



REGIONAL STRATEGY FOR THE CONTROL OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER IN AFRICA

Second joint task force meeting
FAO Regional Office for Africa
Accra, Ghana, 13th -15th May 2014

The joint AU-IBAR, FAO and ILRI ASF Taskforce held its 2nd meeting from 13th to 15th May 2014 at FAO Regional Office for Africa (FAO RAF) in Accra, Ghana. Appointed taskforce members from AU-IBAR, FAO and ILRI attended the meeting (Annex 4).

The meeting was officially opened by Cheikh Ly, Animal Health and Production Officer at FAO regional Office for Africa (FAO RAF) on behalf of Mr Bukar Tijani, Assistant-Director-general/Regional Representative for Africa.



ASF Taskforce Members: Left to right: Sam Okuthe, Zelalem Tadesse, Hiver Boussini, Berhanu Bedane, Daniel Beltran-Alcrudo, Cheikh Ly and Edward Okoth.

Objectives of the meeting

The main objectives of the meeting were the following:

- To incorporate the final comments received from peer reviewers and refine the *Regional Strategy for the Control of African Swine Fever (ASF) in Africa*;
- To develop an *Action Plan for the progressive control of ASF in Africa*, guided by the *Regional Strategy*;
- To identify the main components of the *ASF Control Program for Africa*, guided by the *Regional Strategy* and the *Action Plan*.

Main outputs

The meeting enabled the participants to achieve the following:

- The *Regional Strategy for the Control of ASF in Africa* was reviewed and consolidated with the comments/inputs received from peer-reviewers. A version 2 has been compiled for further steps of the joint action plan of the task force.
- The key points for an *Action Plan for the progressive control of ASF in Africa* for the effective implementation of the *Regional Strategy* were adopted (Annex 1);
- The main components and activities of an *ASF Control Program for Africa* were identified (Annex 3);
- A Roadmap for the completion of the process undertaken by the taskforce towards the *ASF Regional Strategy* and *Control Program* was developed (Annex 2).

Way forward and action points

The taskforce agreed on the followings:

1. Request to be made by AU-IBAR for a TCP facility (TCPf) to FAO RAF for technical support towards the completion of the formulation process including the following:
 - Recruitment of a consultant for the detailed write up of the control program;
 - Official launching of the TCP and a regional consultation for the validation of the *Regional Strategy* and control program involving Member States, RECs and development partners (dates and venue to be determined);
 - Implementation of the work plan and resource mobilization plan;
2. Editing and translation of the version 2 of the regional strategy document;
3. Dissemination of version 2 among Member States (MS);
4. Presentation of the strategy and control program to the 9th GF-TADs Africa meeting in July 2014;
5. Clearance process of the documents by the management of the 3 engaged institutions;
6. Presentation of the ASF control program to potential donors and mobilization of resources for its implementation

The taskforce would like to thank FAO-RAF, the hosting institution, for its support during the meeting.

Accra, 15th May 2014

The Taskforce members