



The Global Framework for the Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases (GF-TADs), launched in 2004 is a joint initiative of OIE and FAO to achieve the prevention and control of transboundary animal diseases (TADs) and in particular to address their regional and global dimensions.

The GF-TADs for the Middle East was established in 2006 with a view to responding to priority diseases of the region, in particular FMD, Rinderpest, PPR, RVF, and Brucellosis. It encourages the creation of regional alliances and partnerships and the definition of a common vision and subsequent action plans for the control of priority TADs in the region.

As the GF TADs five years regional action plan 2012-2016 is ended, it is paramount to propose a new one, taking in consideration all outcomes resulted during the previous years, and also the expectation of member countries for the coming years. Furthermore, there is evidence that member countries have progressed, since the last evaluation meeting (Amman Nov 2017), in the surveillance pathway of major diseases, but nevertheless, significant advance in the whole regional priority diseases situation is required. Therefore, the FAO/OIE GF TADs RSC will propose a draft of project in this regard to be discussed and endorsed for the next 5 years, based on the outcomes evaluation of the previous plan of action.

A GF-TADs consultative meeting is therefore proposed to be held in Riyadh-Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 15-16 March 2020 with the generous contribution of the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture (MEWA) in Saudi Arabia.

FMD and PPR, identified as 2 priority diseases in the action plan, are endemic and widely spread among various animal species in the Middle East. The meeting will review and discuss countries' progress in respect to the vision identified by the region, especially the outcomes of the regional assessment meeting held in Amman November 2017.

The meeting will encourage regional discussion on important FMD-related topics and areas of regional priority/challenges, with the purpose of identifying possible ways

for improvements and planning for the coming months.

It will also consider the renewal of the Regional GF TADs steering committee, and update on its work plan for the next 5 years.

Date	Day 1: Sunday 15 th March, 2020 PRELIMINARY	
Time	Topic	Speaker
8:00 AM	Registration	MEWA
Opening Ceremony		
9:00AM	Deputy Minister Speech	MEWA

9:10 AM	OIE General Director Speech	OIE
9:20 AM	FAO Representative speech	FAO
9:30 AM	KSA Delegate Speech	MEWA
9:40AM	Workshop Agenda Adoption	GF TADs Secretariat
9:45AM	Coffee Break	
10:15 AM	GF-TADs General presentation	FAO
10:45AM	7 th Regional Steering Committee	OIE
11:15 AM	Regional GF TADs Action plan	OIE
11:45 AM	Adoption of the Action Plan	All
12:00 PM	Prayer & Lunch	
1:30 PM	FMD Strategic Planning: PCP stages	OIE&FAO
2:30 PM	Update on FMD regional situation	All
3: 00 PM	Reporting and Discussion	All
4: 30 PM	Closure of Day - 1	
Date	Day 2: Monday 16 March, 2020 FMD SURVEILLANCE PLANNING	
Time	Topic	Speaker
9: 00 AM	Working Session 1: Training of the PCP Main Components	OIE&FAO
10: 00 AM	Reporting and Discussion	Groups Representatives
10: 30AM	Coffee Break	
11:00	Working Session 2: FMD surveillance action Planning	OIE&FAO
12:00	Lunch and Prayer	
13:30	Update on the PPR Status in the Middle East and the way forward	PPR Global Secretariat
15:00	Reporting and discussion	Groups
16:00	Recommendations	All
16:30	Closure of Day 2	