

African swine fever (ASF) Policy Event – Lessons learnt from Europe and policy challenges for Asia

Friendship Hotel, Beijing, PR China, 17 November 2014

Type of Activity: Policy-dialogue consultation meetings

Participants/Target Audience:

- Veterinary Services from selected European (Poland) and East and South-East Asian countries;
- Experts on ASF, the pig sector and wild boar;
- The European Union (EU), the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), donors and other relevant stakeholders.

Description:

Given the continuous worsening of the situation and spread of ASF in Eastern Europe and Sub-Saharan Africa, there is a growing concern in Asia, with well over 50% of world's pork production, about the consequences of a potential incursion of such deadly pig disease. The meeting will aim to bring together policy makers from both EU and (East and Southeast) Asia to share their experiences, discuss the current policy and policy challenges (e.g. ASF management in wild boar populations, contingency plans, ASF differential diagnosis and transboundary issues), and come up with some follow-up actions and recommendations to solve those challenges.

Objectives of the event:

- Provide a structured platform for high-level policy dialogues;
- To identify the main gaps related to ASF policy in East and South East Asia;
- To develop a set of recommendations and follow-up strategy for East and South East Asia to develop their policy against ASF;
- Assess the possibility of launching new joint initiatives.

Morning session: Setting the ground

8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:20	Official Opening (20 min) - Zhang Zhongjun, FAO and Wang Gongmin, Veterinary Bureau of the Chinese Ministry of Agriculture
9:20-11:00	<p>Brief intro on LinkTADs, China Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) on ASF, and other major initiatives – Daniel Beltrán-Alcrudo & Guo Fusheng - FAO (20 min)</p> <p>ASF in Europe – Main challenges (policy-focused) - José Manuel Sánchez-Vizcaíno, Universidad Complutense de Madrid (UCM) (40 min)</p> <p>Policy challenges in Poland – Iwona Markowska-Daniel, National Veterinary Research Institute (NVRI), Poland (20 min)</p> <p>Questions & Answers</p>
11:00-11:20	Group photo + Coffee break
11:20-12:40	<p>Current ASF EU Policy - Jerome Lepeintre, EU Delegation to China (20 min)</p> <p>Current ASF Policy in Asian countries - Carolyn Benigno, FAO (20 min)</p> <p>Current ASF China Policy – Wang Zhiliang, China Animal Health and Epidemiology Centre (CAHEC) (20 min)</p> <p>Questions & Answers</p>
12:40-13:40	Lunch break

Afternoon session: Roundtable discussion session

13:40-15:10	<p>Roundtable discussion session - Current challenges and opportunities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ASF early detection and contingency planning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASF Contingency Plan in China - Wu Xiao Dong, CAHEC (10 min) • Contingency Policy making in the EU and the recommendations to the ASF Contingency plan in China - José Manuel Sánchez-Vizcaíno, UCM (10 min) • Round table discussion (20 min) 2. Cross-border issues in the region: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross boundary policy issues in Asia – Carolyn Benigno, FAO (10 min) • Round table discussion (20 min) 3. The wild boar issue: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy issues related to disease prevention and control in wild boar – Daniel Beltrán-Alcrudo, FAO (10 min) • Round table discussion (20 min) 4. The diagnostic dilemma – Diagnosing ASF in a region where CSF and other diseases with the same clinical signs are endemic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview on the differential diagnosis issues - Wu Xiao Dong, CAHEC (10 min) (10 min) • Round table discussion (20 min)
15:10-15:30	Coffee break
15:30-17:00	Discussion session (Continued)
17:00-17:30	Recommendations and follow-up
17:30	Closing of the workshop