

Veterinary Epidemio-Surveillance Network (REPIVET)

1st Regional Meeting of the Veterinary Epidemio-Surveillance Network (REPIVET): discussion of the REPIVET Operating Mechanisms and the January - June 2010 Work Plan

Rabat (Morocco), 11th December 2009

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEETING

Considering:

- The Output 2 (*Epidemiological surveillance of priority TADs and zoonoses improved and harmonized*) of the REMESA Action Plan (July 2009-June 2010) approved by the CVOs, or their representatives, of the ten¹ countries participating at the first meeting of the Joint Permanent Committee (JPC) of the Mediterranean Animal Health Network (MAHN/REMESA) held in Tunis on the 15th and 16th July 2009.
- The need to define the REPIVET operating mechanisms as well as the REPIVET FAO-ECTAD activities for the next REMESA Six-Month Work Plan (January - June 2010).
- The need to define the roles and responsibilities of the main REPIVET actors.

The participants, officially designated to represent their countries in the first Regional Meeting of the Veterinary Epidemio-Surveillance Network (REPIVET), held in Rabat on the 11th December, recommend that:

1. REPIVET is a technical network under the umbrella of REMESA.
2. REPIVET will be jointly presided by Morocco and Portugal during 2010.
3. REPIVET's Strategic Role is to define the thematic priorities concerning veterinary epidemio-surveillance (Output 2) for the annual REMESA Action Plan and its two six-month Work Plans. These priorities will be validated/approved by the REMESA JPC.
4. REPIVET is composed by:
 - a. The REPIVET Focal Points: the responsible officers of the Veterinary Epidemio-surveillance Units of each one of the 10 REMESA participant countries or their formally nominated representatives;
 - b. The REPIVET- Coordination Unit at the RAHC-NA;
 - c. Observers.

¹ Algeria, Egypt, France, Italy, Libya, Morocco, Mauritania, Portugal, Spain, Tunisia.

5. The REPIVET-Coordination Unit at the RAHC-NA ensures the secretariat of REPIVET.
6. REPIVET meets twice a year in the countries that hold the annual presidency.
7. Following this meeting, the REPIVET Workplan discussed proposal will be sent to the countries representing participants, who should respond with their commentaries or approval, which should respond no later than the last week of January 2010.
8. The animation of REPIVET will be done by:
 - a. The REPIVET - Coordination Unit;
 - b. The REPIVET presidency;
 - c. The REPIVET members and observers.