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Success stories: African swine fever preparedness

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ASF Forum April 30-May 1, 2019

- Galvanized international support and fostered engagement in ASF.
- Actively brought industry/government partners together to develop and execute a world class meeting in 4 months.
- Reinforced strong relationship with US and Mexico and led to ASF Forum II in Mexico and US planning ASF Forum III in early 2020.



Progress since the ASF Forum

- Presented the outcomes of the Forum at G7 CVO and European SGE ASF meetings.
- Framework has served as the basis for Pan Canadian Action Plan and North American Strategy on ASF and informed OIE's program of work.
- OIE and FAO are working with countries under GF-TADs to improve coordination for ASF.
- Canada's CVO is the president of the GF-TADS for the Americas and chair of the Standing Group of Experts on ASF for the Americas.



ASF Executive Management Board-New way of working together

- High-level decision making committee
- Representatives from federal and provincial governments (CVO and ADM level) and industry
- Advancing pan-Canadian action plan
- Challenge function



Strengthened collaboration with CBSA

- CFIA worked with CBSA to get approval from the Government of Canada to more than double the number of detector dog teams.
- CBSA has provided key support for communication with travellers
- First meeting of the Standing Group of Experts on ASF for the Americas focussed on border biosecurity
- CFIA and CBSA will make joint presentation



Research to improve diagnostics

• In collaboration with the US and industry partners the NCFAD research focuses on:



- New serological assays for multiple antigens
- Alternative samples for detection eg oral fluids
- Meat exudate testing- valuable alterative for illegal meat imports, wild and feral pigs
- High sensitivity and specificity pen side tests to help local decision making

Innovative communications approaches

- Tailored to target audiences
- Signage and flyers in airports and paid social media
- Video messages from CVO and others!
- Use of paid social media advertising and influencers
- Leading in North America



Key messages

- This is not business as usual- need to think outside the box!
- We need to continue to show leadership globally and in the region- promote early action.
- Collaborative and cooperative approaches have gotten us this far- need to keep the momentum!



Thank you for your attention!

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