



## WOAH Regional Hands-on Training on Zoonotic TB Diagnosis

1-5 September, Qingdao, China P.R.

Jointly with the China Animal Health and Epidemiology Centre (CAHEC), Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of the People's Republic of China

## Draft Agenda

From	То	Programme	Presenter/Facilitator		
Day 1: 1 September 2025					
Registra	Registration: 8:30 – 9 AM CAHEC				
Venue: 0	CAHEC for	all laboratory training			
Session	1.1 Openi	ing Session			
9:00	10:00	<ul> <li>Welcome remarks</li> <li>Introduction of participants</li> <li>Training objectives</li> </ul>	CAHEC, WOAH		
10:00	10:30	Group photo and coffee break			
Session	1.2 Introd	luction and sharing of national experiences	I		
10:30	12:00	<ol> <li>WOAH Standards on zoonotic TB/bovine TB control including recommended diagnostic tests (15 mins)</li> <li>Bovine TB control experiences in China (15 mins)</li> <li>Country experiences on zTB diagnosis, surveillance and control (50 min)</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>WOAH HQ TBC</li> <li>CAHEC</li> <li>10 countries x 5 minutes each</li> </ol>		
12:00	12:30	Q & A			
12:30	13:30	Lunch			
Session	1.3 Hands	s-on laboratory training on delayed hypersensitivity skin tests			
13:30	15:30	<ul> <li>Principle of tuberculin skin testing (TST)</li> <li>Procedures for administering and reading reactions</li> <li>Interpretation and limitations</li> <li>Practical demo /videos</li> </ul> Coffee break to be adjusted during training	CAHEC		
Session 1.4 Bacterial culture techniques					
15:30	17:00	- Principles and methods of culturing Mycobacterium bovis, isolation and identification	CAHEC		
18:00	20:00	Welcome Dinner hosted by WOAH	Venue TBD		

Day 2: 2 September 2025				
Session 2	Session 2.1 Hands-on laboratory training: Interferon Gamma Release Assay (IGRA)			
9:00	10:30	<ul> <li>Recap of Day 1 (participant)</li> <li>Immunological basis of IGRA for TB detection</li> </ul>	CAHEC	





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		<ul> <li>Sample collection and processing</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Advantages over traditional skin testing</li> </ul>	
10:30	11:00	Tea/coffee break	
11:00	12:30	Practical on processing of blood samples	Participants, CAHEC
12:30	13:30	Lunch	
13:30	16:30	IGRA – Continue practical training on collection of supernatant liquid and ELISA for gamma interferon	Dr Zhang Haobo, CAHEC
		Coffee break to be adjusted during training	
16:30	17:00	Q&A and feedback	CAHEC/WOAH

Day 3: 3 9	Day 3: 3 September 2025				
Session 3	Session 3.1 Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA) Antibody Test				
9:00	10:30	<ul> <li>Recap of Day 2 (Participant)</li> <li>Mechanism and application in bovine TB diagnosis</li> <li>Protocol for conducting ELISA in the lab</li> <li>Data interpretation and troubleshooting</li> </ul>	CAHEC		
10:30	11:00	Tea/coffee break			
11:00	12:30	ELISA practical and reading of results	Participants, CAHEC		
12:30	13:30	Lunch			
13:30	16:30	<ul> <li>ELISA practical</li> <li>processing of TST and reading of results</li> <li>Interpretation</li> <li>Coffee break to be adjusted during training</li> </ul>	Dr Liu Mengda, CAHEC		
16:00	17:00	Q&A	CAHEC/WOAH		

Day 4: 4 September 2025				
Session 4.	Session 4.1 PCR-Based Detection of Mycobacterium bovis			
9:00	10:30	<ul> <li>Recap of Day 3 (participant)</li> <li>Overview of molecular diagnostics in TB detection</li> </ul>	Mengda Liu, CAHEC	
10:30	11:00	Tea/coffee break		
11:00	12:30	<ul> <li>DNA extraction protocols</li> <li>Real-time PCR techniques and interpretation</li> </ul>	Dr Zhang Haobo CAHEC	
12:30	13:30	Lunch		





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13:30	16:30	Practical on PCR continued Reading and interpretation Coffee break to be adjusted during training	CAHEC
16:30	17:00	Q&A	CAHEC/WOAH

Day 5: 5	Septembe	r 2025	
Session 5	5.1 Lateral	Flow antibody tests	
9:00	10:30	<ul> <li>Recap of Day 4 (participant)</li> <li>Overview of rapid serological testing</li> <li>Comparison with ELISA for TB detection</li> <li>Video demo</li> </ul>	Mengda Liu, CAHEC
10:30	11:00	Tea/coffee break	
Session 5	5.2 Quality	v Control and Compliance	
11:00	12:00	<ul> <li>Standard operating procedures in TB diagnostics</li> <li>Good laboratory practices (GLP)</li> <li>Accreditation and regulatory compliance</li> <li>Common pitfalls and troubleshooting diagnostic errors</li> </ul>	Mengda Liu, CAHEC
12:00	13:00	Lunch	
Session 5	5.3 Labora	tory proficiency testing for zTB diagnosis	
13:00	14:00	<ul> <li>Discussions on laboratory proficiency testing</li> <li>Identification of countries interested in pursuing PT schemes (CAHEC plans to send nucleic acid samples with PCR kits with the participants on return)</li> </ul>	CAHEC/WOAH
Session 5	5.4 Closing	and evaluation	
14:00	14:30	<ul> <li>Training evaluation</li> <li>award of certificates</li> </ul>	CAHEC/WOAH
14:30	17:00	Tea/coffee break and Field visits organised by CAHEC	
		End of training program	