



# REINFORCING VETERINARY GOVERNANCE IN AFRICA PROGRAMME

**Regional Seminar for Member States of COMESA  
on Regional Harmonisation of Legislation in the Veterinary Domain  
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**Objectives, Results, Structure, and Brief on VET-GOV Activities**



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**Project Title:  
REINFORCING VETERINARY  
GOVERNANCE IN AFRICA  
Decision 022-156**

**Overall objectives**

**“Improve the contribution of livestock to food security and safety, economic growth and wealth creation in Africa”.**

**The specific objective**

**“Improve the institutional environment at national and regional levels to provide effective and efficient animal health services in Africa”**

## **VET-GOV Programme Implementation Arrangements**



**The programme implementation has been designed on the principles of subsidiarity and respects the mandates and the relationships of the different institutions involved:**

**AU-IBAR** is in charge of the overall coordination of the programme and will implement most activities either directly or through the **RECs**.

**RECs:** providing support to individual MSs, & ensuring coordination and harmonisation .

**FAO** (i) sustaining the regional animal health networks and (ii) be widely mobilised in relation to policy analysis

**OIE** implementing activities related to (i) enhancing capacity of countries to assess compliance with OIE standards, (ii) Building capacity in veterinary legislation and (iii) ensuring interoperability between ARIS & WAHIS.

**VET-GOV Programme**  
**Programme costs and financing**



**Programme period is 5 years**

**Programme was launched on January 16, 2012**

**Programme ends August 2017**

**The total programme cost is EUR 31 200 000,**

***of which***

**EUR 30 000 000 financed from the Intra ACP line of the 10th EDF in the framework of the Cotonou Agreement.**

**EUR 1 200 000 financed by the AUC**

**VET-GOV Programme**  
**Expected results:**



- 1. Knowledge And Awareness Creation**
- 2. Capacity Development On Formulation**
- 3. Capacity Development On Implementation**

## Collating and documenting data to support knowledge creation

### *Collating baseline information on Livestock policies, AH strategies and veterinary legislations and their analysis*

The livestock policy landscaping has been completed and published. The work highlighted the following predominant policy directions:

- Poverty reduction / Wealth creation
- Food and nutrition security
- Public sector role
- Public Private Partnerships
- Investment in livestock as a means to wealth creation
- Equity
- Climate change and Resilience

The full report can be downloaded from <http://www.au-ibar.org/vet-gov-resources/vet-gov-studies>

## Collating and documenting data to support knowledge creation

### *Collating relevant data and evidence required for policy development*

studies on livestock contribution to gross domestic product (GDP) have been completed in the IGAD region and published.

The full reports can be downloaded from <http://www.au-ibar.org/vet-gov-resources/vet-gov-studies>

## VET-GOV Programme Progress



### *Support pilot activities in selected countries or RECs*

- The overall objective of the pilot activities is to generate good practices of institutional strengthening of veterinary services replicable at least in the same region.
  - 16 pilot activities were supported with the total cost of 2 610 850 Dollars
1. Establishment of epidemiological surveillance network for ticks and tick-borne diseases in **Comoros**
  2. Evaluation of basic veterinary care in **Mauritius**
  3. Studies on policies, legal and institutional framework of Veterinary Services in **Tanzania**
  4. Review of veterinary legislation and policy framework in **Uganda**
  5. Sensitization and support of political reform in the national livestock services delivery in **Sao Tome**
  6. Livestock identification and traceability in the savannah region of **Togo**
  7. Veterinary policy formulation and advocacy for enactment of veterinary legislations in **South Sudan**
  8. Enhancing public veterinary services for improved animal health and veterinary public health in **Tunisia**.
  9. Policies, laws, regulations and procedures for veterinary medicinal products and biologicals in the **EAC**
  10. Improving veterinary laboratory policy in **Kenya**
  11. Support the implementation of the health mandate in **Benin**
  12. Strengthening the capacity of the veterinary surgeon council in **Botswana**
  13. The establishment of a CBPP scientific network in the **SADC**
  14. Strengthening PPP in the delivery of veterinary services in **Sudan**
  15. Regional animal welfare action plan in **IGAD**
  16. Livestock data sources and harmonization for enhanced policy formulation and analysis in **Nigeria**



**Collating and documenting data to support knowledge creation**

***Supporting pilot activities in selected countries or RECs***

**16 Pilot activities were supported**

- **SADC, Mauritius, IGAD and Tanzania have completed their pilot projects.**
- **Sao Tome & Principe, Comoros, Sudan and South Sudan will be completed in May 2017**
- **The rest of pilot activities are envisaged to be completed by July 2017. .**

## Undertaking evidence-based advocacy

### *Engagement of policy makers, civil society organisations*

- The establishment and operationalization of a community of practice of PSs was put in motion through the development of an e-platform which will be pre-tested May 2017.
- Stakeholders retreat on the development of the African Animal Welfare strategy and Action plan was organized during the period 6-8th March 2017

### *Engaging the Parliamentarians*

- Workshop with the Pan African Parliamentarians (PAP) 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> November 2015 in Nairobi
- The objectives for the engagement with the Pan African parliamentarians are:
  - To create awareness amongst the members of PAP on the LiDeSA, PFRS, VET GOV Programme and its activities and SPS Activities.
  - To establish a plan of action and roadmap for with the members of PAP at national, regional and continental levels on the LiDeSA, PFRS, VETGOV and SPS.
- Two workshops on Improving the understanding of the SPS issues by members of the PAP, conducted, 21-24th , 28th – 30th November 2016 in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire and Nairobi, Kenya respectively:
  - For awareness and sensitization on the importance of SPS issues for the life and health of humans, animals and plants and on trade.
  - For engagement in the advocacy for more investment in the SPS area by national governments and by AU.

