



37th GF-TADs Management Committee Meeting

14 October 2021 – 10.30 to 12.30

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Participants

GF-TADs Management Committee (MC):

OIE: Jean-Philippe Dop (JPD), Neo Mapiitse (NM), Montserrat Arroyo (MAK)

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)

Guests

GF-TADs Webmaster: Cecilia Murguia (CM)

Action item/decisions

- Validation of the complete document of the GF-TADs Strategy 2021-2025 is needed by the FAO delegation.
- Position of FAO on the 4-pager is expected.
- MC to discuss future resources of the GS.
- GS to develop the workplan of the strategy according to the implementation concept note.
- GS to organize the first PFP meeting on 22 Nov.
- GS to make preparation for the 2nd session of GSC12 to be held on 2 Dec.
- Cochairs of the MC to progress on the revision of the ToRs for PPR
- FAO to take care of moving GF-TADs website under the cloud web management system when ready.
- GS to follow up on FMD Type C and a joint meeting on PSO (FMD) and TSEs (PPR).

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

10.35 2) GF-TADs Strategy

- validation of document GF-TADs Strategy 2021-2025 following editing and layout, the document was sent to the MC members on 1/10/21 – OIE delegation made some comment on the graphic design on 4/10, the GS discussed possible modifications with CM on 7/10.

To complete the validation by FAO, the FAO delegations asked to include the spheres in the TOC figure and also to move the arrow of the coordination to the top of the figure. Regarding the cover of the document, the OIE delegation asked for replacing the poultry picture with a mosaic of all the species and including a Merlot red (Bordeaux) color to the cover. The GS asked Claudia to make these changes.

- 4 pagers to communicate on the GF-TADs strategy. The document and the diagram were revised following the discussion at the MC 36 meeting. A request for green light to send for editing and layout was sent by the GS on 29/9 – OIE delegation gave green light on the same day, the GS is waiting for the position from the FAO delegation. The quotation for translation and layout in the 6 UN languages has been asked on the assumption that there will be no substantial changes to the document.

A greenlight to proceed from the OIE has been received. A written clearance from FAO is pending the update of the ToC graph. Translation will be done in the six UN languages; the GS will proceed with layout and editing for the next MC meeting (MC38).

- Implementation of the strategy. Following preparation of the FAO/OIE staff webinar, the GS will present the implementation of the strategy as an open process that will include the activity of colleagues not currently directly involved in GF-TADs but who have an influence on the outputs of the strategy at global and regional levels and also the contribution of activities from other stakeholders. This needs to be operationalised to ensure the MC starts 2022 with a vision based on a work plan. For that purpose the GS proposes an approach which is twofold:

- Identify among the current existing activities which ones will or have the potential to contribute to the GF-TADs Strategy (i.e., roadmaps, SGEs, gap analysis missions...) and propose in coordination with the colleagues responsible to define how they are expected to contribute (and to which output)
- Identify the outputs from the strategy that will not be addressed by current GF-TADs activities and start identifying, in relation with relevant colleagues, what activities should be planned.

This approach will also be used to identify the relevant information to be monitored annually to report on the progress of the strategy based on the proposed indicators.

The GS is asking the MC if this approach meets its expectation, if there is some specific guidance or work force to support the GS in this development.

AF presented the proposal of the GS to prepare a methodology to capture the progress with the implementation of the Strategy. The OIE delegation agreed with the approach that will facilitate some initiatives driven by each organization to contribute to GF-TADs (e.g. EMC, PVS...), increase ownership of colleagues which is aligned with the objective of the activities. FAO delegation supported the approach too and thought the steps are logical, suggested to have shared folders to gather activities from the regional secretariats and disease WGs and then filtration will be done by the GS. It was suggested that we should begin to track activities of partners such as RECs by the regional secretariat and regional FAO contact points. HJO mentioned that more human resources will be needed to implement the strategy. The OIE delegation mentioned that from OIE side AF spends time at global level; additional staff from regional will be needed; a position has been published but it is difficult to find a relevant staff with skills needed. FAO delegates mentioned that the level of support from FAO to GS will not be reduced for 2022. The OIE delegation asked for specific agenda item and discussion is needed during the MC38.

- **Partnering and financing panel: the GS revised the ToR along the line of the discussion of the MC36, Emily Tagliaro already confirmed her support on 23/9. A meeting is planned with Katrin Taylor on 13/9. A date for the first meeting has been identified but potential guests have not been yet contacted.**

It was highlighted that GS met with Katrin Taylor and Emily Tagliaro on 13 Oct. It was decided that this taskforce jointly develop an agenda for the first meeting that will be organized on 22 Nov participating the interim panel. It was decided that the taskforce unofficially communicate the plan with interim panel before officially inviting them to the first meeting. Also the landscape and current relationships and roles of GF-TADs will be determined by the taskforce. The interim panel will discuss and revise this. The aims of the first meeting and the expectations from the interim panel should be clarified. Based on the outcome of the first meeting, an EoI will be announced to be as

inclusive as possible in inviting interested individuals and/or organizations. The MC was supportive of the progress and planned activities.

