



# Country Presentation: Activities carried out by Focal Point since 2010 – Nigeria



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# Outline

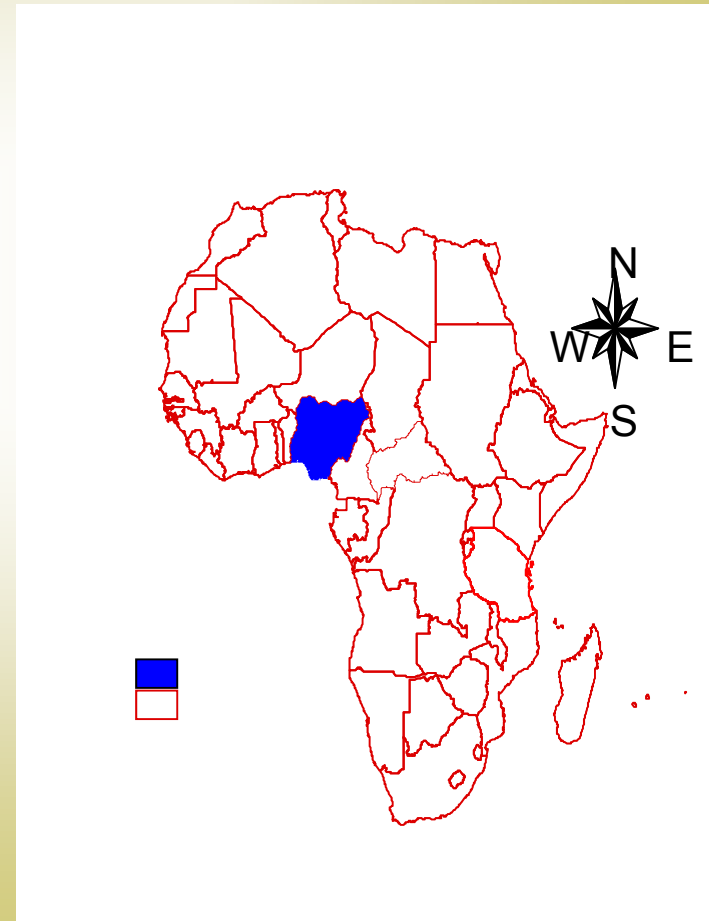


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# Background on Nigeria



- Location – West Africa
- Shares border with Benin, Niger, Chad and Cameroon
- Size – 923,500sq Km
- Human Population – 170+million
- Federal System – 3 tiers, Federal, States (36) + Federal Capital Territory & LGAs (774) and 71,060 localities



# Introduction



- ❧ Focal points for VP established at the 76<sup>th</sup> SG in 2008
- ❧ From 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle training focal points were to work to improve registration, distribution and quality control of VMP nationally and other responsibilities in their ToRs
- ❧ 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle training focus was on establishment of monitoring plan for veterinary drug residue and AMR

# Terms of Reference for Focal Points



- ToR - the responsibilities of the focal points are under the authority of the OIE Delegate. Any information transmitted to the OIE from the different focal points needs to be transmitted under the designated authority of the OIE Delegate
  - to establish a network of veterinary product experts within his country or to communicate with existing networks;
  - to establish and maintain a dialogue with the Competent Authority for veterinary products in his country, and to facilitate cooperation and communication among several authorities where responsibility is shared;
  - under the authority of the OIE Delegate of his country, to monitor legislation on and control of veterinary products to ensure that these are in support of OIE international standards, guidelines and recommendations;
  - to act as a contact point with the OIE on matters related to veterinary products;



# Terms of Reference for Focal Points (contd)



- to receive from the OIE Headquarters information on VICH activities and copies of the reports of the Biological Standards Commission and other relevant reports, should they address discussion points on veterinary products;
- to conduct, on request, the in-country consultation process with recognised veterinary product experts on draft texts of standards and/or on guidelines and recommendations proposed in those reports; and
- to prepare comments for the Delegate on each of the relevant meeting reports reflecting the scientific view and position of the individual OIE Member and/or the region, including comments on the proposals for new or revised OIE standards and guidelines and recommendations related to veterinary products.



# Activities

# Departmental



- ❧ Administration / analysis of questionnaires to obtain a baseline data on stakeholders
- ❧ Execution of stakeholders' round table meeting
  - ❧ To establish a network of stakeholders in the regulation of veterinary medicinal products.
  - ❧ To streamline and harmonize activities of stakeholders and agree on channels for information sharing.
- ❧ The 'First Antibiotics Awareness Week'



# OIE



- ❧ OIE Survey on stability testing
- ❧ Facilitation of compilation of comments on 3 VICH guidelines – GL 34, 50 and 51
- ❧ Data collection from Nigeria - AI Vaccines and Vaccination Program
- ❧ List of growth promoters used in Nigeria

# OIE



- ❧ Completion of questionnaires
  - ❧ Monitoring of quantities of antimicrobial agents used in animals
- ❧ Participation in the FAO/WHO Survey on Veterinary Drugs Usage in Nigeria
- ❧ **Collection of data on antimicrobial use in animals**
- ❧ Other duties
  - ❧ Facilitation of completing of technical items with questionnaires for the OIE SG and Africa Regional Commission (20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>) meetings



# Synergies

# ECOWAS



- ❧ ECOWAS – at its Animal Health networks meeting the member states recommended
  - ❧ harmonization of procedures for accreditation of veterinary medicines and allied products
  - ❧ Adoption and domestication of the global action plan on AMR

# NAFDAC



- ☞ NAFDAC – the Directorate of Veterinary Medicine and Allied Products (VMAP) has fully taken off.
- ☞ Registration, marketing,
- ☞ Blacklisted the importation of prohibited antimicrobial drugs

