



Minutes of the II JPC meeting of REMESA

Paris, France, 27th May 2010

Date : 27/05/2010.
Venue : Paris, France.
Participants : List attached.
Agenda : Attached

The agenda included:

- Presentation of the results of the disease prioritization exercise for the REMESA region.
- Presentation of the results of the prioritization exercise for the activity from the action plan June 2010-December 2011.

Disease Prioritizations: attached summary document

Following is the results of the disease prioritization questionnaire sent to REMESA country members:

1. Food & Mouth Disease;
2. Rift Valley Fever;
3. Peste des Petits Ruminants;
4. HPAI;
5. Rabies;
6. Bluetongue;
7. West Nile Fever.

Other diseases cited are: brucellosis, African horse sickness, ESB, bovine tuberculosis, PPCB and swine fever.

Priority activities from the REMESA action plan June 2010- December 2011.

In the attached table, the priority activities from the RELABSA and REPIVET sub network are presented. The priority activities for the sub networks RECOMSA and RESEPSA will be planned during 2011 or before if funds permitted.

A round table discussion gave the opportunity to each CVO to comment on the prioritization results. The results of this prioritization exercise reflect the concerns of all REMESA countries and the activities from the plan of action to be implemented to reach the objectives and results expected by the network countries, donors and international organizations supporting the REMESA initiative. Remarks were expressed on the economic and sanitary importance of some diseases like tuberculosis and brucellosis which are endemic in some counties of North Africa. These diseases should not be neglected from the activities of the plan of action and regional control strategies to be implemented with an innovative approach. The following sub network meeting, RELABSA to be held in Tunisia and REPIVET to be held in Porto, Portugal should give priority on the adoption and implementation, following a precise timing, of the priority activities of the action plan identified by the country members for the period June 2010-Dec 2011. The EU representative informed the participants that the BSF program of the EU will include also, from 2011, an animal health component. Activities identified by REMESA could be funded, especially FMD or PPR, especially in epidemiology and diagnostics topics, under a request to the EU. Rabies could also be included in such requested.