11.00 3) Global steering committee 12

Update on the organization and decisions to be identified

- **Final Agenda**
- **Signed Invitation letter**
- **Opening remarks**
- **Translations and logistic**
- **Rules for participants to nominate**
- **Survey to participants**
- **Objectives for interactive polls in session 1? Session 2**
- **Circulation of recommendations /report from last meeting**
- **Request to TADs WG and RS to provide information for the report**
- **Request for prerecorded videos for session2 (also the possibility for regions?)**

The list of participants has been updated with, as discussed previously in MC, to a representative from academia and private sector. A survey was suggested to gauge the level of engagement of participants to GSC in activities related to GF-TADs, which could also be repeated at regional level. Both FAO and OIE delegations were supportive of the activities and the planned survey; they requested to see the questions to be included before they are sent. The costs for interpretation and technical assistance for the GSC12 is expected to be slightly higher than 22K Euros. Either the OIE pays these costs, and then FAO could pay for the next GSC meeting (GSC13), or the OIE invoice the FAO with 50% of the cost, budget units will indicate their preference on this aspect. It was noticed usage of some of the maps provided by the OIE and FAO are not compatible with the UN maps. It was suggested that a disclaimer is needed that maps generated by the OIE for this specific purpose can be used in future reports. The GS will liaise with FAO and OIE communication colleagues to resolve this issue. It was noticed that the recommendations have been published separately and this problem is only for the disease reports (mainly PowerPoint slides).

The agenda of the first and second sessions of the GSC12 was discussed. KS suggested to invite HealthforAnimals to make an intervention given their extensive work on vaccine access. He confirmed the relevance of EuFMD making a report on the progress of vaccine prequalification and forecasting demand for vaccine. NM suggested that HealthforAnimals could focus on barriers of access to quality vaccines. BT mentioned that affordability of vaccine is a very important part of accessibility. KS suggested Prof Peter Borriello former head of VMD could be good candidate to be invited as an observer and contributor to the discussion. JPD agreed.

8) Migration of GF-TADs website Cecilia

The FAO is transferring their websites to a cloud-based platform and therefore GF-TADs website can be transferred and placed under the FAO web page management system. This process is less costly and provides the opportunity of updating the design, layout and the contents of the page. Keeping the current independent URL and page management system costs 4K US\$ per year and is less flexible and is not protected by the FAO web-safety systems. CM will provide more details.

The GS asking MC what is their favorable option with respect to the GF-TADs website.

Cecilia provided pros and cons of moving the webpage under the FAO domain and cloud system. Under the cloud system will receive better infrastructure and cybersecurity. Keeping an independent domain (status quo) costs 2-4K US \$ and we do not receive any support from the FAO technical department. Keeping the domain name costs 100 US \$ per year. If we move under the FAIO domain, the cost of redesign is 300 US \$; but we will have the chance of content update; layout may remain limited and look of FAO should be kept. It was mentioned that the GF-TADs regional webpages are under the OIE website and on that basis it could be agreed that the GF-TADs global webpage

goes under the FAO domain. The OIE and FAO delegations both agreed with moving the global GF-TADs website under the new cloud based system of the FAO websites.

11.15 4) Follow up of recommendations from previous MC meetings

ToRs PPR and TADs WG

The ToR of the DG was revised based on the MC comments and was circulated for the MC36. The PPR new ToR will be prepared by the FAO delegation.

KS reviewed the ToR of PPR and proposed that the MC should proceed with developing specific ToR for PPR. The PPR governing body places the governance of the PPR Secretariats under the GF-TADs. It is noticed that there is currently no agreement on joint FAO-OIE Secretariats (basically that Secretariats does not exist) and therefore the implementation will be under GF-TADs, as agreed recently in the COAG. JPD agreed to align the ToR to other working groups, taking into account some specificities of PPR and keep the governance simple. It was agreed that the co-chairs of the MC work together and develop an adapted ToR for PPR and reflect on its name. It was noticed that this may need some time for internal discussions and clarifications before drafting the ToR. It was suggested this can be prepared for the next PPR advisory committee meeting early 2022 and to show the benefit of this change.

Joint meeting on PSO (FMD) and TSEs (PPR)

The GS was tasked with facilitating and arranging a meeting to discuss the synergies between the two working groups particularly on the issue of PSOs and TSEs. The GS approached FMD WG and PPR Secretariats and informed them about its intention to arrange this meeting. Positive reactions plus suggested items for the meeting agenda from members of WGs were received. The meeting is being scheduled for the coming months.

Update on FMD Type C

The first meeting of the formed taskforce was held on 29 September. The meeting was focused on discussing the evidence on lack of detection of Type C and possible approaches that should be taken to strengthen the evidence and hence actions to be taken. The taskforce decided to hold a second meeting organized and facilitated by the GS to further discuss, clarify the vision, and design a roadmap and a timeline. The GS has circulated a summary report of the discussion (see the Annex) to the taskforce and is scheduling the second meeting in the second half of Oct. The second meeting arranged to be held on 18 Oct. (see attached report of the 1st meeting).

11.30 5) updates on ASF activities

Workplan will be presented in MC38.

12.00 7) Updates on PPR (ask PPR Sec)

Strategic issues on PPR GEP

12.25 8) AOB and wrap up

MAK reminded the establishment of the network of OIE reference laboratory for PPR. Discussion foreseen in June on the implication of this network regarding FAO laboratory network activities could not take place and is now needed in a more urgent context as activities are being launched. The FAO delegation asked for more info on the background, scope and objectives and suggested to have an overview of existing networks of laboratories to identify good examples. It was agreed that a meeting will be organized by the GS for MD, BT and MAK to exchange on the situation and way forward to be shared communicated to the PPR Secretariat.

12.30 9) End of meeting

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