

## ANNEX 28:

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### **Proposals For GF-TAD actions in the Caribbean related to AI SOME CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE WAY FORWARD**

This proposal will be presented to:

- 1) All Caribbean CVOs for their consideration
- 2) The GF-TAD Organisations (IICA, FAO, WHO, PAHO, CARICOM, OIE, World Bank and the Private Sector)
- 3) Regional Poultry Associations
- 4) USDA
- 5) Other stakeholders not included above

Countries and Organisations are requested to scrutinize and bring comments and suggestions for improvement of this working document to the Meeting being organized at the end of today's formal sessions –April 5<sup>th</sup>

Background:

**From the presentations made by the FAO and the OIE at the Joint Meeting on Avian Influenza 4the April 2006 – here are some general ideas on how the Caribbean can capture the specific assistance offered by the FAO and the OIE with a view to coordination of the proposed TCP programme.**

**Here are the facts:**

- **A TCP is being proposed by the FAO to assist Caribbean States in their preparedness for prevention and incidence of AI in the Caribbean Region.**
- **The TCP will include assistance for all Caribbean Countries.**
- **The technical areas are training on laboratory diagnostics, epidemiological training and networking and surveillance and ecology of AI in wild birds.**
- **The TCP coordination must involve the hiring/contracting of a regional consultant to execute the TCP – the terms of reference for the person executing the specific Projects (project manager) under the TCP must follow the guidelines provided by the FAO. (Some ideas here are that the project manager must at least be a veterinary officer with experience in regulatory frameworks)**
- **The overall coordinator (administration) of the TCP must be an organization within the Region. –this could be organizations such as FAO, CARICOM Secretariat and other such like organizations. The Coordinator Agency must host the project manager and facilitate and meet the obligations undertaken under the TCP legal framework.**
- **There are other actions proposed for initiation by the OIE**

A) Proposals for Training under the TCP.

**These include:**

- **Training in epidemiology**
- **Surveillance**

- **Laboratory Diagnostics**

- 1) **Epidemiology course on AI**

- **Training in epidemiology is organized by Fort Collins (English in September, Spanish in June). There will be specific training of people already trained in general epidemiology. Countries must make use of this. National responsibility.**

- 2) **Surveillance Workshop**

- **Arising out of recommendation of the Meeting on CaribVET during the 3<sup>rd</sup> April it is proposed that the ‘Working Group’ could develop a draft surveillance programme by mid September.**
- **Based on that draft – Training could be organized in October on standardisation of surveillance procedures and performance indicators.**
- **The meeting expenses will be covered by TCP.**
- **All the countries will be represented**
- **Among the considerations for utilizing and managing the funds received to execute the TCP- countries in which training will be held would depend on availability of equipment, services and infrastructure to facilitate the training and other financial and logistical arrangements.**
- **Spanish translation will be provided.**
- **Training will be organized primarily by TCP coordinator in collaboration and guidance from the GF-TAD group; Additionally, coordination must include private sector, CaribVET coordination Unit (CIRAD) and Fort Collins OIE Collaborating Center.**
- **Working documents and information for the meeting must be prepared well in advance of the training.**
  - **Therefore participant will be expected to well prepared to participate in the training. A requirement for the participants is that he/she must bring the national information to the workshop for discussion e.g. baseline information on poultry production...)**
- **Wildfire surveillance will be incorporated in the surveillance programme and workshop.**
- **A technical workshop will be organized after the surveillance workshop (early 2007) to address the techniques of wildlife surveillance under the TCP**

- 3) **Training – Diagnostic AI**

**Caribbean Countries have capacity for diagnostics at different levels and we recognize that the issue of language must be considered in such training. We need to train therefore based on the current availability of diagnostic facilities and for future availability of diagnostic facilities committed by Government.**

- **Venue for training must consider the availability of appropriate laboratory facilities.**
- **The workshop will focus on country specific needs for surveillance programmes or have concrete plan to have it soon.**

- **The main topics will be: sending of samples, bio security, sample collection different types of techniques based on the OIE standards**
- **The number of participants in this workshop will be determined based on the capacity of the selected site for such training and guidance of experts involved (Fort Collins lab of reference and other such experts as AIMS)**
- **The meeting will take place in late October.**
- **Consumables, reagents, hotel, tickets, participation of reference laboratory and all the expenses will be paid by the TCP.**
- **The host laboratory will provide laboratory facilities.**
- **AIMS and CIRAD and other such Organisations will provide expertise and standard reagents to assist in this training.**
- **Ring test will be organized**
- **Spanish translation will be provided**
- **The Coordinating Agency will**

## B) Other Action Plans

### 1) Assessment of Veterinary Services

After the OIE general session in May, OIE will initiate dialogue with Caribbean Countries on the specific modalities for assessment of veterinary services in the region

### 2) Exchange of experience with other countries

OIE expects that Caribbean countries will articulate a proposal for the exchange of experiences and the areas of interests and the countries which are interested Caribbean countries will inform the OIE of such proposals for exchange soon as possible. The idea is to send a group of two delegates to selected countries to share and exchange experiences in the field.

## Steps for initiation of TCP

- The FAO and OIE propose that CARICOM be the Coordinating Agency for the TCP.
- The Coordination Agency will provide the support and facilitate the TCP- administration, finances and infrastructure for the Project at all levels
- FAO requires 3 letters of acceptance from Caribbean countries regarding the Regional TCP ( to date Jamaica and Barbados have indicated acceptance- letters sent to Rome already)
- FAO will execute the legal contract with the Coordinating Agency
- The Coordinating Agency selected will propose at least 3 names that will fit the criteria and will submit the personal history form. FAO will then share this finding with OIE and the Coordinating Agency.
- Based on consensus, FAO will contract
- The Coordinating Agency will be responsible for the daily supervision of the ‘project manager’ selected.

- The regional ‘project manager/coordinator’ must be a national of the country in which he/she will be based.
- The Launching Seminar for discussion and approval of the TCP Programme will be organized.