo-Verde, Central African Republic, DRC, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra-Leone, South Africa, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe

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▶ **Why SGE on ASF for Africa ?**

- ▶ Strengthening regional cooperation and regional dialogue on ASF control through;
 - Frequent information exchange on ASF situation and control measures applied to support risk assessments,
 - Technical arm to guide regular review of national, regional and global strategies based on international experts experience and best practice,
 - Support the GF-TADs *Regional Steering Committee* (RSC) to coordinate disease control policies and build a coordinated science-based regional control strategy,
 - Collaboration on laboratory diagnostics by exchange of best practices and capacity building,

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- Collaboration in applied research, including ASF epidemiology, socio-economics and ASF vaccine development,
- Collaboration on awareness raising campaigns by exchange of best practices and communication tools,
- Collaboration on border control measures among countries in the Africa region,
- Regular communication on the outcomes of the group discussion to other member countries and all stakeholders,

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- Coordination on:
 - ❖ Consultation processes to provide regional feedback to the **Global Initiative**,
 - ❖ Identification of priorities for the development of tools, training, and projects relevant for the region,
 - ❖ Development of awareness to enhance the willingness of other countries to engage in ASF control strategy,
- Collaboration on pig diseases of public health significance that may assist in the acceptability or adoption of ASF-targeted biosecurity and hygiene measures (e.g porcine cysticercosis)

Composition - SGE - ASF for Africa

- ▶ Representatives of Founding Member Countries (Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa and Zimbabwe),
- ▶ AU-IBAR, FAO and OIE regional representations, other regional organisations active in the field of animal health control strategies,
- ▶ OIE and FAO regional reference laboratory experts for ASF as permanent members,
- ▶ Regional and Internationally recognised ASF or swine diseases experts with experience working in Africa drawn from regional database of the AU-IBAR,
- ▶ Additional international recognized experts on ASF or other technical topics may be invited by the group to support the SGE-ASF on an adhoc basis (including private sector and from industry). at FAO's Headquarters in Rome, Italy)

SGE - ASF for Africa Governance

► Governance :

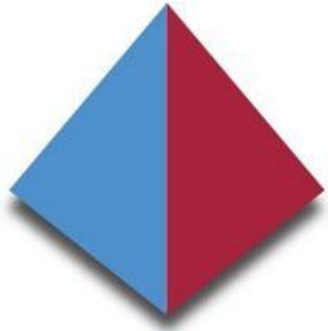
- The SGE - ASF for Africa will be appointed by, and will report to the GF-TADs *Regional Steering Committee* (RSC) for Africa and liaise with the ASF WG for the coordination of the ASF **Global Initiative**,
- The SGE - ASF for Africa will hold rotational annual meetings hosted by founding member countries of the SGE - ASF with host to chair the meeting upon agreement of SGE - ASF,
- Language : English and French with simultaneous interpretations,
- The OIE Regional Representation for Africa, based in Bamako, Mali (RR AF) will act as Technical secretariat in coordination with the FAO Regional Office for Africa (RAF),
- Minutes of the meeting to be prepared by the SGE - ASF secretariat, circulated to participants by email and published on the website OIE Regional representation for Africa.

► Funding Mechanism :

- Meeting costs of representatives from African member countries and costs for the logistical organization of meetings will be covered by the three organizations (FAO, OIE and AU-IBAR) depending on availability of resources

In Conclusion

- ▶ The GF-TADs Regional Steering Committee is requested through the Chair to discuss the proposed *terms of reference* (ToRs) for SGE on ASF for Africa for ownership and approval;
- ▶ Request through the Chair approval to convene the 1st meeting (launch) for the Standing Group of Experts on ASF for Africa either on Thursday 11th or 18th November 2021.



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