

**1st East Asia Chief Veterinary Officers Meeting
21-22 July 2016, Tokyo Japan**

Conclusion and Recommendations

The 1st East Asia Chief Veterinary Officers (CVOs) Meeting ***noted***:

1. The summary and conclusions of the Coordination Meeting on transboundary animal diseases (TADs) control in East Asia, in March 2016, in Shanghai, China,
2. The importance and mutual benefits to be gained from multilateral cooperation and coordination in the East Asia region on the control of TADs at national, regional, and global levels,
3. The current situation and main challenges and views on strengthening regional collaboration on TADs control in East Asia reported by the attendees and a written report sent from R.O. Korea.
4. The importance of emerging issues including the risk of African Swine Fever virus introduction into the sub-region, antimicrobial uses and resistance (AMU/AMR), bee diseases, and aquatic animal diseases,
5. The projects and activities related to FMD and other TADs control being carried out in Asia by FAO and OIE,
6. The bilateral and multilateral cooperation among the Members on TADs control in East Asia such as the tripartite activities of P.R. China-Japan-R.O. Korea as well as of P.R. China-Mongolia-Russia.

The Meeting ***agreed*** to:

1. Establish East Asia Chief Veterinary Officers (CVOs)' Forum ("Forum") with those in attendance as well as R.O. Korea subject to consultation by email following the meeting. The Forum will discuss and provide strategic guidance and direction to strengthen regional cooperation and coordination on TADs prevention and control as well as other regional priority threats in the East Asia region,
2. Establish East Asia Technical Working Groups ("TWGs") on regional priority issues as per attachment 1, to be further developed or modified by the Forum.
3. Convene regular meetings of the Forum, as well as the TWGs, wherever possible and using opportunities of other relevant meetings,
4. Designate Focal Points from the Forum Members for TWGs of the regional priority issues,
5. Engage the Republic of Korea and Democratic People's Republic of Korea in the Forum, TWGs and related activities (attachment 2, to be further developed or modified) through making the conclusions and recommendations from this Meeting available to them,
6. Explore for the Forum to become a member of the Regional Steering Committee of GF-TADs for Asia and the Pacific and align its activities with the framework of the Regional GF-TADs.

The Meeting, therefore, **recommended** that:

The Forum Members

1. Continue to strengthen collaboration, coordination and timely information sharing to further improve animal health situation in the region including;
 - 1.1. Designation of regional priority TADs (FMD, HPAI, PPR, Rabies, and CSF) and regional priority threats (such as AMU and AMR), while noting that each Forum Member may have their own priority diseases and needs,
 - 1.2. Designation of Leading Laboratories (attachment 3, to be further developed or modified) for the regional priority TADs and regional priority threats in East Asia, as well as linkage of laboratory network of East Asia to other existing laboratory networks such as OFFLU, SEACFMD LabNet, Regional Animal Health Laboratory Technical Advisory Group for Asia, and ASEAN and SAARC Laboratory Directors' Forums,
 - 1.3. Enhancement of cooperation on epidemiology by exploring approaches and strategy to strengthen veterinary epidemiology capacity and networking for East Asia, as well as cooperation with networks of other regions such as SEACFMD EpiNet, ASEAN Veterinary Epidemiology Group, and SAARC EpiNet,
2. Develop or modify regional roadmaps for regional priority issues, to be agreed on by the Forum Members, taking into consideration of relevant Global/Regional Strategies/Roadmaps such as Global FMD Control Strategy, SEACFMD Roadmap, Global Framework for the Elimination of Dog-Mediated Human Rabies, and Global Strategy for the Control and Eradication of PPR;

OIE Regional Representation for Asia and the Pacific (RRAP)

1. Serve as Secretariat of the Forum until otherwise decided by the Forum to assist in coordination and follow up of progress of the cooperation among Forum Members and between Forum Members and partners,

FAO and OIE

1. Continue to support both Forum Members and the Forum as well as the TWGs on regional priority TADs, regional priority threats and other relevant issues.

Forum Members, FAO and OIE

1. Commit to provide follow-up actions on the conclusions, agreements, and recommendations derived from this Meeting, and report the progress in the next meeting.

The Meeting **thanked**

1. Government of Japan through Animal Health Division of Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries for hosting the 1st East Asia CVOs Meeting; as well as the Forum Members, partners and observers for their active participation,
2. FAO and OIE for technical supports to the meeting.