



OIE SEACFMD Joint LabNet and EpiNet Virtual Meeting 23 February 2021, 2-4pm (Bangkok time)

CONCEPT NOTE

Background

The OIE continues to work with its member countries and partners on the South-East Asia and China Foot-and-Mouth Disease (SEACFMD) Campaign towards the goal of controlling FMD and its negative effects on livelihoods and economies in the region. As part of work towards this goal, the SEACFMD LabNet and EpiNet have been established to support veterinary epidemiology and laboratory services in the region to build collaborations and share information and expertise for the synergised and strengthened FMD prevention and control efforts. This is particularly relevant in relation to disease surveillance, vaccination and post-vaccination monitoring. Through these networks, regular SEACFMD LabNet and EpiNet meetings have been organised. The last EpiNet meeting was organised in Indonesia in April 2018 and the last LabNet meeting was organised in Thailand in November 2019.

For all the SEACFMD member countries, efficient surveillance is the core for any FMD activities including monitoring of their respective FMD situations, early detection of outbreaks and initiation of emergency responses, data collection to inform any control/prevention activities, and assessment of the impact of any interventions. While all countries in the region have a FMD surveillance system, our experience shows that there are areas where countries can further improve in order to improve its efficiency and cost-effectiveness. The SEACFMD Roadmap 2021-2025 which was endorsed in December 2020 also entails an output of “Fit-for-purpose and sustainable FMD surveillance established”. To maintain the regional coordination of LabNet and EpiNet activities and to support the SEACFMD member countries to strengthen their capacity in FMD surveillance, the OIE SRR-SEA would like to organise a joint virtual LabNet-EpiNet meeting on 23 February 2021. The meeting will mainly focus on the FMD surveillance and will have the following objectives:

- To provide an update on the regional FMD situation based on the OIE WAHIS and ARAHIS database and on the recent LabNet-EpiNet activities
- To introduce the key principles of setting fit-for-purpose FMD surveillance programme
- To share the recent experience in Lab-/Epi-related FMD surveillance between member countries
- To discuss the way forward to further strengthen the networks between meetings

The expected outputs of this meeting will include:

- SEACFMD member countries will have better understanding of the key principles of an effective FMD surveillance which fits into their own objectives and local circumstances.
- Meeting participants will obtain an updated knowledge about the recent regional FMD situation and risks, and the updates on the LabNet and EpiNet activities
- Meeting participants will hear some success stories/achievements related to FMD surveillance in the region

- SEACFMD member countries and the OIE SRR-SEA will have a better knowledge on how to strengthen the networks between meetings and to synergise efforts to implement the SEACFMD Roadmap 2021-2025.

Target Group

- SEACFMD LabNet and EpiNet Focal Points
- Representatives from the OIE FMD Reference Laboratories and OIE Collaboration Centres in the SEACFMD region
- Representatives from SEACFMD partner institutes/organisations
- OIE Staff from the Subregional Representation in South-East Asia and Regional Representation for Asia and the Pacific
- Observers

Venue

The meeting will be held online through ZOOM. Please click [here](#) to install zoom in your laptop in advance.

Registration on-line

Registration is needed to obtain the zoom link for this meeting.

<https://oie.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0vcO6gqzwrH9xL49WwfJopevLAjqaPjj5t>

Languages/Interpretation

The working language will be English. No interpretation service will be provided

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