

3rd HPED STEERING COMMITTEE

Recommendations

17 – 19 July 2012, Bangkok (Thailand)

Takes note:

- That the EU has agreed to the revision of the OIE component which includes an incremental strengthening to the FMD vaccine bank and of the PVS Pathway including Twinning projects (Laboratory, Veterinary Education, VSB) and that the modifications have been supported by both the ASEAN and SAARC Secretariats.

Recommends:

- Continue to engage the ASEAN and SAARC Secretariats and Member States in the planning, implementation and monitoring and evaluation of programme activities to ensure political commitment and ownership;
- The promotion of synergy and complementarity with other relevant programmes and activities in the region;
- Encourage greater collaboration among FAO, OIE and WHO;
- Continue to promote multisectoral and multidisciplinary collaboration at international, regional and national levels;
- To advocate for continued work on the One Health approach through the development of One Health strategies at national, sub-regional, regional and international levels;
- Consider Rabies as a potential example for operationalizing the One Health concept and system strengthening at regional and country levels since there is political support to control the disease by both regional organizations (ASEAN and SAARC);
- That the implementation and coordination of programmes on priority diseases, with particular reference to Rabies, take into account the recommendations from relevant meetings and conferences such as the High Level Technical Meeting (HLTM) on Health Risks at the Human-Animal-Ecosystems Interfaces held in Mexico City (Mexico, 15-17/11/2011), the OIE Global conference on Rabies Control in Incheon (Republic of Korea, 7-9/09/2011) and the ASEAN/FAO/OIE/WHO Rabies workshop in Chiangmai (Thailand, 19-20/01/2012);
- That the recommendations from the FAO/OIE Global Conference on FMD Control in Bangkok (Thailand, 27-29/06/2012) are applied to national, regional and global strategies;
- The strengthening of animal health systems at national level to effectively eliminate diseases at the source and to curtail the spread of transboundary disease (both animal and zoonotic) to fulfill their role as both a regional and global asset;
- To advocate for social responsibility of the animal health sector in preventing, controlling and eradicating zoonoses;
- That the capacities of countries are reinforced to make best use of the Vaccine Banks to manage and control the spread of priority diseases, including FMD and Rabies;
- That the next Steering Committee should, on a basis of an evaluation, identify the strengths, weaknesses, lessons learned and best practices of the programme particularly taking into consideration the perspective of country representatives
- To explore options to sustain achievements and activities (for example but not exclusively vaccine banks, laboratory networks) beyond 2013, building on successes of the EU HPED programme by development partners, the tripartite and the regional organisations (ASEAN and SAARC)
- Thanking the EU for funding and supporting the HPED programme;
- That the next meeting will take place back to back with the GF-TADS meeting in Tokyo (Japan) on 17 July 2013