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*GF-TADs Global Initiative on African Swine Fever Control and  
FAO's contribution to regional coordination and cooperation*

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# Outline

- **GF-TADs ASF Working Group**
- **Global ASF Control. A GF-TADs Initiative**
- **Regional GF-TADs Standing Groups of Experts on ASF**
- **Global and regional coordination and cooperation on ASF**
- **FAO's contribution to global and regional cooperation**

## GF-TADs ASF Working Group



- Formed by FAO and OIE in July 2020
- Coordinate, M&E the implementation of the GF-TADs Global Initiative
- Support ASF control strategies at the global and regional levels.
- Monthly meetings and ad-hoc meetings

<http://www.gf-tads.org/asf/asf/en/>

## Global control of African swine fever : GF-TADs Initiative



- Global control of African swine fever : a GF-TADs initiative developed jointly by OIE and FAO launched in 2020

- Build in experiences with other global strategies/programmes for transboundary disease control
- Consider the realities of the regions
- Create a framework to ensure synergies and good coordination
- Define the objectives, outputs, outcomes and indicators
- A 6-year (2020–2025) strategic plan linked to a 2-year operational plan



<http://www.fao.org/3/ca9164en/ca9164en.pdf>

## Global control of African swine fever : GF-TADs Initiative

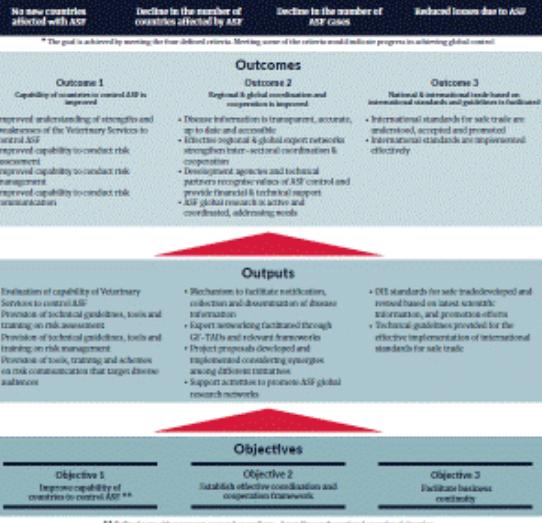
### Objectives of the Global Initiative

**Objective 1.** Improve the capability of countries to control (prevent, respond, eradicate) ASF using OIE standards and best practices that are based on the latest science.

**Objective 2.** Establish an effective coordination and cooperation framework for the global control of ASF.

**Objective 3.** Facilitate business continuity.

### Global control of ASF is achieved\*



\*\* Defined as to either prevent, respond or eradicate, depending on the national or regional situation.

## Regional coordination and cooperation: GF-TADs Standing Group of Experts on ASF



### Regional GF-TADs Standing Group of Experts on African swine fever (SGE ASF)

to build up a closer cooperation among countries affected by ASF to enhance transparency and address the disease in a more collaborative manner

#### **Europe:** since September 2014

- ✓ 16 SGE meetings (last 2 teleconferences)

#### **Asia and Pacific:** since April 2019

- ✓ 5 SGE meetings (last 2 teleconferences)

#### **Americas** since September 2019

- ✓ 2 SGE meetings (last one teleconference)

#### **Members**

- Countries at infected and at high risk
- Subject matter experts (epidemiologists, laboratory diagnosticians, outbreak management, biosecurity, wildlife, border control/customs...)
- International organizations: FAO, OIE, European Commission (EC), Organización Iberoamericana de Porcicultura (OIPORC)

## Regional coordination and cooperation on ASF

### Regional Collaborative Framework for Asia and the Pacific

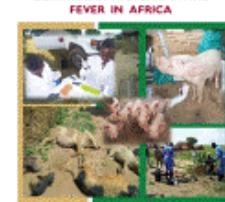
- Under GF-TADs consultation and coordination meetings 2018-2019
- Finalized in August 2019 and currently **in the process of revision**



FAO and Agriculture Department of the  
Government of Thailand, ILRI, OIE, and  
INTERAMERICAN BUREAU FOR ANIMAL RESOURCES

### Regional Strategy for the Control of African Swine Fever in Africa

- Developed jointly by African Union (AU-IBAR), the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) and FAO
- Launched in 2017 and currently **in the process of revision**



### ASF Technical Task Force for Africa

- Members: AU-IBAR, ILRI, FAO, OIE
- Technical guidance on ASF control activities in Africa, and alignment with the Global Initiative

## Global and regional cooperation on ASF

### GF-TADs online ASF preparedness course 2019-2021

- ✓ 4-week tutored course, 7 modules
- ✓ webinars, discussion forum, final test
  - 101 countries: Europe, Asia and the Pacific, Latin America
  - In English, Serbo-Croat and Spanish languages
  - 2021 in Russian language



African swine fever:  
An unprecedented global threat.  
A challenge to livelihoods,  
food security and biodiversity  
Call for action

Series of webinars  
26-30 October 2020



<http://www.gftads.org/events/events-detail/en/1152886/>

## FAO's contribution to global and regional cooperation

- **FAO technical assistance projects:** policy, capacity development, communication
- **Global Animal Disease Information System - EMPRES-I**
- **Pig production systems and value chain mapping**
- **FAO Reference Centre** specific, independent technical/scientific advice on issues related to FAO's mandate and programmes.
- **ASF Global Pool of Expertise:** development of technical guidelines and tools to address gaps in prevention and control focusing on resource poor settings



Thank you



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