

**Regional Conference on Avian Influenza Control
and Human Influenza Pandemic Preparedness and Response**

Almaty, 12-13 June 2006

PROGRAMME

Day 1 – Monday, 12 June (morning)

8:30–9:00 **Registration**

09:00–09:10 **Welcome and Opening Remarks:**

Belonog Anatoliy Aleksandrovich, Principal State Sanitary Doctor & Chairman of the
State Sanitary-Epidemiological Surveillance Committee, Ministry of Health,
Kazakhstan

Session 1: Update on the influenza epidemiological situation

**Chair: Jacques Jeugmans, Asian Development Bank, Manila
Yuriko Shoji, UN Resident Coordinator in Kazakhstan, Almaty**

- 09:10-9:30 1. Influenza pandemic response & outbreak response in Turkey: lessons learned,
[Michael Perdue](#), WHO Global Influenza Programme, Geneva
- 09:30-9:50 2. Highly-pathogenic avian influenza epidemics in Central Asia and neighbouring
countries [*outbreaks in Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, PR China
(Xinjiang UAR), Russian Federation*], [Michael Favorov](#), CDC Central Asia, Almaty
- 9:50-10:10 3. Strategies for the progressive control of highly pathogenic avian influenza –
measures related to detection and response systems in animals, [Christiane
Bruschke](#), OiE, Paris
- 10:10-10:30 4. National pandemic preparedness planning, [Chakrarat Pittayawonganon](#), Ministry of
Health - Thailand, Bangkok
- 10:30-10:45 ➤ Wrap-up and discussion

10:45–11:15 **Coffee break (and press briefing)**

Session 2: Pandemic preparedness planning

**Chairs: Zholshorinov Aytmagenbet, Chief Epidemic Control Department,
Ministry of Health, Republic of Kazakhstan, Astana &
Nikola Belev, OiE Regional Representative for Europe, Sofia**

- 11:15–11:35 5. Regional Strategy to Response to Avian Influenza and Pandemic Influenza,
[Bernardus Ganter](#), WHO Regional Office for Europe, Copenhagen
- 11:35–11:55 6. Preparedness at country level – findings of a global survey, [Simon Strickland](#), UN
System Influenza Coordination, New York
- 11:55–12:10 ➤ Wrap-up and discussion
- 12:10–12:30 **Photo session (20 minutes)**
- 12:30–13:30 **Lunch**

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Session 3: Strategies for disease control and prevention

**Chairs: Hodayberdy Mukhamedov, Ministry of Agriculture of Turkmenistan,
Ashgabat
& Alexandre Zouev, UNICEF Kazakhstan, Astana**

- 13:30–13:50 7. Agriculture and wildlife sectors' experience with monitoring and control of avian influenza in animals in the region, [*measures implemented/ needs assessment/ projects*], [Giancarlo Ferrari](#), FAO, Rome
- 13:50–14:10 8. Surveillance strategies for rapid detection of influenza infections in humans, [Ray Arthur](#), CDC, Atlanta
- 14:10–14:25 9. Communication is key, [Morten Giersing](#), UNICEF Regional Office for CEE/CIS, Geneva
- 14:25–14:45 ➤ Wrap-up and discussion
- 14:45–15:00 **Introduction to Working groups on operationalisation of preparedness plans,**
Chairpersons of the Working groups and facilitators (Yon Fleerackers, ADB consultant, Almaty; Peet Tüll, ECDC, Stockholm; Giancarlo Ferrari, FAO, Rome; Morten Giersing, UNICEF, Geneva; Bernardus Ganter, WHO, Copenhagen)
- 15:00–16:30 **Session 4: Working groups by sector on operationalisation of preparedness plans**
(coffee is served during working group sessions)
- Group 1: Animal health sector
 - Group 2: Human health sector
 - Group 3: Communication and coordination

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| 15:00–16:30 | <i>In parallel with Session 4: Work meeting for officials from donor agencies</i> |
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- 16:30–18:00 **Session 5: Feed back discussion and conclusion from Working groups on operationalisation of preparedness plans**
- & facilitated discussion about an action plan for regional collaborative disease control and prevention activities in Central Asia and neighbouring countries (including institutional arrangements)**
- 18:00 **End of day 1**

Day 2 – Tuesday, 13 June

Session 6: Intersectoral issues (including: human/ animal health interface)

