38th GF-TADs Management Committee Meeting
18 November 2021 – 10.00 to 12.00

Participants
GF-TADs Management Committee (MC):
OIE: Jean-Philippe Dop (JPD), Neo Mapitse (NM), Montserrat Arroyo (MA)
FAO: Keith Sumption (KS), Madhur Dhingra (MD - Berhe Tekola (BT)

GF-TADs Global Secretariat (GS):
Alexandre Fediaevsky (AF), Bouda Ahmadi (BA) Henk Jan Ormel (HJO), José Urdaz (JU)

Guests
ASF WG co-chairs: Andriy Rozstalnyy (AR), Gregorio Torres (GT)

Action item/decisions

- FAO to bring a more significant profile for the GS next year.
- FAO to work at the regional level and bring joint efforts with FAO regional colleagues for GF-TADs utilizing the strengths of the organism.
- GS to formulate four simple questions to lead the PFP discussion.
- GS to formulate 3-4 simple questions for each of the 3 Sessions of the GSC12 Day 2.
- ASF WG to provide more information on who will lead the activities (FAO, OIE, or Joint) for the work plan, to connect the work plan outputs/activities to the overall GF-TADs Strategy, and to work with science data experts and laboratories to including expectations about vaccines in the work plan.
- OIE suggested to identify key internal points for discussion for meeting of legal officers of TOR PPR WG/Secretariat.
- FAO to finalize and submit draft FMD Serotype C work plan to FMD group.

10.00 1) Opening – identification of AOB - adoption of agenda

10.05 2) Resources of GS and inclusion of FAO contact points in the RS

José Urdaz was welcomed as the new member of the GS for the GF-TADs – his experience and key role at the EMC-AH for the last year will provide good interlinkage with the Americas and will bring support in building bridges at the regional level. JU will dedicate part of his time at FAO to support the GS. Alexandre will continue working with the disease groups but will be focusing more on the regional aspects of the GF-TADs. FAO committed to bring a more significant profile next year at the GS. FAO will request advice to the PFP in this matter.

Currently, FAO is concentrating on regional operations. Although it has enthusiastic FPs in some of the regions there still work to do in many other regions. FAO will commit to work at the regional level and bring joint efforts with FAO regional colleagues for GF-TADs utilising the strengths of the organism. Will seek stronger input from Regional GS.
10.15 3) Partnering and Financing Panel

The first meeting of the interim is organised on 22/11. The objective of the discussion is to prepare the meeting and identify what will be the proposal from the MC regarding the way the PFP is expected to operate.

The first interim panel meeting was scheduled for 22 Nov, 10 participants confirmed their attendance. The Agenda and CN of the meeting were circulated in advance. Although there was a short notice to participants, there was a good quorum to move ahead with the call. BA mentioned the names of confirmed participants. BT suggested to also invite AOAD and KS suggested to invite OIRSA.

OIE commented on how the discussion time should be managed by providing alternatives on how to approach it, either by providing participants a list of questions to lead the discussion or by having an open forum for comments. The MC agreed to begin the meeting with an introduction by KS, using the CN as reference, and to formulate four simple questions to lead the discussion. The goal was to send the questions to participants in advance of the call on Monday, 22 Nov.

Few additional comments were raised by the MC as to whom should be invited to the call that is not currently included in the list of participants and what was missing to move forward with the call. MA mentioned the idea of sharing examples of success stories and knowledge of possible mechanisms that have similar structures. OIE reemphasized the idea of finding out more about desired needs in addition to the GSC. OIE mentioned that it was crucial to understand equivalent structures (e.g. joint bodies), have better knowledge and explanation of other existing structures within the various organizations. FAO agreed to this OIE comment. NM raised the question on how these partners will be related to OIE Financial Structures and Resources. FAO commented the possibility of leveraging the financing solely to the control TADs in the countries that have the capacity to finance, looking for greater achievement and that also the MC should see how to better influence with stakeholders to obtain better engagement.

