







# Peste de petits ruminants regional meeting and Blueprint Consultation for Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) countries

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Report

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#### **Acronyms**

**AU – PANVAC** Pan African Veterinary Vaccine Centre of African Union

**CVO** Chief Veterinary Officer

**ECO** Economic Cooperation Organization

**EuFMD** European Commission for the Control of Foot-And-Mouth Disease

**FAO** Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

**FAO REU** FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia

FMD Foot-and-mouth disease
FMD WG FMD Working Group

**GF-TADs** Global Framework for the Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases

IFA Indirect Fluorescent Antibody test

**NSP** National Strategic Plan

PCR Polymerase Chain Reaction

**PFP** Partnerships and Financing Panel

PPR GCES PPR Global Control and Eradication Strategy

PPR GEP PPR Global Eradication Programme

PPR GEPII Second Phase of the PPR Global Eradication Programme

PMAT PPR Monitoring and Assessment Tool

PT Proficiency testing

**PVM** Post-Vaccination Monitoring

**PVS** Performance of Veterinary Services

**RAG** Regional Advisory Group

RECs Regional Economic Communities

TADs Transboundary Animal Diseases

**ToT** Training of trainers

**VLC-REU** Virtual Learning Center for Europe and Central Asia

VNT Virus Neutralisation Test

VS Veterinary Services

WAHIS World Animal Health Information System
WOAH World Organisation for Animal Health
WOAH SRR WOAH Sub-Regional Representation
WRL-FMD World Reference Laboratory for FMD

#### **Background**

The Global Framework for the Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases (GF-TADs), a joint initiative of Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), was launched on May 24, 2004. This facilitative mechanism aims to provide a coordination framework to efficiently achieve prevention, detection, and control of transboundary animal diseases (TADs). Among the priority diseases within GF-TADs are Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) and Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD).

PPR is a devastating viral disease of sheep and goats, which severely impacts the livestock-dependent communities in Africa, Europe, Middle East and Asia. In about 68 PPR-endemic countries, it poses a serious impediment to small ruminant value chains and a tremendous threat to sheep and goat health, food security, and smallholder producers' social wellbeing and livelihoods. In April 2015, the FAO and WOAH International Conference for the Control and Eradication of PPR, held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, approved the PPR Global Control and Eradication Strategy (PPR GCES), with the aim of achieving PPR global eradication by 2030. The PPR GCES aims to eradicate PPR by 2030 while reinforcing the veterinary services and improving animal health globally by reducing the impact of other major infectious diseases of small ruminants.

The PPR GCES was operationalised through the first five-year PPR Global Eradication Programme (PPR GEP) (2017-2021) that laid the foundation for implementing the strategy. The progress made, lessons learnt, and experience of partners in the first five years of the operational phase were reviewed and informed development of the operational guide, (the Blueprint for PPR eradication by 2030) which was launched on 4th November 2022. The blueprint summarizes the key elements of the strategy and partnerships to achieve the objective of eradication. To achieve the primary goal of eradication, improved access to vaccination and other primary animal health services will be critical, and the strategy, therefore, pays attention to capturing the full long-term benefits of eradication through sustainable animal health services, from primary, community level through to strengthened veterinary services able to reach and maintain PPR free status once vaccination programmes are suspended hopefully by the end of 2027.

On an annual basis, countries are guided to undertake self-assessments using the PPR Monitoring and Assessment Tool (PMAT), to review their status and consider priority activities to guide national planning. To support countries' progress in the stepwise approach to PPR eradication, PMAT has been reviewed, and improved, for enhanced use in these next phases of the PPR GEP. It is available in excel format and accompanied by a comprehensive user guide.

#### **Objectives and expected results of the meeting (PPR Specific)**

#### **Overarching Objective:**

The objective of this regional PPR Blueprint Consultation meeting was to introduce the key elements of the PPR Blueprint and identify the priority steps and approaches to progress in eradication of PPR by the ECO region. It represents the 5<sup>th</sup> ECO Regional PPR meeting to date, the last in-person having been held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan in 2019, while a virtual consultation meeting for ECO Countries plus Russia, Mongolia and China was held in 2021.

The Regional meeting is important to ensure continuous evaluation and monitoring of the PPR situation, especially for harmonization of policies and strategies within the region, as well as with other regions, for the implementation of the Global Strategies, and to consider tools and approaches that can be implemented in synergy, identify gaps and agree on interventions for the coming few years.

