



## **Joint Meeting Animal Disease Surveillance and Preparedness Focus on Avian Influenza (AI) in the Caribbean.**

### **OBJECTIVES**

1. To review current practices employed in poultry production and marketing of live birds in CARICOM and determine best practices and standards for AI prevention and control.
2. To update Caribbean countries on activities of CaribVET and the future role of CAP and USDA in animal health.
3. Create a steering committee for CaribVET and determine the priority actions to work on to improve animal and public health.
4. To sensitise CARICOM public and private sectors on the potential impact of AI and the need for risk communication programs for AI/PI through effective partnerships with the electronic and print media.
5. To review the extent of preparedness for, and identify challenges/ constraints to the implementation of successful AI prevention, control and surveillance programs at the national and regional levels.
6. To assess and promote regulatory controls in support of effective prevention and control of AI at the national and regional levels.
7. To identify technical and financial resource requirements for successful implementation of national and regional animal disease programs.

### **EXPECTED OUTCOMES**

To prepare a recommendation to the CARICOM CVO/CVPH/CEHO Meeting on

The national, regional and hemispheric strategies, programs, resource requirements and action plans for control and prevention on AI.

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## **DAY 1 - 3rd April, 2006**

8.00 - 8:30 Registration

8.30 - 9:00 Opening:  
Margaret Kalloo, SPO, CARICOM  
Thierry Lefrançois, CIRAD Guadeloupe  
Pascal Hendrikx, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dominican Republic

### **Session 1: CaribVET Steering Committee Meeting – (Chairman: CIRAD)**

9:00-11:00 CaribVET, FSP Project and CAP Activities  
Objectives of the day (5 min)  
CaribVET and Partners, Dr Thierry Lefrançois (30 min)  
CaribVET Website, Dr Sophie Molia (20 min)  
FSP Project, Dr Pascal Hendrix (20 min)  
CAP/USDA Orientations, Dr Jack AMEN, Dr Rupert Pegram (30 min)  
Caribbean invasive species initiative-CARDI, Dr Bruce Lauckner (10 min)

10:00-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-12:15 Proposals for establishment of the CaribVET Organisation (Pascal Hendrikx)  
Members of the Steering Committee  
Roles of Steering Committee  
Organisation  
Co-ordination unit and working Groups

12:15-13:15 Lunch break

13:15-14:00 Definition of main orientations of CaribVET (T Lefrançois)  
Priority diseases  
Priority actions

14:00-15:00 Proposal for technical work groups (T Lefrançois)

15:00-15:15 Coffee break

15:15-16:30 Evaluation of surveillance systems: presentation of the questionnaire and its online use - Dr Pascal Hendrikx and Dr Sophie Molia (75 min)

16:30-17:00 Recommendations

## **DAY 2 - 4th April, 2006**

### **Session 2: Economic and Public Health Impact of Avian Influenza (Carol Thomas, Regional Specialist AHFS, IICA)**

- 8:30 - 8:50 Impact of Avian Influenza on Animal Health and Production and the Economy in the Caribbean – Dr. Ranjit Singh, Agro Economist, University of the West Indies (20 min)
- 8:50 - 9:20 Planning for the Influenza Human Pandemic: Progress in Preparedness in CARICOM Member States – Dr. James Dobbins, CAREC (30 min)
- 9.20 – 9:40 Panel Discussion: Identifying Economic and Public Health Impact of Avian Influenza CARICOM States- (Dr. Ranjit Singh, Dr. James Dobbins) (20 min)

### **Session 3: Avian Influenza Surveillance, Preparedness and Control Experiences in the Americas: Lessons Learnt and Best Practices for CARICOM States (St Lucia - Chair, CARICOM CVO/CEHO Meeting)**