10.35 4) Global steering committee 12 second session

The objective of the point is to prepare the points for discussion for the GSC12 Session 2. The proposal is to list questions that the MC would like participants to answer for each item. Direct participation by speaking or chat should be encouraged at maximum but if necessary limited number of poll can be also proposed.

The draft run sheet of the meeting is provided in support document, the different items are described here after

The draft report on general GF-TADs activity, regional activities and global priority TADs will be circulated to participants ahead of the GSC12 session 2.

The first item (Chair MA) will be dedicated to global priority TADs strategies and support that can be provided through the GF-TADs strategy. In order to preserve time for discussion, prerecorded presentation from TADs WG will be provided in advance to participants but not displayed during the meeting, instead an executive summary of the main challenges met by disease groups will be provided (GS) and a short presentation on the PFP will be delivered (GS?).

Questions to be answered:

The second item (Chair MD) will be dedicated to the involvement of the MC on HPAI as an active global strategy, it is proposed to have an update on OFFLU on HPAI tendency, feedback on the result of the HPAI consultation and discussion on the objectives pursued.

Questions to be answered:

The third item (Chair KS) will be dedicated to the regional level activity. The Chairs of the RSC are invited to deliver a short presentation on the main highlights from their region, contribution to the implementation of the GF-TADs strategy and request for support/suggestion.
Questions to be answered:
The last item (Chair JPD) will be on recommendations. Draft recommendations from session will be presented at the end of the GSC 12 for discussion, based on the discussion on the 2/12, points to be taken for recommendations will be summarized (not drafted) and the drafted recommendations from both sessions will be circulated for written comment after the GSC12 objective to circulate them one week after the meeting and provide two weeks for comment.

Issues with microphones were reported during the last GSC12 Session 1 call. AF shared screen and requested feedback from MC on proposed discussion questions for Part 2. FAO requested the questions to present a better connection between TADs and the PFP and suggested to only keep those questions that can help participants to better prepare for the discussion. FAO also emphasized on the importance to remind the groups about the outputs, which could be prioritized by the PFP. All questions were revised in collaboration with MC members. Ideally, the list should be limited to 3 or 4 questions per topic, where answers can easily be achieved in a concrete way (e.g. HPAI – what can be done to better coordinate and build resilience in poultry systems). KS suggested to ask simple questions. MC suggested to elevate the questions from region to global priority to better revise the global strategy (in which the last revision was done long ago). MA suggested to ask about the added value of the global approach when compared to the regional approach, and to propose actions that can be delivered.

11.20 5) ASF WG work plan

Chair of the ASF WG will present the ASF work plan for the coming year for validation by the MC

AR and GT presented the ASF WG work plan and the proposed activities for 2022. FAO included a comment on a white paper on vaccines and vaccination campaigns strategies. As per MC recommendations, the ASF WG will provide more information on who will be leading the activities (FAO, OIE, or Joint) in the work plan, will better connect the work plan outputs/activities to the overall GF-TADs Strategy, and commit to enhance the collaborative work with science data experts and laboratories, including expectations about vaccines.

11.50 6) Follow up of recommendations from previous MC meetings and points for information

Depending on time available, update on the following points is proposed:
- ToR PPR WG/Secretariat
- Meeting on PPR Reference laboratory
- FMD Serotype C
- Regional activities

ToR PPR WG/Secretariat – FAO and OIE have identified corresponding legal officers, now waiting to schedule a date for these officers to meet. According to the conversation, these officers can meet by themselves but OIE suggested to have a meeting to identify key internal points for discussion. MD met with Felix to further explore how the OIE network can contribute to the already existing PPR network. Specific dates for upcoming meeting will be provided.

FMD Serotype C – work plan have been drafted and will be submitted to the FMD group by BA.

11.55 6) AOB and wrap up

12. 00 7) End of meeting
MC39 planned on 16/12/21 – following MC not yet scheduled.