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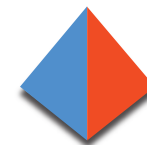
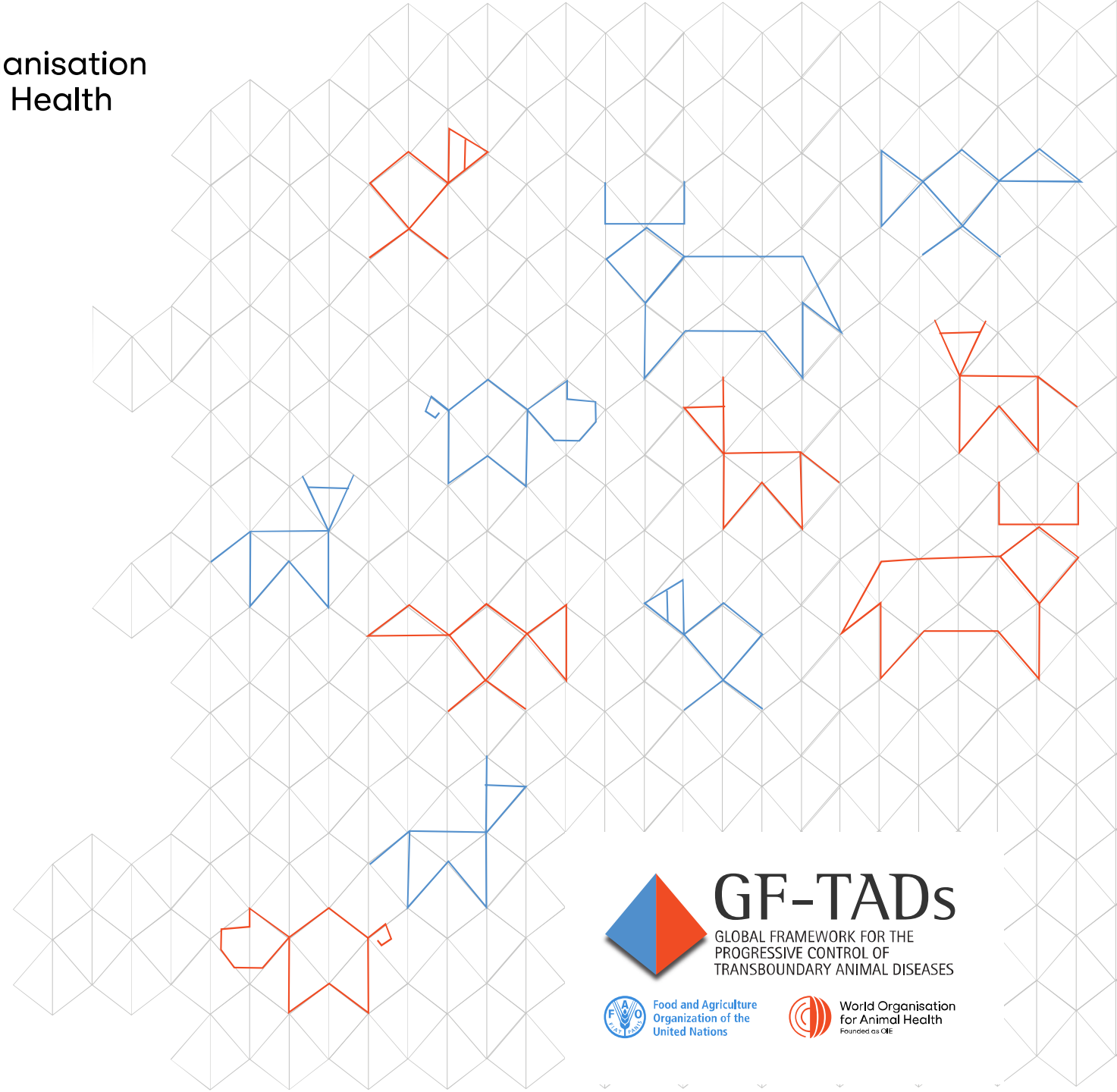
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# Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regional Steering Committee Meeting

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**GF-TADs**

GLOBAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE  
PROGRESSIVE CONTROL OF  
TRANSBOUNDARY ANIMAL DISEASES



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## 10<sup>TH</sup> GF-TADs for Africa *Regional Steering Committee (RSC) meeting*

