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FMD and PPR: Regional Advisory Groups ToR & Election of the RAGs

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Regional Advisory Group: Governance and modus operandi

1. **The Regional Advisory Group (RAG) will work in close collaboration with the GF-TADs FMD Working Group (WG) and follow the guidelines/tools of the FAO-WOAH Global FMD Control Strategy;**
2. A CVO member of the RAG cannot vote for the PCP-FMD Stage assessment of his/her own country;
3. Members of the RAG are appointed for **a period of three years** and can be re-appointed. In the case that a member of RAG fails to participate in two consecutive roadmap meetings without adequate justification, the position held by that member shall be declared vacant;
4. Members of the RAG shall respect the **legitimate confidentiality of information** with which they may be entrusted in the performance of their functions;
5. The RAG Chairperson is nominated by RAG voting members;
6. **WOAH and FAO regional offices and the GF TADs FMD WG will provide support for the work of RAG**
7. **Decisions on the status of PCP-FMD Stage-assessment during RAG meeting are reached by consensus of the RAG voting members**

FMD Regional Advisory Group ToR

- ❑ review the **PCP-FMD Stage assessments of countries**
- ❑ guide on **capacity development** to support FMD control strategies
- ❑ provide **advice on the status of PCP-FMD assessments** including the analysis of PVS evaluations for relevant Critical Competences
- ❑ support **technical review of control plans**
- ❑ advise on **issues/factors preventing effective progress** of the FMD roadmap
- ❑ support countries, *if requested*, in the **preparation of applications to WOA for endorsement** of their FMD control programme
- ❑ **promote ownership and enhance enabling environment** for implementation of control programs at national and regional levels
- ❑ **advocate at regional level with countries, private sector and donors** the importance to invest in FMD control and prevention

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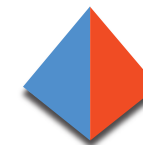
The FMD Regional Advisory Group (RAG) for the Middle East / Composition – elected in December 2021

RAG Composition – Voting members

Chairperson	CVO United Arab Emirates	Dr Kaltham Ali Hussain Kayaf
Member	CVO Oman	Dr Ahmed Saif Al-Amri
Member	CVO Jordan	Dr Essam Hawwa
Epi MENET	Egypt	Dr Mohamed Abd Elazim Mohamed
Lab MENET	Egypt	Dr Ahmed Refaat Ahmed Habashi

A new RAG will be elected

We would encourage country Delegates to carefully consider this opportunity



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PPR REGIONAL ADVISORY GROUP (RAG)

Background of PPR Regional Advisory Groups (RAGs)

- ❑ Regional roadmaps are envisaged by Peste des petits ruminants Global Control and Eradication Strategy (PPR GCES)
- ❑ The PPR GCES has designated **Regional roadmaps** for countries that belong to different administrative and economic communities, share common **epidemiological** challenges relating to PPR eradication
- ❑ **Episystem meetings** should be organised in addition to regional roadmap meetings, latter mostly based on the existence of relevant Regional Economic Community (RECs)
- ❑ There are 9 regions that focus on PPR globally. Each region participates in a regional roadmap.
- ❑ The PPR GEP Blueprint has suggested a 10th sub-regional roadmap covering China and Mongolia episystem.

Regional Roadmaps



Responsibilities of RAG

- ☐ Review self and external assessments of countries' PPR Stages as evaluated via PMAT assessments.
- ☐ Encourage countries to carry out regular self-assessments using the PMAT tool or to request external support via the PPR Secretariat i.e., PPR Technical Support Experts (PPR - TSE).
- ☐ Assist with the preparation of the PPR regional roadmap meeting recommendations.
- ☐ Provide guidance at regional roadmap meetings, and at the national level.
- ☐ Coordinate and maintain regular contacts with countries in-between meetings
- ☐ Guide PPR training and capacity development activities to support regional and national strategies,

Responsibilities of RAG

- ☐ Support the formulation, implementation and technical review of countries' National Strategic Plans (NSPs)
- ☐ Support countries in the preparation of applications to WOAHA for endorsement of their official PPR control programmes and their dossier for official recognition of their PPR free status.
- ☐ Support and advocate for PPR eradication
- ☐ Report on regional progress during GF-TADs regional steering committee meetings
- ☐ Foster a sense of ownership of the PPR eradication strategy and implementation at regional level and facilitating regional exchange.

Composition of RAGs

Voting Members:

- ☐ Three CVOs from the Region.
- ☐ Coordinator of the regional epidemiology network
- ☐ Coordinator of the regional laboratory network

Non-voting Members:

- ☐ Representatives from the respective WOA and FAO regional/sub-regional offices and representing regional GF-TADs secretariat.
- ☐ Representatives of RECs
- ☐ PPR Secretariat

RAG Governance

- ❑ Countries in the region nominate three CVOs during roadmap meetings from member countries; One CVO to serve as chairperson and two CVOs serve as vice chairpersons for a term of at least three years.
- ❑ The nominated Chairperson guides the work of the RAG and presents the work done by RAG to the RAG meetings and the regional roadmap meetings.
- ❑ The RAGs also organize calendar of their activities with support from their non-voting members.



Election of the FMD & PPR RAG

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CVOs/Delegates only

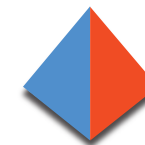
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2. **Vote:** CVOs and representatives

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