Chairs: Rakhimov Ravshan, National Influenza Center - Uzbekistan, Tashkent & Peyvand Khaleghian, World Bank Office for Central Asia Region, Almaty

- 09:00–09:15 10. Inter-sectoral co-ordination & governance-related issues [a.o. *national (in-country) coordination, engagement of private sector and civil society, impact on economic systems*], [Christina Carlson](#), UNDP Regional Bureau for Europe and the CIS, New York
- 09:15–09:35 11. Strategies and challenges for laboratory capacity building:
11.1. [Michael Perdue](#), WHO/ HQ, Geneva (7 minutes)
11.2. [Viktoria Zeman](#), CDC Central Asia, Almaty (7 minutes)
11.3. [Samuel Yingst](#), NAMRU-3, Cairo (7 minutes)
- 09:35–09:55 12. Integrated disease surveillance and response: experience and future opportunities:
12.1. [Bernardus Ganter](#), WHO/ EURO, Copenhagen (7 minutes)
12.2. [Yon Fleerackers](#), ADB Consultant, Almaty (7 minutes)
12.3. [Liudmila Mosina](#), CDC Central Asia, Tashkent (7 minutes)
- 09:55–10:05 ➤ Wrap-up and discussion (15')

10:05–10:15 Introduction to Working groups on appropriate mechanisms to improve regional collaboration and multisectoral coordination

10:15–13:00 Session 7: Working groups on appropriate mechanisms to improve regional collaboration and multisectoral coordination

(coffee is served during working group sessions)

- Group 1: Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan [*invited*: Iran]
- Group 2: Kyrgyz Republic, Turkmenistan [*invited*: Thailand]
- Group 3: Azerbaijan, Russian Federation [*invited*: Georgia]
- Group 4: PR China (including Xinjiang UAR), Kazakhstan, Mongolia

Each working group session starts with 10 minutes country presentation(s) (*next page*).

13:00–14:00 Lunch

14:00–15:15 Session 8: Feed back discussion and conclusions from working groups

15:15–15:45 Coffee break

15:45–16:00 Session 9: Donor response to avian and human pandemic influenza in Central Asia and neighbouring countries

([Adriaan Van der Meer](#), Ambassador, Head of the Delegation of the European Commission in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic and Tajikistan)

16:00–17:00 Session 10: Final conclusions and closure

Chairs: Belonog Anatoliy Aleksandrovich, Principal State Sanitary Doctor & Chairman of the State Sanitary-Epidemiological Surveillance Committee, Ministry of Health of Kazakhstan, Astana

[Yuriko Shoji](#), UN Resident Coordinator in Kazakhstan, Almaty

Chingiz Akhmedov, Scientific-Research Institute of Veterinary Services, the Ministry of Agriculture of Azerbaijan Republic, Baku

Dorjsuren Pagvaa, Veterinary Department, Ministry of Food and Agriculture of Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar

Day 2 – Tuesday, 13 June (details of Session 7)

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| 10:15–13:00 <i>(coffee is served during working group sessions)</i> | Session 7: Working groups on appropriate mechanisms to improve regional collaboration and multisectoral coordination <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Group 1: Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan [<i>invited</i>: Iran]– Group 2: Kyrgyz Republic, Turkmenistan [<i>invited</i>: Thailand]– Group 3: Azerbaijan, Russian Federation [<i>invited</i>: Georgia]– Group 4: PR China (including Xinjiang UAR), Kazakhstan, Mongolia |
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Country presentations, Session 7, from 10:15 to 13:00, on Day 2 – Tuesday, 13 June

Group 1

- 10:15–10:22 Strategy for the control of avian influenza, [Murodali Sharipov](#), Republican Epizootic Field Investigation Centre, Ministry of Agriculture – Tajikistan, Dushanbe
- 10:22–10:30 [Navruz Jafarov](#), Republican State Sanitary and Epidemiological Surveillance Center – Tajikistan, Dushanbe
- 10:30–10:40 Rakhimov Ravshan, National Influenza Centre – Uzbekistan, Tashkent
- 10:40–10:50 [Abdul Hamid Ahmadzai](#), Control of Communicable Diseases Department, Ministry of Public Health – Afghanistan, Kabul
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Group 2