# Codex Alimentarius Commission



- ❧ Participation in the FAO/WHO Survey on Veterinary Drugs Usage in Nigeria
- ❧ Pilot Survey on Countries' Needs for Codex MRLs
- ❧ Survey to determine the carryover of veterinary drugs in animal feeds in Nigeria
- ❧ Participation in the electronic working groups (EWG) of Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Food (CCRVDF).
- ❧ Proposal to set up a National Veterinary Drugs Monitoring Team



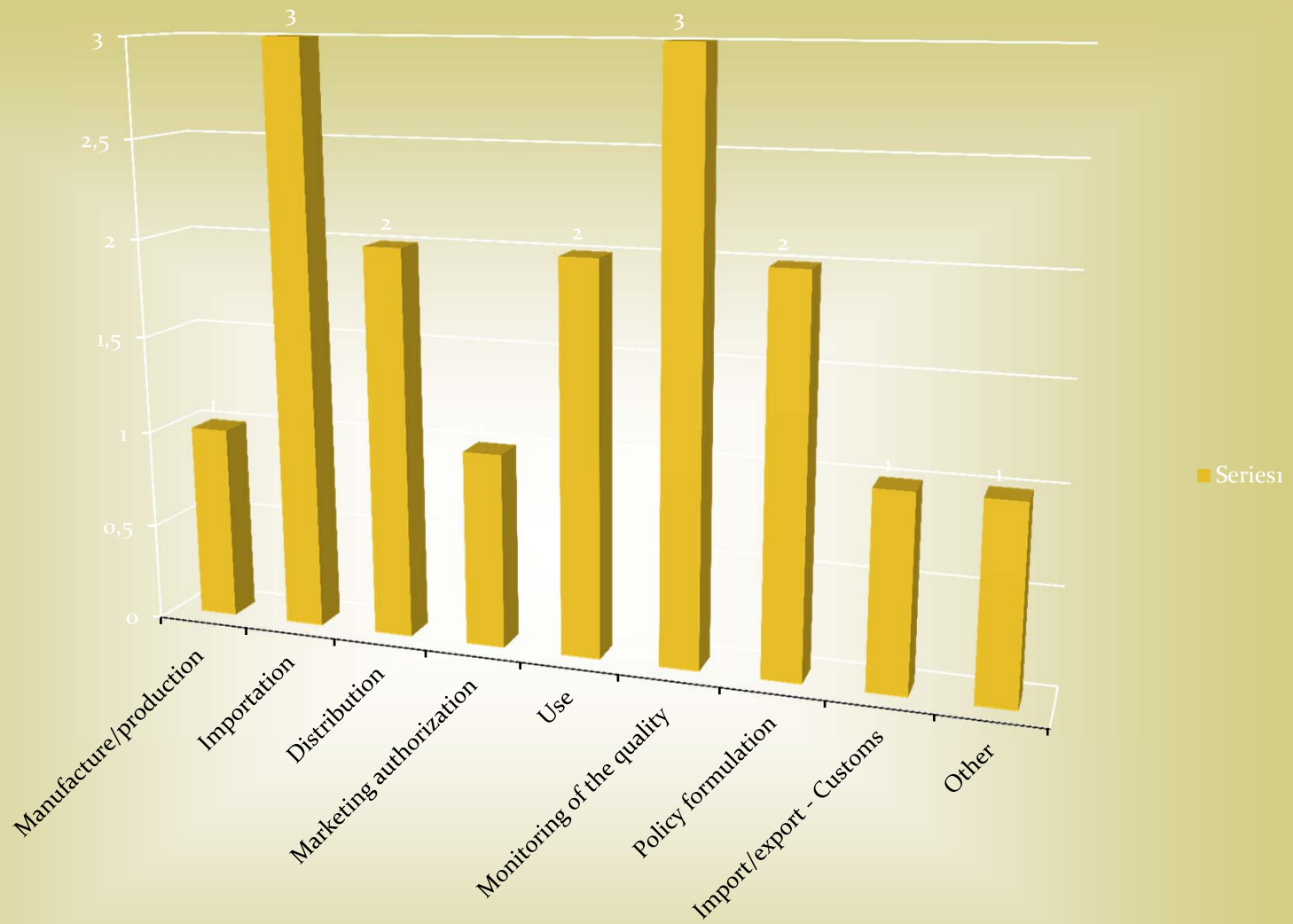
# Achievements



# Questionnaire for baseline data on Stakeholders



- ❧ Analysis of the questionnaires showed:
  - ❧ Some activities are carried out by several organizations
  - ❧ Areas of comparative advantage and those with shared responsibilities
  - ❧ Although collaboration is taking place at level of meetings, no data/information is being shared and minimal joint activities are being carried out.



Responsibilities of organizations

# Stakeholders round table meeting



- ❧ Some stakeholders and Focal points identified for the purpose of networking
- ❧ Establishment of dialogue among other authorities with shared responsibilities to facilitate cooperation
- ❧ Identification of more stakeholders
- ❧ Agreements on the way forward

# 1<sup>st</sup> Antibiotics Awareness Week



- ❧ Coincided with the Nigeria Veterinary Medical Association (NVMA) annual conference
- ❧ Production of banners and handbills in liaison with the NVMA

# ToRs - 1, 2, 4,5,6,7



- ∞ Focal point has accomplished varying degrees a successes as per the mandate in the ToRs above.

# Challenges



- ❧ Weak collaboration between stakeholders
- ❧ Enforcement of laws and regulations.
- ❧ Lack of clear lines of authority between competent authorities (NAFDAC, CVO, NAQS and Customs Service) on issues of importation of veterinary medicines and biologicals.
- ❧ Purchase / administration of some products by farmers
- ❧ Paucity of vets especially in rural areas
- ❧ Funding for implementation of activities



*Thanks for your attention*