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Subject: Invitation to a Joint IAEA/FAO/OIE Regional Stakeholder Workshop on Awareness Raising for Veterinarians Involved in the Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases (TADs), Vienna, Austria, 16-18 October 2013

Dear National Liaison Officer,

I am pleased to invite you to send nominations of suitable candidates to participate in the above-mentioned workshop under the framework of TC Project RER/5/016 – Supporting Coordinated Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases with Socioeconomic Impact and that Affect Human Health. The purpose of the workshop and related information are outlined in the attached Prospectus.

For candidates who are selected by the IAEA, the Agency will cover the cost of return international travel from the home country to Vienna, Austria, and provide Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) for the duration of the workshop in line with Agency rules and procedures.

Please submit duly completed Nomination Form for Meetings/Workshops by the latest 19 August 2013. Please note that nominations received after the closing date will not be considered.

The completed nomination forms should be submitted to the IAEA online through the Technical Cooperation Department's InTouch system (<http://intouch.iaea.org>). Should this not be possible, forms may be sent to the Programme Management Officer for this project, Ms Alessia Rodriguez y Baena, through IAEA Official Fax (+43-1-26007) or E-Mail (Official.Mail@iaea.org).

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosures: Prospectus
Nomination Form

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Joint IAEA/FAO/OIE Regional Stakeholder Workshop on Awareness Raising for Veterinarians Involved in the Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases (TADs)

PROSPECTUS

- Project Number & Title:** RER/5/016 - Supporting Coordinated Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases with Socioeconomic Impact and that Affect Human Health
- Place (City, Country):** Vienna, Austria
- Dates:** 16 - 18 October 2013
- Deadline for Nominations:** 19 August 2013
- Organizers:** The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
- Host Country Organizer:** Mr Ivancho Naletoski
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- Language:** English
- Purpose:** The purpose of the workshop is to improve the overall effectiveness of the disease control chain for Classical and African Swine Fever, West Nile Fever, Rift Valley Fever, Peste des Petits Ruminants, Sheep and Goat Pox, Lumpy Skin Disease, Foot-and-Mouth Disease, Crimean–Congo Haemorrhagic Fever, and Brucellosis (targeted TADs) by facilitating the transfer of technical knowledge acquired through the project to key national and regional stakeholders, with emphasis on veterinarians and Competent Veterinary Authorities.

Expected Output(s):

The expected outputs of the workshop are:

- Improved capacity of participating Member States to i) develop strategic approaches to control target TADs, ii) define short- and mid-term improvement targets for individual countries and iii) enhance regional communication and collaboration;
- Performed initial gap analysis of officially designated laboratories at managerial and technical level;
- Issued recommendations for the organizational setup of the surveillance and control activities for officially designated practitioners in participating Member States;
- Improved preparedness of field veterinarians for early detection of target TADs, either by early recognition of clinical signs or application of user-friendly, advanced diagnostic technologies for field diagnosis.
- Workshop report produced for distribution to the project counterparts and participants.

Scope and Nature:

The workshop will consist of presentations and group discussions on i) official control plans for target TADs and ii) gap analysis and improvement targets for the designated veterinary laboratories and the field practitioners. The presentations and the discussions are expected to cover the whole disease-response chain, including the roles of the national competent authorities, designated laboratories and field practitioners.

Participants are kindly requested to submit individual country prepared as per attached presentation guidelines. A PowerPoint presentation summarizing the said information should also be prepared. Aforesaid country reports should be sent by email to the project Technical Officer, Mr Ivancho Naletoski –I.Naletoski@iaea.org– with a copy to the Programme Management Officer of the project, Ms Alessia Rodriguez y Baena – A.M.Rodriguez@iaea.org, by Friday 20 September 2013.

Background Information:

The livestock sector plays a major role for the economy of Eastern European countries especially for rural areas. According to the OIE, a number of TADs have been detected in the region in the recent years, and a tendency of vector borne diseases to spread towards north, areas which were until recently not typical for them. In addition, the movement of livestock due to international trade has led to the emergence or re-emergence of several TADs in the region. For zoonotic diseases, both domestic animals and wildlife are often implicated as the source of human infection; hence TADs can also be of concern to public health institutions.

It is vital therefore that a regional network is created, capable of providing early and rapid disease diagnosis to ensure rapid information dissemination to appropriate national and / or international veterinary authorities, enabling enforcement of effective control measures against TADs through the regional co-operative project.

This will focus on the establishment / upgrade of appropriate diagnostic capacities by technology transfer, facilitate the communication between the designated laboratories and the competent authorities within and between participating countries and coordinated field activities like disease surveillance and / or disease control.