- 10:15–10:25 Highly pathogenic avian influenza control and human influenza pandemic preparedness and response, [Abdikarimov Sabyrzhan Toktosunovich](#), Sanitary and Epidemic State Department, Ministry of Health – Kyrgyz Republic, Bishkek
- 10:25–10:35 [Orazov Annamurad](#), Sanitary-Epidemiologic Service, Ministry of Health and Medical Industry of Turkmenistan, Ashgabat
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Group 3

- 10:15–10:25 [Nikolay Anatol'evich Vlasov](#), Department for Veterinary Surveillance, Federal Service of Veterinary and Phyto-sanitary Surveillance – Russian Federation, Moscow
- 10:25–10:35 [Aitan Agamalieva](#), Assistant, Epidemiology Department of the Medical University – Azerbaijan, Baku
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Group 4

- 10:15–10:22 [Kozhumuratov Asylbeck Aubeterovich](#), Chief Veterinary Inspector of the Ministry of Agriculture, Republic of Kazakhstan, Astana
- 10:22–10:30 [Zholshorinov Aytmagenbet](#), Chief Epidemic Control Department, Ministry of Health, Republic of Kazakhstan, Astana
- 10:30–10:40 Tayier Amuti, Deputy Director of Veterinary Division, Animal Husbandry Bureau, Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, PR China, Urumqi
- 10:40–10:50 [Khun Tsegmed](#), Officer in-charge-of Contagion, Department of Policy and Planning for Health, Ministry of Health, Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar
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[brief background document]
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12-13 June 2006: Alatau Resort, Almaty, Kazakhstan

Purpose

To enable countries of Central Asia and of neighbouring countries to share experience and discuss a common approach to control the spread of avian influenza among poultry, mitigate the social and economic impact of avian influenza outbreaks, and improve preparedness for a possible human influenza pandemic.

Background

Livelihoods of smallholders and food security are jeopardized by the spread of avian influenza, which has been decimating poultry in an increasing number of countries, including in Central Asia. Avian influenza has also caused suffering and death in humans and experts fear that it may transform into a new influenza pandemic. A global influenza pandemic could have catastrophic social and economic consequences. The meeting in Almaty, Kazakhstan, is a regional follow-up to global-level meetings held in Geneva ([*Partners Meeting on Avian Influenza and Human Pandemic Influenza*](#); 7-9 November 2005), Beijing ([*International Pledging Conference on Avian and Human Influenza*](#); 17-18 January 2006) and Vienna ([*Senior Officials' Meeting on Avian and Human Pandemic Influenza*](#), 6-7 June 2006).

Objectives

- * Participants gain knowledge of outbreak control management and preparedness planning;
- * Assess country-level preparedness and stage of implementation, including review of strategies for multisectoral collaboration;
- * Identify appropriate mechanisms to improve regional collaboration and coordination to fight avian influenza and emerging infectious diseases in general.

Target participants

Senior government representatives from 10 countries: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, People's Republic of China (including Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region), Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. From each country officials of different sectors (human and animal health, preparedness and contingency planning) will participate. Attendance is by invitation only.

Expected outputs

- * Countries identify gaps in preparedness and implementation;
- * Countries identify short-term strategies for addressing identified gaps,
- * Donors meet to share and coordinate planned funding and program efforts

Officials from international organizations attending

- Jacques Jeugmans, Yukihiro Shiroishi ([Asian Development Bank](#), Manila)
- Ray Arthur * ([Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), Atlanta)
- Michael Favorov * ([Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), Almaty)
- Peet Tüll ([European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control](#), Stockholm)
- Roberto Esposito ([European Commission](#), Brussels)
- Giancarlo Ferrari * ([FAO](#), Rome)
- Nikola Belev, Christiane Brusckhe *, Evgani Nipoklonov ([OIE](#), Paris)
- Christina Carlson * ([UNDP Regional Bureau for Europe and the CIS](#), New York)
- Morten Giersing * ([UNICEF Regional Office for CEE/CIS](#), Geneva)
- Simon Strickland * ([UN System Influenza Coordination](#), New York)
- Robert Rosenberg ([USAID](#), Washington)
- Annette Dixon ([World Bank, Office for Central Asia Region](#), Almaty)
- Michael Perdue * ([WHO Global Influenza Programme](#), Geneva)
- Bernardus Ganter * ([WHO Regional Office for Europe](#), Copenhagen)

[* key presentations]

Languages/ interpretation

English, Russian, Chinese

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Venue

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