- **6 – 8 October 2021** (9<sup>th</sup> GF-TADs meeting held in 2014 in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso)
- **Hosted by Nairobi – Kenya**
- **Virtual**
- **Attendance:** up to 57 participants
  - up to 10 out of the 18 voting members,
  - up to 7 out of the 9 non-voting members,
  - Additional representatives of regional specialised organisations,
  - regional support units,
  - technical and funding partners and
  - private sector. The list of the participants is appended in annex 1. The meeting was held in 6 sessions which attracted up to 57 participants.
- **Six (6) sessions**

## Session 1: Welcome remarks (1)

- Chairman : The OIE Regional Representative for Africa and Secretary of the GF-TADs for Africa, Dr Karim Toukara.
- Speakers:
  - Dr Nick Nwankpa: Acting Director/Head of Mission, AU-IBAR on behalf of Ambassador Josefa Sacko, Commissioner for *Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy, and Sustainable Environment* (ARBE) of the African Union Commission, AUC,
  - Dr Abebe Haile-Gabriel, the Assistant Director-General, Regional Representative for Africa, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and
  - Dr Monique Eloit, Director General, World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).

## Session 1: Welcome remarks (2)

- Self-introductions of the participants, including observers, non-voting and 10 voting Members :

1. Noursaid Tligui – *African Association of Veterinary Education Establishments (A2VE2)*
2. Nick Nwankpa – AU-IBAR
3. Charles Sanne Bodjo – AU-PANVAC
4. Letlhogile Modisa – OIE Delegate Botswana
5. Honore N’lemba Mabela – OIE Delegate DRC
6. Mbargou Lo – OIE Delegate Senegal
7. Rose Ademun – OIE Delegate Uganda
8. Yoseph S Mamo – *Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)*
9. Yimashewa Wogayehu – *Eastern Africa Regional Epidemiology Network (EAREN)*
10. Faouzia Chakiri - *Arab Maghreb Union (UMA)*

## Session 2: Governance aspects (1)

### - Adoption of the updated ToR (voting members) and installation of the Bureau for the meeting

Composition of the new Bureau of the RSC, consisting of:

- ✓ AU : President (IBAR) Nick Nwankpa (Director, AU-IBAR)
  
- ✓ FAO: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice – President (RAF) Charles Bebay (Regional Manager, ECTAD, EA)
  
- ✓ WOAHA: 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – President (WOAHA Council) Roland Xolani Dlamini (African Member of the WOAHA Council)

## New bureau of the Regional Steering Committee



Dr Nick Nwankpa, President  
Acting Director of AU-IBAR  
Director of AU-PANVAC

AU



Dr Charles Bebay, Vice President  
Regional Manager, ECTAD Eastern Africa  
FAO (to be replaced by Dr. Moh. Shamsuddin  
at the present meeting)



Dr Roland Dlamini, Vice President  
OIE Delegate of eSwatini  
OIE Council Member  
OIE



## Session 2: Governance aspects (2)

### The Secretariat presented:

- Background for the establishment of the RSC:
- Overview of the various Regional Steering Committee meetings held since their inception, in Bamako, 2006 (RSC-01).
- Minutes of the 9th RSC (Ouagadougou, 2014) : discussions, minor modifications and adoption unanimously. **Guidance was obtained on the proposal, emanating from these minutes, to set up an expert panel on CBPP in Africa.**

### The other presentations were on:

**The third evaluation of the GF-TADs (2017) by** Dr. Jean-Philippe Dop, OIE Deputy Director General, on behalf of the GF-TADs Management Committee,

**Presentation of the GF-TADs Global Strategy by** Dr. Keith Sumption, FAO Chief Veterinary Officer, on behalf of the GF-TADs Management Committee.

**Presentation of the GF-TADs Global website by** Dr. Bouda Ahmadi, Deputy Coordinator of the Global Secretariat GF-TADs: <http://www.gf-tads.org/>

## Session 3: Reporting on GF-TADs global disease control and eradication initiatives (1)

The following presentations were made on:

- **Rinderpest (post-eradication activities):**

**at global level by** Dr Samia Metwally, Senior Animal Health Officer at FAO and member of the *Joint Advisory Committee (JAC)*; **and**

**at africa region level** by Dr Hiver Boussini, AU-IBAR on behalf of Director of AU-IBAR, Dr Nick Nwankpa and by Dr Charles Bodjo, AU-PANVAC.