The meeting also provides opportunities for those countries that have never reported PPR to discuss their risk assessment and risk-based approaches to PPR control, contingency planning, and building capacity for official PPR freedom dossier preparation.

#### **Specific Objectives:**

- i. Follow-up on the relevant recommendations of the third and fourth PPR Regional roadmap meeting (Uzbekistan 2019 and virtually in 2021);
- ii. Assess and map progress in PPR eradication in ECO countries by reviewing the results of ongoing PPR assessment and control activities at the national level (PMAT results and in accordance with PPR GCES);
- iii. Strengthen understanding of the stepwise approach and facilitate the application of the PMAT, including the user guide, to assist and guide countries, and the RAG, in the planning, implementation and monitoring of national strategies;
- iv. Update on the country's implementation of PPR National Strategic Plans and other PPR GCES tools such as PPR vaccination evaluation tool in their eradication efforts;
- v. Discuss the challenges currently constraining progress towards PPR eradication and identify the support countries require for PPR eradication;
- vi. Provide updates on the Second and third Phases of the PPR Global Eradication Programme (Blueprint: 2022-2030), and indicate implications for reviewing and updating national and regional strategy;
- vii. Guide Members to update national strategic plans/action plans for the control/eradication of PPR (including surveillance and vaccination and post-vaccination monitoring in infected countries), with a view for submission to WOAH for endorsement of PPR control programmes;
- viii. Strengthen the capacity of the PPR RAGs to monitor and follow up on the recommendations of the regional PPR roadmap;

ix. Increase awareness on the use of the WOAH Animal Health Information System for decision making, and requirements and procedures for application for endorsement of PPR control programme and submission of a dossier for the official recognition of PPR-free status;

x. Agree on concrete actions at national and sub-regional levels for the coming few years, including coordination and harmonization of cross-border activities, in line with the episystems approach of the Blueprint 2022-2030.

#### **Expected results:**

- i) PPR epidemiological situation in ECO region reviewed and updated;
- ii) Progress of countries along the PPR stepwise approach is updated;
- iii) Key activities to prevent and eradicate PPR, including projects, are mapped;
- iv) Next steps for PPR control indicated and adopted;
- v) PPR GEP Blueprint is understood and taken into account in the implementation of the PPR national and regional strategies and investment plans;
- vi) Key capacity gaps and challenges in PPR control/eradication are identified, solutions and recommendations are agreed.

#### Welcome and adoption of the agenda

Mereke Taitubayev, WOAH Representative for Central Asia, on behalf of WOAH Director General and WOAH Regional Representative in Moscow, welcomed the participants of this three-day inperson meeting, and started by reminding the context of the meeting, acknowledging the presence of Member countries in the meeting.

Goshgar Tahmazli (Chairman Food Safety Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan), Bariz Mehdiyev (FAO Azerbaijan), Carsten Poetzch (EuFMD), and Gurkan Polat (ECO Secretariat) provided their remarks on behalf of their respective organizations.

The meeting was officially opened by His Excellency, Majnun Mammadov, Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The agenda and list of participants are in Annex 1 and 2 respectively.

#### Updated membership of the PPR Regional Advisory Group (RAG) for ECO

As of April 2023, the elected members of the RAG remain unchanged from the previous term, as follows:

Uzbekistan (Chair): Dr Abrar Akbarov

Georgia (Vice President): Dr Vasili Basiladze

Kyrgyzstan (Vice President): Dr Ashirbai Zhusupov

The ECO Secretariat Representative is Dr Gurkan Polat.

# **Summary of national PPR situations from country reports**

Epidemiological situation	Country	PMAT STAGE (self- assessment)	PPR NSP Formulation Status	Identified weaknesses (self- assessment)	Key Actions (Reported in plenary)
Never reported PPR and not vaccinating	Azerbaijan	Currently preparing dossier to seek official recognition for PPR free status	Has a PPR emergency response plan		-Sentinel herds -Traceability /movement awareness campaign -Surveillance in wildlife
	Uzbekistan	2 ?	?	Need to minimise risks of incursion from endemic neighbouring countries; Need for studies in wildlife	-Planning to share information; -this year moving to the next stage of Stage 2
Infected (or reported in past) and vaccinating	Georgia (Last officially reported PPR in 2016)	3	?	Lack of active surveillance; Prevention & Control constraints	-Stopped vaccination last yearPlan will be developed in consultation with experts for next 2 years
	Iran	2 (entering 3 ?)	Yes	Stakeholder engagement; Epidemiological role of wildlife to be determined	
	Turkiye	3	To be finalised in 2023 (not signed)  (Thrace dossier submission in	Stakeholder engagement	-Anatolia may stop vaccination next year, depending on results of risk evaluation. -Will revise NSP according to GEPII.

