



# GF-TADs

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TRANSBOUNDARY ANIMAL DISEASES



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## Regional efforts in the Americas to prevent ASF introduction

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African swine fever unprecedented global threat: a global challenge to  
livelihoods, food security, and biodiversity

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# United action to keep the Americas ASF-free

- When ASF was reported in China, countries of the Americas came together to discuss prevention.
- Canada hosted an ASF Forum in April 2019, and Mexico followed with a second forum in Oct., 2019.
- A key recommendation was to use the GF-TADS mechanism to ensure coordinated action.



# GF-TADs Regional Steering Committee for the Americas

## 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the RSC of the GF- TADs for the Americas

Panama on September 17, 2019

- Update of the ToRs for the creation of the Standing Groups Experts on African Swine Fever (SGE-ASF).
- Adopt ToRs for activities of the SGE-ASF.
  - Priority Actions
  - Members: Public-Private sectors

<https://rr-americas.oie.int/es/eventos/10ma-reunion-del-comite-directivo-regional-del-gf-tads-para-las-americas/>

## 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Regional Steering Committee of the GF-TADs for the Americas

e-meeting on June 16, 2020

- Adopt New Standing Group of Experts:
  - Classical Swine Fever –OIRSA
  - Avian Influenza- IICA
- Updated of Activities of SGE ASF

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# Standing Group of Experts

## The First Meeting of the SGE on ASF of GF-TADs of the Americas: “Border Control” Colombia at December 3-4, 2019

- Identify potential pathways of entry for ASF virus.
- Establish coordination and cooperation agreements with government border security agencies.
- Increase targeted risk communication activities and heighten vigilance.
- Encourage the private sector and all interested stakeholders to disseminate information on the risk of entry of ASF and its preventive measures.

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## The Second meeting focused on “Risk of introduction and dispersion both at the regional level and in each of the Countries” E-meeting June 15, 2020

- Apply the Risk Analysis guidelines available in the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code.
- Consider the risk pathways for the spread of the disease between sub-regions and countries in the case that the disease enters the Americas region.

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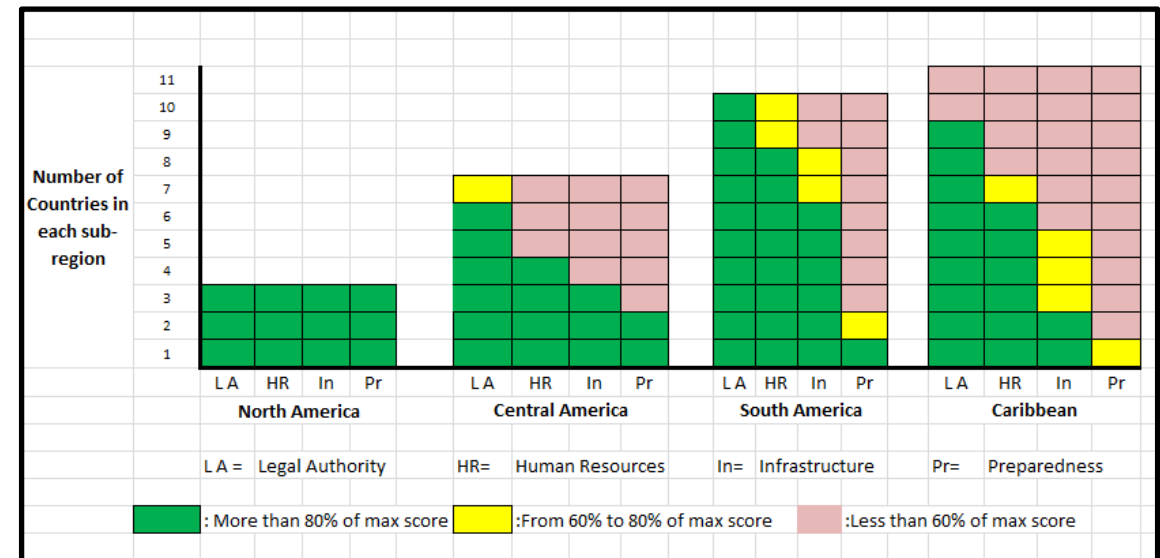
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# Assessment of preparedness in the Americas

