



**The First Meeting of the Standing Group of Experts on African Swine Fever (SGE-ASF) for Asia
10 April 2019
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Conclusions

1. This First Meeting served as the Launch meeting of the SGE-ASF. The meeting agreed with the proposed terms of reference, composition of members and modus operandi (Annex 1). The meeting agreed to invite additional experts from the region especially from the countries that reported the disease to join as SGE-ASF members or to participate in the next SGE-ASF for Asia meeting on the ad hoc basis.
2. This First Meeting focused on ASF epidemiology with particularly on background of ASF in Asia and surveillance for early detection and outbreak management. Other priority topics with the current situation in Asia which may be the focus for the following SGE-ASF meeting included:
 - a. Biosecurity for ASF prevention;
 - b. Advocacy and Communication, particularly human behavior change; and
 - c. Management strategies;
3. Regarding to the current disease situation and countries' capacities, to strengthen the ASF prevention, control and eradication in Asia, the meeting agreed that:
 - a. All activities to be carried out by FAO and OIE will be labeled under Global Framework for Transboundary Animal Diseases (GF-TADs);
 - b. A regional expert roster for ASF is to be established so experts within the region are to be involved under the Asia ASF network which can be linked with other regions and at the global level;
 - c. Communication and collaboration among FAO, OIE, relevant organizations and member countries are to be strengthened to minimize duplication and ensure synergies;
 - d. It is necessary to improve the understanding of the disease especially how disease may evolve and impacts in a short and longer term as the disease evolves in Asia;
 - e. A regional approach for Asia is required and need to be adaptable considering heterogenicity of pig production systems in Asia.
4. The meeting agreed to proceed as much as possible with the proposed 9-month work plan (April-December 2019) which includes four major areas of focus (Annex 2):
 - a. Establish a regional ASF expert roster;
 - b. Strengthening communication among SGE-ASF-Asia members and among ASF experts
 - c. Strengthening surveillance for early detection for 3 purposes:
 - i) Early detection of the first introduction of ASFV
 - ii) Additional case finding for outbreak containment

- iii) Early detection for ASF control once established
 - d. Improving countries' emergency preparedness
- 5. The Government of Japan proposed to host the Second SGE-ASF for Asia in Tokyo tentatively in July 2019. The main theme for the next meeting will be tentatively biosecurity for ASF prevention.