			preparation		-Stakeholder
			this year)		meetings are
			cilis year,		_
	Taiiliatan	1.2	No NCD	Nood for	planned.
	Tajikistan	1?	No NSP	Need for assessment	Work to
	(last officially reported PPR			activities to be	strengthen diagnostics
	in 2013)			completed and	ulagilostics
	111 2013)			a specific PPR	
				action plan;	
				Need to	
				strengthen	
				surveillance and	
				collaboration	
				with wildlife	
				sector	
Never reported	Turkmenistan	2?	No NSP	More	Want to
PPR but				cooperation and	strengthen
vaccinating				information	epidemiological
				sharing with	surveillance; will
				neighbours	continue
					vaccination based on risks
					and in border
					regions.
					regions.
					Would like to
					pursue
					awareness
					campaign with
					private sector
					and farmer
					engagement for
					early detection
					and notification.
					Want to advance
					cooperation with
					neighbouring
					countries and
					work closely to
					meet on annual
					basis to improve
					info exchange on
					epi situation.
					No current plans
					within the next 1

	Kurmunatan	2	Voc. usdatad	None identified	or 2 years to cease vaccination
	Kyrgyzstan	3	Yes, updated and it covers 2023-2027 (Includes wildlife, riskbased zoning)  [is it endorsed?]	None identified by country  ? need for reevaluation of vaccination strategy with a plan and planned date for cessation of vaccination.	Plan to cease vaccination in 2026, except border regions
	Kazakhstan	3	Yes (and officially endorsed)	No Post Vaccination Monitoring	Have short term and long-term plans. Plan to cease vaccination in 2025, depending on overall epidemiological situation, including situation and measures adopted in neighbouring countries.  Diagnostics and PVM: have clear requirements for need to register diagnostic systems but none are registered in the country
Officially free	Russia	Officially free	Has PPR emergency response plan		Using PCR for virology diagnostics and VNT for serology; also
					IFA

#### Meeting Recommendations from PPR Roadmap ECO Regional meeting

#### **Considering that:**

- PPR control and eradication requires regional and sub-regional cooperation, harmonization and coordination;
- Some countries in the region have never reported the disease, with or without ongoing vaccination, while the disease is endemic in two countries and reported in the past in a further two countries;
- Progression along the stepwise approach of the PPR Global Control and Eradication Strategy (GCES) requires (a) a comprehensive knowledge of PPR, including PPR episystems, virological and socio-economic aspects; (b) a good understanding and adoption of the recently revised PPR Management and Assessment Tool (PMAT); and (c) the practical application of these elements when developing and implementing assessment, control and eradication plans;
- Effective Veterinary Services (VS) are indispensable for the efficient and sustainable control of PPR, noting that the PMAT includes reference to the relevant Performance of Veterinary Services (PVS) criteria (critical competencies) related to the prevention and control of diseases;
- Surveillance of the disease implies the comprehensive knowledge of the number, distribution, and drivers for small ruminant movements inside the countries and across borders as well as an early disease detection system in place;
- In most countries, the role of wildlife in PPR epidemiology and presence of the PPR virus at the domestic / wildlife interface is not known; and surveillance systems capable of capturing disease in susceptible wildlife species may be inadequate.
- Risk-based epidemiologically-informed vaccination of domestic small ruminants with a quality-controlled vaccine, is the main tool for disease control and eradication in infected countries; Post Vaccination Monitoring (PVM) is absolutely necessary to estimate the progress made in protecting sheep and goats against the disease;
- The implementation of the PPR GEPII requires the involvement of all stakeholders, including Farmers' Representatives and all actors along the value chain(s);
- Regional laboratory and epidemiology networks are major tools for the implementation of the PPR GEPII and the PPR ECO strategy, as well as PPR National Strategic Plans (NSPs);
- There is a need to mobilize adequate financial resources to fund the PPR NSPs, and to fill the funding gaps for the implementation of global, continental and regional programmes aiming at PPR eradication by 2030, with cessation of field activities envisaged by 2028 in GEPII
- Several shortfalls have been identified in the areas of human resources, including training and capacity building, and infrastructure;