- 9:40 - 10:20 OIE AI Surveillance and Control Standards & Programs - Dr Louis Barcos, Representative – Americas, OIE (40 min)
- 10:20 - 10:40 Coffee Break
- 10:40 - 11:10 Organisation of Laboratory Diagnosis of Avian Influenza in the Caribbean- Dr Dominique Martinez CIRAD France (30 min)
- 11:10 - 11:30 Discussion/Questions/Answers
- 11.30 - 12:30 Lunch
- 12:30 - 13:10 Chile: Experience in AI outbreak control and subsequent prevention programs: Lessons for CARICOM - Dr. Hernan Rojas, CVO, Ministry of Agriculture, Chile (40 min)
- 13:10 - 13:40 USA: Experiences and Best Practices in AI outbreak control in wet markets, backyard farmers, game birds, wild birds - Dr. Cheryl Hall, USDA-APHIS (30 min)
- 13:40 - 14:00 Coffee Break
- 14:00 - 14:30 GF-TADs, AI prevention and control in the Americas and FAO experience against H5N1 (2004-2006) - Dr. Juan Lubroth, FAO (30 min)
- 14:30 - 14:50 Report on OIE/ IICA Rapid Assessment of Veterinary Services in CARICOM: Identifying High-risk Practices and Regulatory Control Gaps: - Dr. Maxine Aaron-Parris, Veterinarian, IICA (20 min) 14.50 - 15:05 Industry Programs for AI, Robert Best, Executive Director, Caribbean Poultry Association (15 m)

15:05 – 15.25 Technical Support Programs for AI Prevention & Control in the Americas – The IICA Experience: Lessons for CARICOM – Dra Marissa Cordero, IICA, Costa Rica (20 min)

15:25 - 16:25 Panel Discussion: Identifying High-risk Practices and Regulatory Control Gaps in CARICOM States- (60 min)

16:25: - 16:40 Procedures for technical working groups, Robert Best (15 min)

### **DAY 3 - 5th April, 2006**

#### **Session 4: Avian Influenza Surveillance, Preparedness and Control Implementation: - Progress and Challenges in Caribbean Countries (Chairman – Dr Lloyd Webb, PAHO)**

8.30 – 8.50 AI Domestic & Wild Bird Surveillance Programs : A proposal for support from the UWI-SVM – Dr Gabriel Brown, Dr Gabriel Brown, SVM - UWI

8.50 – 9.30 Communication Strategies for Officials, Industry and Media Personnel: Status of Implementation in CARICOM - Clare Forrester, Communications Specialist, PAHO, Barbados ( 30 min)9:30 – 9:40 Technical break-out Groups: - Dr Lloyd Webb, PAHO

The proposed groups are:

- Prevention (surveillance, diagnostic, quarantine...)
- Emergency preparedness
- Control
- Communication programs

The discussion will be guided by PAHO checklist.

The recommendations must address

- Strategies (national and regional)
- Resources
- Legislation
- Research and development
- Compensations
- Training

9:40 - 10:00 Coffee Break

10:00 – 12:30 Break-out Groups on AI Prevention & Control Interventions:

12:30 – 13.30 Lunch

13:30 - 15:00 Reports of Break-out Group

15:00 - 15:20 Coffee Break

15:20 - 16:00 Reports of Break-out Group

16:00 - 16:30 Summary of recommendation of the technical working groups

**Session 5: Technical Assistance and Resource Mobilization to Support AI Surveillance, Preparedness & Control Programs in the Caribbean  
(Chairman - Margaret Kalloo, SPO, CARICOM)**

16:30 - 17:00 Questions and Answers on Technical Assistance: FAO, PAHO, OIE, IICA, OIRSA, CIRAD, Chile, USDA, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, UWI-SVM, CARDI.

17:00 17:30 End of Technical Working Group Meeting: closing remarks

17.30 Press Conference: Chair – Chair - CARICOM CVO/CVHP/CEHO Meeting, CARICOM Secretariat, UWI-SVM, CARDI, CIRAD, IICA, FAO, PAHO, OIE, LLPB, CPA