- **Peste des petits ruminants (PPR) by:**

- Dr Henry Wamwayi, Chair of the *Core Experts Group (CEG)*, on progress made in the PPR GEP review;
- Dr Adama Diallo, Chair of the PPR Global Research and Expertise Network (GREN) on revision process of the PMAT).
- Dr Hiver Boussini from AU–IBAR presented the Pan-African PPR Control and Eradication Programme.

**Note:** The representative of the EU offered to consider priorities brought forward as long as such priorities are backed up with political will. The AU was tasked to take lead and galvanize support for priorities in view of the Africa Summit 2022.



## Session 3: Reporting on GF-TADs global disease control and eradication initiatives (2)

- **Foot and mouth disease (FMD):** by **Dr Melissa McLaws**, **FAO** Animal Health Officer, on behalf of the joint **FAO/OIE FMD Working Group**, on the **activities of the Working Group, the state of play of the Global FMD Control Strategy and the related tools such as PCP-FMD and the *Self-Assessment Tool (SAT)***.
- **African Swine Fever (ASF):** by
  - ✓ **Dr Charles Bebay**, **Regional Manager, FAO ECTAD – EA**, on behalf of the **GF-TADs Working Group** on African swine fever, ***on the Global control of ASF, a GF-TADs initiative***;
  - ✓ **Dr Caitlyn Holley**, **WOAH RR for Asia and the Pacific**, on behalf of **GF-TADs SGE on ASF for Asia and the Pacific** ***on their experiences with the SGE for the Asia region***
  - ✓ **Dr Fredrick Kivaria**, **Regional Epidemiologist, FAO ECTAD) Eastern Africa**, on behalf of **FAO-ECTAD and AU-IBAR** ***on progress made in reviewing the 2017 ASF Regional Control Strategy for Africa*** and
  - ✓
  - ✓ **Dr Thomas Dulu**, **Programme Officer** at **WOAH SRR- EA** made a presentation on behalf **WOAH, FAO and AU-IBAR** ***on the ToR and installation of the SGE for ASF for Africa to be adopted.***

## Session 4: Other GF-TADs 'tools' achievements and One Health in Africa

**Other GF-TADs 'tools' achievements : OFFLU, EIOS and EMS-AH :** Presentation were made by:

- ✓ Dr Lidewij Wiersma, FAO OFFLU focal point, on the joint OIE-FAO *Global network of expertise on animal influenzas* (OFFLU);
- ✓ Dr Paolo Tizzani (WOAH) on the recently established *Epidemic Intelligence from Open Sources* (EIOS) system and
- ✓ Dr Susanne Munstermann (FAO) on FAO EMC – AH.

**One Health initiatives in Africa:** Two presentations by:

- ✓ Charles Bebay, on behalf of the Tripartite Regional Coordination Group (Africa) on the One Health initiatives in Africa and
- ✓ Prof. James Wabacha of AU-IBAR, on behalf of AU-IBAR and Africa-CDC, on the One Health Initiatives by AU-IBAR and Africa-CDC.

**The session was concluded by the presentation of the GF-TADs Africa website by Dr Patrick Bastiaensen, Programme Officer, WOAHSRR - EA.**

## **Session 5: GF-TADs for Africa Regional Strategy 2021 - 2025**

**Presentation of the draft Regional Strategy 2021 - 2025 : by** Dr Patrick Bastiaensen on behalf of the GF-TADs Regional Secretariat The priority diseases under GF-TADS of regional importance are:

- ✓ • Foot and mouth disease
- ✓ • Peste des petits ruminants
- ✓ • African swine fever
- ✓ • Rift Valley fever
- ✓ • Contagious bovine pleuro-pneumonia

### **Discussion in break-out rooms (according to language)**

Two groups (French speaking and English-speaking group) to brainstorm on two topics; the four objectives of GF-TADS Regional Strategy 2021-2025, and critically review the actions plans for PPR, ASF and CBPP.