- Awareness raising and advocacy campaigns are key to promote disease awareness and the social and economic benefits of controlling and eradicating PPR;
- There is currently no laboratory in Asia for the independent quality control of PPR vaccine as it
  exists in Africa with the AU PANVAC. This constitutes a growing constraint for ECO Countries
  implementing PPR vaccination campaigns with quality-assured vaccines;

#### The participants of the PPR Roadmap ECO Regional meeting recommend:

#### To countries vaccinating and those endemic with PPR:

- Involve stakeholders in the formulation and updating of PPR National Strategic Plans (NSP) in line with GEPII and ensure subsequent dissemination to all stakeholders.
- Determine multi-year budget for implementation of NSP and identify contribution of different funding sources.
- Use the revised PMAT to track progress & adapt strategy if needed.
- Identify possible PPR episystems (i.e., set of interconnected host populations capable of maintaining circulation & transmission of PPR virus).
- Develop studies to determine the virus dynamics at the wildlife-livestock interface (in Islamic Rep. of Iran and other countries).
- Develop or strengthen strategies to track and control livestock movements.
- Enhance surveillance activities (active and passive) and consider developing a PPR early warning system strategy.
- Target control activities at hypothesised PPR episystems.
- Intensify efforts for high-coverage risk-based vaccination between 2023-2025 and evaluate effectiveness of the vaccination campaigns (including sero-monitoring).
- Decide upon criteria to be met for cessation of vaccination (especially countries which have never reported PPR and yet are vaccinating).
- Use the support of the FAO-WOAH Reference laboratories and centres, including for virus genetic analysis.
- Use available guidelines and resources to support evidence based NSPs (e.g., Guidelines for control and prevention of PPR in wildlife (available in Russian), Annex to PPR GCES on post-vaccination evaluation; PMAT User Guide).
- Work to develop harmonised PPR eradication activities with neighbouring countries, including coordinated vaccination campaigns.
- Plan mutual surveillance activities.
- Conduct simulation exercises to test emergency preparedness at both national and multinational levels.
- Harmonise procedures and forms across countries for surveillance and the monitoring of national vaccination programmes (including sero-monitoring).
- Use and promote existing mechanisms (e.g., WAHIS) to record and share PPR disease intelligence data.
- Update and validate the Regional PPR Strategy with the support of ECO Secretariat.

#### To countries that have never reported PPR:

- Obtain evidence for the absence of circulating PPR virus infection.
- Consider initiating the formulation of the dossier to apply for official recognition of PPR free status.
- Request technical support from FAO/WOAH if needed.

#### To the RAG in support their functioning:

- Consider inclusion of laboratory and epidemiology network leads within the PPR RAG.
- Hold more frequent RAG meetings (at least annually).
- Develop, with the support of the PPR Secretariat, a calendar of future activities and share in timely manner with Member Countries.

#### To PFP, ECO and RAG in support to resource mobilisation in the region:

- Consider joint meetings between the Partnerships and Financing Panel (PFP), RAG and ECO Secretariat.
- Develop regional proposals for funding, in collaboration with ECO Secretariat.
- Collectively identify the funding options for the region and ensure sustainable funding plans including national commitments.

#### *To Regional Economic Community – ECO:*

- Update the Regional PPR Strategy in line with the PPR GEPII.
- Support countries in resource mobilisation.
- Maintain strong advocacy for PPR eradication.

#### To GF-TADs governing bodies/international organisations:

- Increase the provision of training workshops (in-person and virtual); including on understanding and implementing the episystems concept.
- Support countries for their national epidemiological capacities (e.g. for surveillance design; episystems identification), including Training of Trainers (ToT).
- Support countries for laboratory proficiency testing (PT).
- Enhanced guidelines on surveillance.
- Support coordinated emergency capacities.
- Support for dossier preparation for official recognition of freedom.
- Consider how to financially support RAG meetings.
- Regular more frequent reports from lab network on PPR epidemiological situation.
- Consider designation/capacitation of a reference laboratory(/ies) to conduct vaccine quality control for the region.

