

African swine fever (ASF) Virtual Coordination Meeting

Session II: ASF biosecurity and communication

Wednesday 24 February /2021

14:00-16:00 Bangkok time (GMT+7)

Concept Note

What is the context?

Following its introduction in China reported in August 2018, the African swine fever (ASF) situation is continuously evolving in the region which is in parallel impacted by COVID19 and its restrictive measures. The latest situation updates on ASF and its impact in affected countries in the Asia Pacific region can be found on the OIE regional website [here](#).

The first ASF virtual coordination meeting was held on 18 June 2020 which focused on “ASF epidemiological situation, progress on ASF prevention and control and current needs”. Please refer to meeting documents including presentations [here](#).

During the meeting, the participants identified the need for additional and regular ASF coordination meetings in South East Asia and identified topics of interest. As a follow-up, a second meeting will therefore be organised on **Wednesday, 24 February 2021 at 2 PM Bangkok time (GMT +7)** to cover **ASF biosecurity and communication**, which were earlier identified as topics those deserve more detailed discussion.,

This technical topic is in line with the recommendation of the Standing Group of Experts (SGE) on African Swine Fever (SGE-ASF) for Asia under the Global Framework for Transboundary Animal Diseases (GF-TADs). Indeed, during 3rd meeting conducted at Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam during 26-28 November 2019 the SGE emphasized the importance of biosecurity stated that “Biosecurity is the mainstay of ASF control and prevention. SGE -ASF meeting presentations and recommendations can be accessed [here](#).”

The proposed meeting jointly organised by OIE Sub-Regional Representation for South East Asia (OIE SRR SEA) and FAO Regional office for Asia and the Pacific (FAO RAP) under GF TAD's umbrella with the participating countries from South East Asia, plus PR China (incl Hong Kong SAR), and few countries from the Pacific, as well as partners, consist of International organisations, reference laboratories, donors, research institutes, academia, and private sector. The meeting will focus particularly on practical biosecurity applications at small-scale farms and semi-commercial farms as well as in the diagnostic laboratories. In addition, the OIE communication department will update participants on the plan of future activities under the global ASF communication campaign.

The objectives of the meetings are:

- To provide a platform to member countries to share experiences on biosecurity applications during outbreak management at the village level.
- To engage with partners and participants to discuss experiences on field application of biosecurity measures at a small-scale farm level.
- To update the information on ASF communication resources and to collect OIE members' feedback on the needs/priorities of future activities under the global ASF communication campaign.

Date: Wednesday, 24 February 2021

Format: Zoom meeting.

Preparation of the virtual meeting:

Register here: <https://oie.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEtf--tpzgpGdQ4xlvTI91IDtR9cO52BjHb>

Please refer to the agenda for the presentation (PowerPoint and video) and discussion topics. The speakers from countries and partners are requested to submit it to OIE SRR SEA on or before 15 February 2021.

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