**Outcomes of the break-out rooms in plenary; Amendment and adoption (or referral) of the Regional Strategy 2021 – 2025 and the ToR of the SGE for ASF.**

**Quorum not obtained : Decision: document to be updated by incorporating the group discussion inputs and will then be submitted for electronic voting.**

## Session 6: Adoption of recommendations and closing remarks

- Presentation on International Agenda; upcoming Global Steering Committee meetings and other RSC meetings in other regions by Dr Alexandre Fediaevsky (WOAH, GF-TADs Global Secretariat).
- Discussions and adoption of RSC-10 recommendations, dates and venue/format of the RSC-11

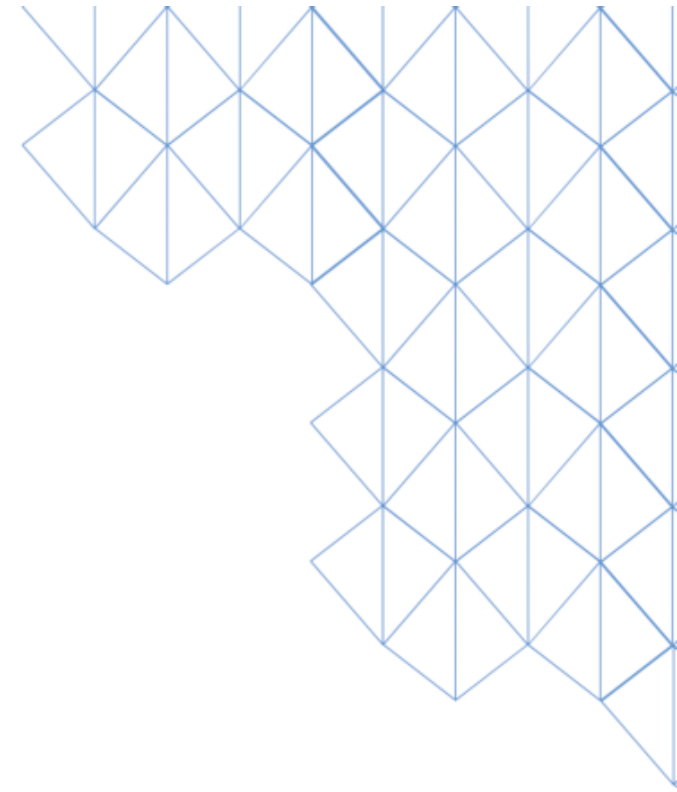
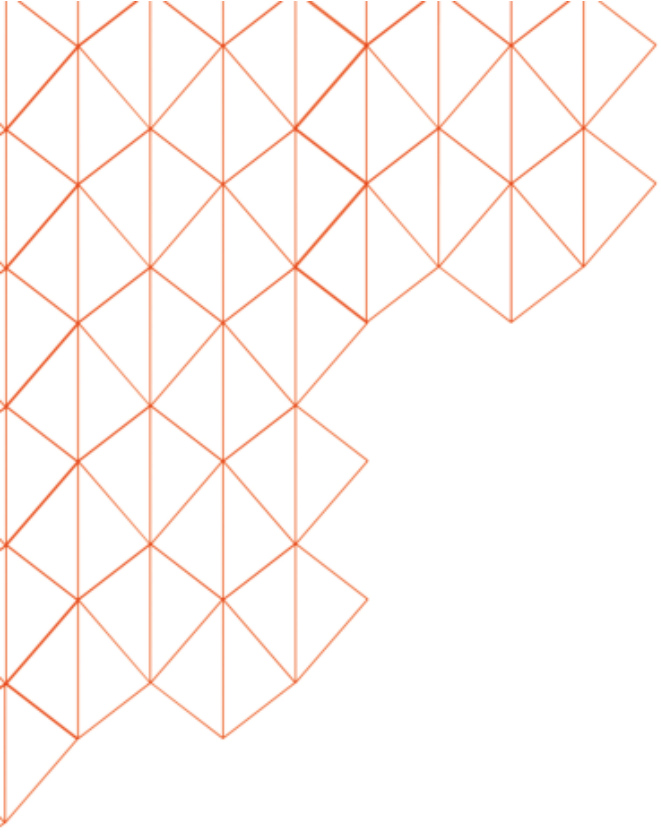
It was agreed that the agenda of the RSC-11 for Africa should be revised and simplified to allow more time for discussions and to organise quarterly meetings between AU-IBAR, WOAHA and FAO.

### Two decisions:

- Next meeting to be organised back-to-back (physical if possible) with the 22 CVOs' meeting in Nairobi and
- Contact Morocco to host the 12th (physical) RSC meeting in 2023.

### Closing remarks:

- Representatives of all the Member organisations and country representatives expressed their appreciation at the relaunch of the GF-TAD in African.
- The Chairperson thanked the DG of WOAHA, the two Vice Presidents of the GF-TADs for Africa, all the attending invited partners, international organizations, regional organisations and countries for seeing the value of this meeting and encouraged them to offer their continued support to the GF-TADs mechanism and activities implemented under this framework.



**THANK YOU!!!**