# PPR Blueprint Consultation and FMD Roadmap meeting for Economic Cooperation Organisation (ECO)/West Eurasia countries 25 – 27 April 2023 (hybrid) Baku, Azerbaijan

## **Provisional Agenda**

Date and time	Activity	Speaker					
	Day 1 - 25/04/2023 - PPR						
08:30 - 09:00	Registration	WOAH SRR for CA					
		FAO Azerbaijan					
09:00 - 09:30	Welcome remarks	Mereke Taitubayev (Moderator) WOAH SRR for Central Asia					
		Goshgar Tahmazli Chairman of the Food Safety Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan					
		Majnun Mammadov Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Azerbaijan					
		Bariz Mehdiyev FAO Azerbaijan					
		Carsten Poetzch EuFMD					
		Gurkan Polat ECO Secretariat (online)					
09:30 – 09:40	Regional PPR situation	Mark Hovari, FAO Office for Europe and Central Asia					
09:40 - 09:50	ECO regional PPR strategy	Gurkan Polat, ECO Secretariat (online)					
	Video - AFSA						
10:00 – 10:30	GROUP PHOTO AND TEA BREAK						
		Moderator: Mark Hovari					
10:30 – 11:30	PPR GEPII/III and Blueprint Presentation and Discussion	Camilla Benfield, PPR Secretariat					
11:30 – 12:10	Countries' presentations on implementation of the NSPs in last five years and priorities for aligning with PPR GEP Blueprint (Surveillance, Post Vaccination Evaluation, Diagnosis, Crossborder harmonization, Livestock Movement	2 countries (PPR present – Georgia, Islamic Republic of Iran)					

	Control, Stakeholder & Partnerships,	
10.10.10.00	Resource mobilization)	
12:10 – 12:20	Feedback session on the two countries presentations	All
12:20 – 12:40	Countries' presentations on implementation of the NSPs in last five years and priorities for aligning with PPR GEP Blueprint (Surveillance, Post Vaccination Evaluation, Diagnosis, Crossborder harmonization, Livestock Movement Control, Stakeholder & Partnerships, Resource mobilization)	2 countries (PPR present – Türkiye, Tajikistan)
12:40 - 12:50	Feedback session on the two countries presentations	All
12:50 – 13:50	LUNCH BREAK	
		Moderator: Delegate of Azerbaijan
13:50 – 14:30	PPR Episystem and discussion on identification of Episystem	Giancarlo Ferrari, PPR Secretariat (online)
14:30 – 15:10	PPR & FMD: Planning Vaccination, sourcing vaccines & Post Vaccination Monitoring	Carsten Poetzch, FMD-WG Giancarlo Ferrari PPR Secretariat (online)
15:10 – 15:20	Plenary discussion: Vaccination Strategies FMD & PPR	Carsten Poetzch and Giancarlo Ferrari, FMD-WG and PPR Secretariat
15:20 – 15:50	Countries' presentations on challenges, opportunities, and priorities for aligning with PPR GEP Blueprint (Surveillance, Diagnosis, Control, Cross-border harmonization, Livestock Movement Control, Stakeholder & Partnerships, Resource mobilization)	2 countries (Never reported – Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan)
15:50 – 16:00	Feedback session on the two countries presentations	All
16:00 – 16:30	TEA BREAK	
		Moderator: Bouda Ahmadi
16:30 – 17:00	Countries' presentations on challenges, opportunities, and priorities for aligning with PPR GEP Blueprint (Surveillance, Diagnosis, Control, Cross-border harmonization, Livestock Movement Control, Stakeholder & Partnerships, Resource mobilization)	3 countries (Never reported – Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan)
17:00 – 17:10	Feedback session on the three countries presentations	All
17:10 – 17:40	PPR field diagnosis and diagnostic tools (support to field labs – proficiency testing) and molecular diagnosis	Arnaud Bataille, FAO/WOAH PPR Reference laboratories (online)
17:40 – 17:50	Plenary discussion on PPR diagnosis, capacity development and support	All
19:00	WELCOME DINNER	
	Day 2 - 26/04/2023 - PPR & FM	ID
		Moderator: Mereke Taitubayev