Under the IAEA Technical Cooperation Programme, a new regional project (RER/5/016, 2012-2013) was initiated to reduce TAD incidence in livestock and livestock products in the Euro-Asian Region, by catalysing the harmonization of technologies and the comparability of laboratory results across the region among all participating laboratories. To this end, this Workshop will contribute to improving the overall effectiveness of the disease control chain for target TADs, by raising awareness of veterinarians involved in the national and regional control plans.

Participation: The workshop course is open to 60 participants from IAEA Member States in the Europe Region.

The target countries are Albania, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Montenegro, Poland, Serbia, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and Uzbekistan.

Participants' Qualifications: The workshop is open to three participants per Member State, who should possibly be representatives of i) the head veterinary authorities responsible for animal health, ii) the national laboratories, and iii) representatives of the designated veterinary practitioners.

Nomination Procedure: Nominations for Meeting/Workshop should be submitted to the IAEA online through the Technical Cooperation Department's InTouch system (<http://intouch.iaea.org>). Should this not be possible, nominations may be submitted on the standard IAEA Nomination Form for Meeting/Workshop and National Consultant (available on the IAEA website: <http://www.iaea.org/>). Completed forms should be endorsed by relevant national authorities and returned to the Agency through the official channels, i.e. the designated National Liaison Office for IAEA Matters.

The completed nomination forms should be sent to the Programme Management Officer for this project, Ms Alessia Rodriguez y Baena, through IAEA Official Fax (+43-1-26007) or E-Mail (Official.Mail@iaea.org), not later than **19 August 2013**. Nominations received after this date or which have not been routed through the established official channels cannot be considered.

**Administrative
and Financial
Arrangements:**

Nominating Governments will be informed in due course of the names of the candidates who have been selected and will, at that time, be given full details of the procedures to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

Selected participants from countries eligible to receive technical assistance will be provided with a round trip economy class air ticket from their home countries to Vienna, Austria, and a Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) at the prevailing UN Rate. Shipment of accumulated workshop materials to the participants' home countries is not the responsibility of the IAEA.

The organizers of the workshop do not accept liability for the payment of any cost or compensation that may arise from damage to or loss of personal property, or from illness, injury, disability or death of a participant while he/she is travelling to and from or attending the workshop, and it is clearly understood that each Government, in nominating participants, undertakes responsibility for such coverage. Governments would be well advised to take out insurance against these risks.



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“Supporting Early Warning and Surveillance of Avian Influenza Infection in Wild and Domestic Birds and Assessing Genetic Markers for Bird Resistance”

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Vienna, Austria, 16-18 October 2013, VIC Room F-0822

In order to make the best out of the time available, all participants should attend the regional workshop with a set of slides (*e.g.*, 10-15), which shall serve as support for the presentation of their respective “Country Report” (one per Member State).

Oral Presentation Length

It is strongly encouraged that presentations last no more than 10 minutes to allow for at least 5 minutes of follow-on discussion and to entertain questions from the audience.

Suggested Presentation Structure

It is advised that presentations (preferably in Power Point format) make use of a “bullet point” style.

In particular, Country Reports by **Member States** (one per country, to be compiled based on input by all designated national Representatives), should comprise:

- A brief overview, to be provided by **Representatives of the Competent Authorities**, of the strategies, legislation and the activities carried out by the competent authority of the presenter(s) country, related to Classical and African Swine Fever, West Nile Fever, Rift Valley Fever, Peste des Petits Ruminants, Sheep and Goat Pox, Lumpy Skin Disease, Foot-and-Mouth Disease, Crimean–Congo Haemorrhagic Fever and Brucellosis (target TADs). The overview should include obstacles and improvement targets, as well as suggested topics that could be considered for support by the IAEA.
- A brief overview, to be provided by **Representatives of the Officially Designated Veterinary Laboratories**, of the improvement targets in terms of scope (diseases), technologies and techniques required/ planned in the short- and mid-term period.
- A brief overview, to be provided by **Representatives of the Officially Designated Veterinary Practitioners**, about i) roles and responsibilities in the implementation of the surveillance and/or control measures, ii) early (field) detection capacities, and
- Contact details of the competent authorities (Head veterinary office, Chief Veterinary Officer [CVO] and Animal Health Officer) and the official veterinary practitioners, in each of the participating countries.
- A brief summary table compiled according to the below format:

	Country: <i>Country name</i>		
Major Achievements under the Project	Major Constraints	Corrective measures	Lessons Learned
• XXX	• XXX	• XXX	• XXX
• YYY	• YYY	• YYY	• YYY
• ZZZ	• ZZZ	• ZZZ	• ZZZ