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## GF-TADs FMD Regional Advisory Group



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations



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#### **Terms of Reference**

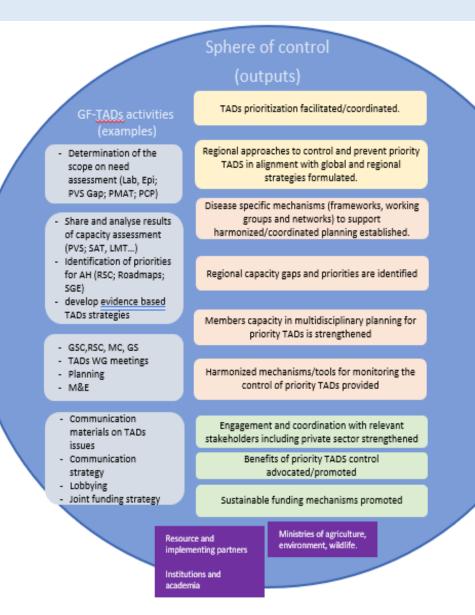
1. To review the progressive control pathway (PCP)- FMD stage assessments of countries during the PCP-FMD regional roadmap meetings(Component 1)

2. To guide FMD training and capacity development activities in countries to support FMD regional /national strategies and their alignment with the principles of the FAO-OIE Global FMD Control Strategy(June 2012)

3. To provide an advice on the status of PCP assessments including the analysis of Performance of Veterinary Services (PVS) evaluations for relevant Critical Competences as identified in Component 2 of the FAO-OIE Global FMD Control Strategy

4. To support technical review and implementation of national risk-based strategic control plans and other national and regional control plan





- 5. To advise on issues or factors preventing effective progress of the FMD roadmap.
- 6. To support countries, if requested , in the preparation of applications to OIE for endorsement of their FMD national control strategy and for status official recognition
- 7. To assist resolving problems and issues related to the implementation of regional activities and national strategies for the progressive control of FMD
- 8. To promote ownership and enhance establishing enabling environment for implementation of control programs at national and regional levels
- To advocate at regional level with countries, private sector and donors the importance to invest in FMD control and prevention



### 1. Voting members (5):

Three CVOs from the region being members of GF-TADs regional steering committee (RSC) or nominated by the member countries of the region. This includes a chairperson nominated by the RAG members

- Leader of the FMD regional epidemiology network RAG ToR Dec 2013
- Leader of the FMD regional Laboratory network
- 2. Non-voting members may include:
- Representatives from the GF-TADs FMD WG (FAO and OIE)
- Two representatives from regional/subregional FAO and OIE offices
- PCP and PVS experts as appropriate
- A representative from a regional organization, with preference given to a member of the GF-TADs RSC

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-OIE Global FMD Control strategy

2. The RAG will report to the GF-TADS RSC and to the GF-TADs FMD WG

3. The RAG will prepare a short technical report of the outcomes of their meetings with a clear indication and recommendations on the evolution of stages of countries with regard to the PCP-FMD. The chairperson of the RAG will present the outcomes of the RAG meetings during the Regional FMD Roadmap meetings when needed.

4. A CVO member of the RAG cannot vote for the PCP-FMD stage assessment of his/her own country



#### **II. GOVERNANCE AND MODUS OPERANDI (2)**

5. The Regional Epidemiology and Laboratory FMD networks leaders will provide a complete report of activities during the regional roadmap meetings and RAG meetings

6. 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

7. Members of the RAG shall respect the legitimate confidentiality of information with which they may be entrusted in the performance of their functions

8. The chairperson is nominated by RAG voting members

9. OIE and FAO regional offices and the GF TADs FMD WG will provide support for the work of RAG 10. Decisions on the status of PCP stage-assessment during RAG meeting are reached by consensus of the RAG voting members



o To develop and implement the two-year work-plan that includes coordination and capacity building activities. Training and capacity building should be cascaded to strengthen national capacities, including laboratories and VPPs.

o Develop a well-defined operational plan for the networks and seek assistance from the GFTADs and/or regional organizations (e.g., AOAD) to support implementation of the workplan.

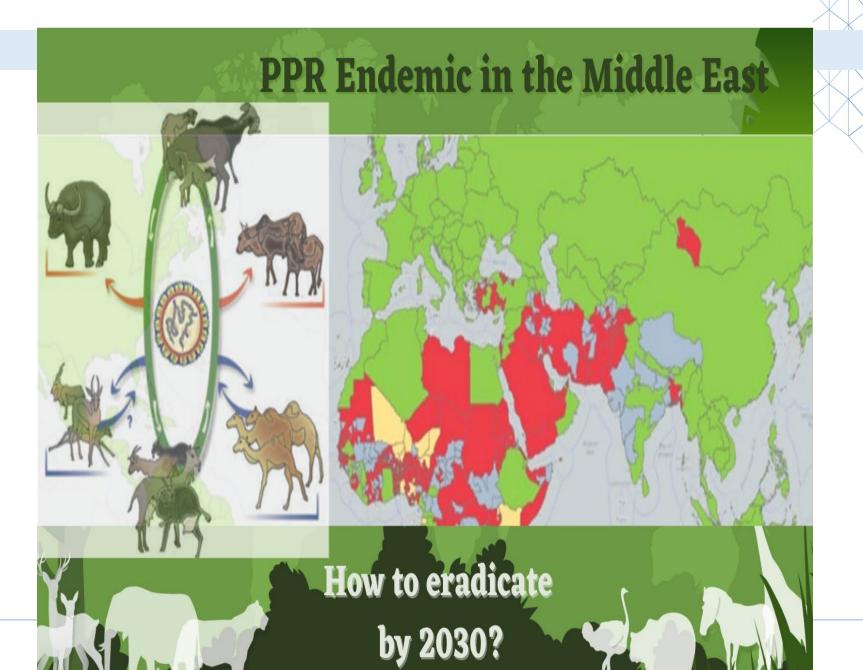
• To improve communication and dissemination of information through regular virtual meetings, emails, and other communication aides. The platform of the Virtual Learning Centre (VLC) in the region (RNE) may be used to facilitate communication between the MENET members. An official channel for communication between Network members may be developed under the guidance of the RAG

o Establish a mechanism of exchanges of information and support from the FAO/OIE FMD Reference Laboratories network

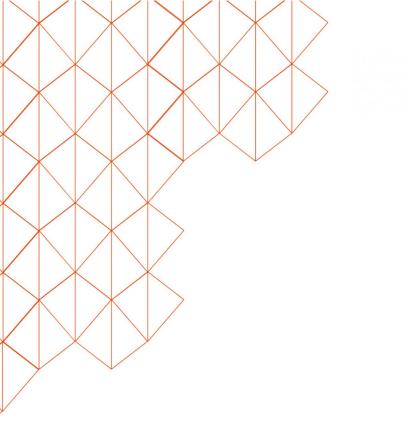
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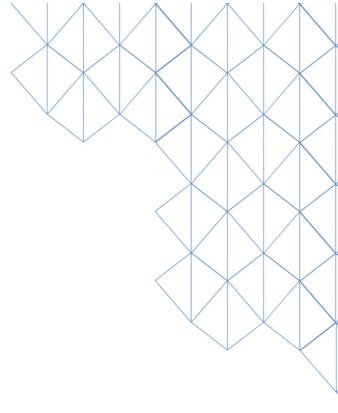
Regional Advisory Group (RAG):

Saudi Arabia (chair of the RAG),
Yemen (vice chair),
Kuwait (vice chair)
Jordan, Laboratory leader
Egypt, Epidemiology leader









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