09:00 - 09:30	Revised PMAT and feedback	Simon Kihu,
03.00 03.50	(open discussion)	PPR Secretariat and all
09:30 – 10:15	WOAH Standard Operating Procedures for	Anna-Maria Baka,
	official recognition of PPR free status and	WOAH Status Dept. (online)
	endorsement of official PPR control	,
	programmes & general requirements of the	
	Terrestrial Animal Health Code on PPR	
	Feedback and Q&A session	All
10:15 – 10:40	Country presentations on contingency plans	1 country (PPR free – Russia)
10.13 10.10	and emergency preparedness	1 country (11 to the massia)
	Feedback session on the country presentation	All
	of Russia	All
10:40 - 11:00	Role of Regional Advisory Group (RAG)	Camilla Benfield, PPR Secretariat
10.40 - 11.00	RAG activities	RAG Chairman
11:00 – 11:20	TEA BREAK	RAG CHairman
11.00 – 11.20	TEA BREAK	
		Moderator: Carsten Poetzch
11:20 - 11:30	Global perspective of the FMD Control	Muhammad Arshed, FMD-WG
	Strategy	
11:30 - 11:50	FMD virus situation at global level and in	Donald King, WRL-FMD
	West Eurasia and implications on vaccine	(online)
	matching and vaccine selection for West	,
	Eurasia	
11:50 - 12:10	Information on the activities of the regional	Viktor Nikiforov, ARRIAH
	reference laboratory for FMD. Maintaining	,
	official status of FMD free zones in Russian	
	Federation	
12:10 – 12:30	Discussions	All
12:30 – 13:00	8 <sup>th</sup> FMD roadmap meeting Recommendations	Mohamed Sirdar, FMD-WG
12.30 – 13.00	review and discussion	Widnamed Sirdar, Fivib-wd
	Teview and discussion	
	RAG: Terms of reference and election process	
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH BREAK	
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		Moderator: Jean Perchet
14:00 – 14:20	Call for the FMD RAG nominations, and FMD	Mohamed Sirdar, FMD-WG
	RAG election (2023-2025)	·
14:20 – 14:40	Feedback on FMD vaccine and vaccination	Carsten Poetzch, FMD-WG
	questionnaire	,
14:40 – 15:00	Activities and proposed mechanisms to	Bouda Ahmadi,
	improve FMD vaccine security	GF-TADs Global Secretariat
15:00 – 15:20	Discussions	All
		NAME of the state
15:20 – 16:00	FMD group discussions:	Muhammad Arshed, FMD-WG
	identify challenges and solutions	
16:00 – 16:30	TEA BREAK	
		Moderator: Muhammad Arshed
16:30 – 16:50	WOAH/FAO activities in support to countries	Mereke Taitubayev and Mark Hovari,
10.30 10.30	WOAII/I AO activities in support to countries	WOAH/FAO Regional Offices
		WOATH AO NEGIONAL OTHERS

16:50 – 17:10	GF-TADs Perspective for Resource	Bouda Ahmadi,
	Mobilization	PFP/GF-TADs Global Secretariat
17:10 – 17:50	Partner activities in support to countries for FMD & PPR	Global and Regional Partners
17:50 – 18:10	Discussion session – Resource Mobilisation	All Moderator: Bouda Ahmadi
19:30	DINNER AT THE HOTEL	
	Day 3 – 27/04/2023 - FMD & P	PR
		Moderator: Mark Hovari
09:00 – 10:00	Experiences from (3) countries (SAT2 preparedness and response)	CVOs/WOAH Delegates of Türkiye, Azerbaijan, and Iraq
10:00 – 10:30	FMD Self-Assessment Tool results: summary and discussion	Mohamed Sirdar, FMD-WG
10:30 - 11:00	TEA BREAK	
11:00 – 11:20	Support for the development and implementation of national FMD control strategies	Muhammad Arshed, FMD-WG
	Parallel FMD sessions:	Laboratory Network Epidemiology Network
11:20 – 12:30	Update of the Epidemiology network workplan	Facilitator: T.Chaligava, C.Poetzsch
	Update of the Laboratory network workplan	Facilitator: A.Bulut (leader), M.Arshed, D.King (online)
	CVO- RAG meeting on recommendations	Facilitators: M.Sirdar, B.Ahmadi
12:30 – 12:50	Workforce Development project	Dmitry Morozov, WOAH SRR for Central Asia
12:50 – 13:20	Reflection on PPR country Action Plans: Feedback session	Simon Kihu, PPR Secretariat, RAG Chair
13:20 – 14:20	LUNCH BREAK	
		Moderator: Mereke Taitubayev
14:20 – 15:00	PPR Recommendations and conclusion	PPR Secretariat
15:00 – 15:30	Updated FMD roadmap and FMD draft Recommendations	FMD-WG and RAG Chair
15:30 – 16:00	Closing Remarks	Food Safety Agency of Azerbaijan Members of Management Committee
	END OF MEETING	

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