



## **4<sup>TH</sup> REGIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE GF-TADS**

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### ***ACTION PLAN 2009 – 2010***

#### **1. Areas of intervention**

- Since 2006 activities of the GF-TADs have been focused on:
  - Avian Influenza:
    - ▣ several meetings,
    - ▣ technical assistance and capacity building
  - FMD: Regular Round Tables for the control of the disease in the region
  - Rinderpest: to obtain OIE official recognition for all Middle Eastern countries
- Since the last GF-TADs RSC Amman, Jordan 07 efforts have been essentially focused on Rinderpest:
  - Meeting in Amman for the official freedom recognition of Middle Eastern countries
  - Technical assistance in country dossier

#### **2. Proposed Action Plan 2009 – 10**

- Continuing actions on Avian Influenza preparedness and control:
  - technical assistance and expertise
  - capacity building in different domains (contingency plans, communication, surveillance and control...)
  - Meeting in Cyprus (20 – 22 July 2009) on intersectoral collaboration
- Follow up of Rinderpest status of Middle Eastern countries
  - Assistance on surveillance programme and dossier constitution
- Implementation of a regional programme to control the FMD in the Middle East
  - Round Table, Beirut 8-9 April 09
    - Establish a regional strategy
      - Training, surveillance, networking...
  - Participation to the Paraguay Conference (Asuncion, 24-26 June 09)
    - Presentation of the Regional Project for the ME
  - Implementation of the regional project under the OIE and FAO global strategy defined in Asuncion
  - Regular Round Table to follow up the project

- Develop a regional programme on RVF prevention and control
  - Technical assistance for contingency plans
  - Setting up of a predicting model to forecast virus activity (collaboration with USDA and NASA)
  
- Assessment of PPR impact in the Middle East
  - Collaboration should be set up with other RAHC, notably the RAHC of North Africa - Tunis (same strains as Middle East)
  
- Set up fully equipped training room (computer hardware, translation, etc.) to facilitate the work of the RAHC in organising technical programmes suited to the specific needs of the countries in the region
  - In the premises of the OIE Regional Representation