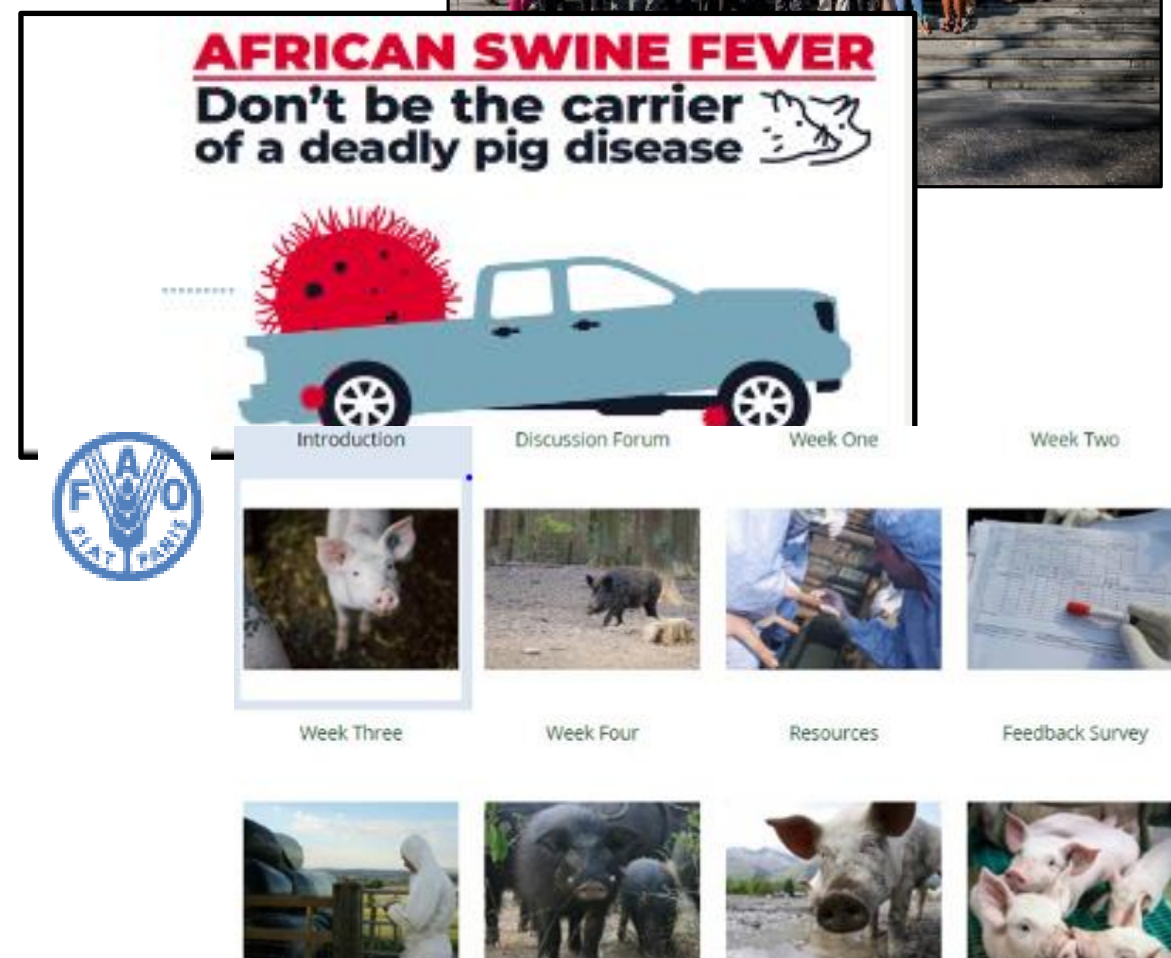
- Summer 2019, a survey of all countries in the Americas was conducted to assess key elements including legal authority, human resources, infrastructure and preparedness planning.
- There was variability between and within sub-regions
- Preparedness planning measures such as response planning, training and exercises was the main area requiring strengthening.

## Analysis of ASF emergency preparedness measures in the Americas by sub-region



# Building capacity for ASF

- OIE national focal points for laboratories and epidemiologists, Mexico, Dec., 2019,
- OIE national focal points for communication, virtual, Aug. 2020,
- FAO online course on ASF preparedness delivered to Latin America and Caribbean countries,
- Other national and sub regional training.



# Future priorities

- SGE-ASF will meet to discuss:
  - Early detection and response
  - Business continuity planning
- Continue to address gaps in capacity through training and preparedness planning at national and sub-regional levels



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