

## CONCEPT NOTE

### **GHSA Meeting: 4-year Workplan Development & Strengthening Workforce Development**

**7-8 February 2017, Bangkok, Thailand**

#### **1. Rationale**

The Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA) was launched in February 2014 under partnership of nearly 50 nations, international organizations, and non-governmental stakeholders to strengthen both the global capacity and nations' capacity to prevent, detect, and respond to human and animal infectious diseases threats through a multilateral and multi-sectoral approach.

Facilitating the GHSA activities among leading, contributing and participating countries as well as other related GHSA initiatives, the Thailand GHSA Regional Coordinating Office for GHSA Action Packages (Detect 1: National Laboratory System and Detect 5: Workforce Development) was established in April 2016 under the Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand. Working closely with other countries, Thailand is taking the lead in accelerating an implementation of the two important GHSA Action Packages.

Various achievements on workforce development in 2016 included maintaining regular communication with contributing countries and the development partners through video conference, developing the initial roadmaps on regional collaboration, and the Regional Strategic Framework for Public Health Workforce Development and Systems Strengthening on Epidemiology (2016-2020).

As an another step towards the GHSA goals, the "GHSA Meeting: 4-year Workplan Development & Strengthening Workforce Development" will be organized on 7-8 February 2017 in order to review previous activities and progress, and prepare for future plans. The meeting will be conducted under the support of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

#### **2. Objectives**

- 2.1. Strengthen animal and human health workforce development by updating progress of Workforce Development Action Package
- 2.2. Identify the 4-year workplan for Workforce Development Action Package

#### **3. Meeting Arrangement**

- Date: 7-8 February 2017
- Venue: The Berkeley Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

#### 4. Target Participants

No.	Participants	Number
1.	Two participants from each ASEAN+3 countries will be invited, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ A policy-maker who oversees the field or applied epidemiology training program on human health</li> <li>◆ A policy-maker who oversees the animal health in epidemiology</li> </ul>	26
2.	One participant each from leading countries (Jordan, Thailand) and contributing countries (Ethiopia, Finland, Saudi Arabia, USA and Yemen) of Workforce Development Action Package	7
3.	Representatives from the GHSA Steering Committee (Indonesia, Republic of Korea)	2
4.	ASEAN Secretariat (animal & public health)	2
5.	SAARC Secretariat (animal & public health)	2
6.	Development Partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Chair of ASEAN+3 Field Epidemiology Training Network (FETN)</li> <li>◆ Chair of ASEAN Veterinary Epidemiology Group (AVEG)</li> <li>◆ European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)</li> <li>◆ Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)</li> <li>◆ Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)</li> <li>◆ Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)</li> <li>◆ Thailand International Cooperation Agency</li> <li>◆ United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (US CDC)</li> <li>◆ United States Agency for International Development (USAID)</li> <li>◆ World Health Organization (WHO)</li> <li>◆ World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)</li> </ul>	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
7.	Organizing team from Thailand	10
Total		60

#### 5. Expected Outputs

Progress of the GHSA targeted activities in the first year will be reviewed and future joint regional activities will be identified for workforce development on animal and human health.

Potential linkage mechanisms for workforce development and national laboratory system strengthening will be explored.