



**PRESENTATION BY AVTA – VPP**  
**CONFERENCE IN PRETORIA.**

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# Africa veterinary Technicians Association (AVTA)

Is a membership organization whose aims are;

To promote and defended the interest of all Para veterinarians with a special interest in the Animal Resource industry to safeguard the profession in the African region



- To promote and improve the animal recourses industry through the Para-professional services.
- To act as the official voice of advocacy for the veterinary Para-profession

- To organize and facilitate meetings and other scientific exchange between members and member Associations regionally
- Provide and receive support from member veterinary Para –professional Associations.

# MEMBERSHIP

## 1. Principle membership

- National veterinary Para-professional associations of countries recognized by the African Union , provided that such associations are private organizations funded mainly by subscriptions of its members and partnerships.



## 2 . Private membership

- Include stakeholders and non-governmental organizations that add value to the Animal Resource Industry to be admitted for a specified period but shall have no voting rights.

### **3 . Associate membership**

- Include National veterinary regulatory authorities, National regulators of the veterinary practice and Para veterinary associations/specialty groups that are not regarded as principal members.

## 4. Honorary membership.

- Offered to non-Para veterinarians whom the Association considers to have rendered outstanding service to the veterinary profession in the region.



## 5. Corporate membership

- Major regional sponsors and partners may be granted corporate membership for a specified period.

## VETERINARY PARA-PROFESSIONAL(Oie definition)

- Means a person who, for the purposes for the terrestrial code, is authorized by the veterinary statutory body to carry out certain designated task (dependent upon the category of veterinary Para-professional)in a territory, and delegated to them under the responsibility and direction of a veterinarian.

# CATEGORIES

- Animal Health Technicians
- Veterinary Nurses
- Laboratory Technologists
- Meat Inspectors
- Artificial Inseminators
- CBAHW
- etc

# SERVICES OFFERED BY PARA VETERINARIANS

- ❖ Veterinary disease control and surveillance (treatment and vaccination)
- ❖ Vector control
- ❖ Veterinary laboratory services (data collection and analysis)









- ❖ Veterinary public health –meat inspection
- ❖ Training institutions-lecturers and demonstrators
- ❖ Artificial insemination







❖ Extension services

❖ Disease reporting

❖ Protection of animal welfare

❖ Research institutions. Etc



# CHALLENGES

- ❖ Lack of or inadequate legal recognition
- ❖ Inappropriate categorization of para-veterinarians
- ❖ Lack of standardization in training

❖ Intimidations

❖ Discrimination (e.g. in risk rewards, training etc)

❖ Restricted employment opportunities

❖ Ineffective research –extension- farmer linkages.

❖ Lack of appropriate veterinary infrastructure

# STRATEGIC THEMES

**AVTA** will focus its activities on key themes that impact on the performance of the livestock sector and include:

- ❖ policy and legal frameworks.
- ❖ Standards, ethics and regulations
- ❖ Data bank and information.
- ❖ Capacity building and welfare of members.

**THANKS**