

**REPORT ON ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE INTERNATIONAL
REGIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR PLANT AND
ANIMAL HEALTH (OIRSA)**

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The following communication is being circulated at the request of the International Regional Organization for Plant and Animal Health (OIRSA).

I. TRAINING AND DISSEMINATION IN THE AREA OF AGRICULTURAL HEALTH AND TRADE

1. Participation, by means of technical conferences, in the "First Training Course for Trainers on Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs)", organized in Honduras by the Joint Institute for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (JIFSAN) of the University of Maryland, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and OIRSA.
2. Organization of the First Workshop on "Updating of the Diagnosis of the Food Safety Situation in El Salvador", with the participation of delegates from the four government institutions with statutory authority in this area.
3. Organization of a training workshop on Good Agricultural Practices (GPAs) with producers and agro-exporters from the Association for Local Projects and Initiatives for Regional Self-Development in Honduras (PILARH) and the Panamanian Association of Exporters of Non-Traditional Agricultural Products (GANTRAP) and officials of the Ministry of Agricultural Development (MIDA).

II. TECHNOLOGICAL MASTER'S DEGREE IN SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

4. Development of Module VI: *Agricultural Quarantine*, the objective of which is familiarity with the role of agricultural quarantine in international trade from the legal and methodological points of view, and Module VII: *Agribusiness and agro-industrial franchises*, the objective of which is knowledge of the development and operation of agro-industrial franchise systems.

III. SUPPORT FOR THE PREVENTION, CONTROL AND ERADICATION OF PESTS AND DISEASES

5. Presentation of the proposal for a regional poultry health programme to the Board of Directors of the Federation of Poultry Farmers of Central America (FEDAVICAC).

6. Involvement in strategy adaptation for and the management, funding and implementation of the Classical Swine Fever Eradication Plan in El Salvador by 2009.

7. Profile management follow-up for the project "Strengthening of the institutional capacity of animal health services in Central America" within the framework for cooperation between the Japan International Cooperation Agency and the Central American Integration System (JICA-SICA).

8. Participation in the OIE symposium on Newcastle disease and avian influenza in the context of the XVIII Central American and Caribbean Poultry Congress.

9. Updating of the Emergency Plan for the Control and Eradication of Classical Swine Fever in Central America, Belize and Panama.

IV. STRENGTHENING OF NATIONAL SANITARY INSTITUTIONS WITH A VIEW TO FACILITATING TRADE

10. Within the framework of the Regional Project for the Support of Agricultural Trade, jointly implemented by OIRSA and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), regional advisory activities were provided and completed on the following: (a) Development of Harmonized Legislation on Food Inspection Procedures and Good Production and Manufacturing Practices; (b) Identification of Phytosanitary Service Structures, Procedures and Mechanisms; and (c) Identification of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Service Structures, Procedures and Mechanisms.

11. Participation in the Fourth Workshop, held in Guatemala, of the Coordinating Group of the Inter-institutional Technical Cooperation Project for the establishment of pilot areas free from and with low prevalence of fruit flies, using integrated management, including the Sterile Insect Technique (SIT), in Central America and Panama (TCP/RLA/5/045).

V. INTER-INSTITUTIONAL COORDINATION

12. In the face of the human and avian influenza pandemic, the Technical Director of Animal Health has approached the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) in Washington with a view to coordinating regional animal epidemiological surveillance activities.