## Undertaking evidence-based advocacy

### *Supporting participation of livestock stakeholders' organisations in lobbying and advocacy fora*

- Support was provided to Young Livestock Farmers from 8 SADC MSs to participate in the SACAU Annual Conference in Swaziland on “Youth, technology and Agricultural Transformation in Southern Africa”.

*The conference attended by 184 from 17 countries. More than 91 representatives of young farmers from 11 countries also attended the conference.*

- Support provided to livestock smallholders, producers and traders of livestock and livestock products, poor and vulnerable.

*Training on processing techniques for milk and cheese products for native women of the 4 countries of west Africa (Gambia, Guinea, Mali and Senegal), 19 to 24 December 2016, The results achieved were to enable the beneficiaries to have basic knowledge on the simplified management skills.*

## Building the capacity for livestock policy and AH strategy Formulation

### *Building the capacity of livestock stakeholders' organizations for policy and strategy development*

- Support was provided to the regional farmer's organization of ECCASS, PROPAC to train its members on business planning and designing websites dedicated to livestock farmer organizations to inform policy makers.

*These two activities have been carried out from 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> of June 2016 in Douala Cameroon.*

- In the SADC region the VET-GOV team represented AU-IBAR's contribution to the SACAU Annual General Meeting & Conference in Swaziland.
- In the IGAD region the VET-GOV VET-GOV is supporting NEALCO to organize the Livestock Expo, officially launched and opened for public visit in Nairobi on 15th and 16th of June 2017;

## Building the capacity for the review and development of AH legislation

### *Development and/or adopting legislation frameworks*

- Since its commencement in 2012, the VET GOV programme has provided financial support to 18 of the OIE Veterinary Legislation Identification missions conducted in Africa.
- Various specific missions, following a Veterinary Legislation Identification mission, have also been conducted in Africa under the VET GOV to assist countries to prepare and set up an agreement with OIE, to strengthen its veterinary legislation.
- As of December 2016, 9 countries have requested an agreement with the OIE for longer term collaboration to strengthen their veterinary legislation.
- Two more countries (Burkina Faso and Côte d'Ivoire) signed an agreement with the OIE for longer term collaboration.
- The first such agreement with Uganda, came to a close in 2016.

## Building the capacity for the review and development of AH legislation

### *Providing training in legislation review and development*

- AU-IBAR, with OIE organized 6 regional seminars on harmonization of veterinary legislation attended by veterinary and legal experts responsible for drafting veterinary legislation
  - *In the ECCAS from 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014, Yaoundé, Cameroun, with the focus of disease control legislation*
  - *In the IGAD from 23<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014, Khartoum, Sudan, with the focus of disease control legislation*
  - *In the UMA from 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2015, Tunis, Tunisia, with the focus of Animal disease control and management of animal movements*
  - *In the SADC from 6<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> July 2015 Maseru, Lesotho with the focus of disease control legislation,*
  - *In the EAC region from 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> August 2016, Arusha, Tanzania with the focus of regulation of veterinary medicines and biologicals.*
- The last (under the VET-GOV project) training seminar for COMESA is currently held on 3 – 7 July 2017 in Lusaka, Zambia.
- To create a critical mass of experienced staff, A 2 days orientation workshop on quality of veterinary legislation conducted 10-11<sup>th</sup> November 2016 for 10 AU-IBAR and IGAD staff y

## Providing guidance for livestock policy, AH strategies and legislation, adoption, review and harmonisation.

### *Supporting establishment and operation of policy hubs*

- In COMESA, All countries have established their livestock policy hubs and a regional LPH was also established
- In ECOWAS, All countries have established their livestock policy hubs except Cape Verde. A regional LPH was also established in ECOWAS
- In SADC, All countries of SADC have established their national policy hubs except South Africa.
- In ECCAS a Policy hub has been established in each of ECCAS countries and equally initiated at the regional level.
- In EAC and IGAD Policy hub has been established in each of countries and equally initiated at the regional level.
- In UMA, Libya and Algeria are yet to establish their national livestock policy hubs.
- FAO provided a 2 day training on policies and policy formulation targeting livestock policy hub members in Tanzania in 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2016.

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*Supporting establishment and operation of policy hubs*

*Two firms were identified to develop livestock policy as follows:*

- **COMESA :**
- Livestock policy development in the following countries: **Comoros, DRC, Madagascar, Malawi and Seychelles**
- Development of a Strategic plan, Bio-security Bill, and Animal Health Strategies for **Seychelles**
- Value chain studies in **Madagascar**
- LITS and livestock contribution GDP in **Malawi**
- **EAC:**
- Livestock policy development in: **Burundi, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda**
- Animal Resources Policy Development in **Rwanda**
- Profiling and demonstration of livestock contribution to the economy for increase investment in **Uganda**
- **ECAS :**
- Livestock policy development in: **Congo, Equatorial Guinea and Gabon**



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- **IGAD:**

- Livestock policy development in the following countries: **Eritrea and South and Central Somalia**
- Policy development of other sector policies (e.g. Breeding, dairy, pastoralism, livestock genetic resource conservation and disease control in **South Sudan**)
- Review and or development of marketing and pricing policies of livestock, livestock products, and inputs in **Eritrea**

- **SADC :**

- livestock policy development in: **Angola, Lesotho, Namibia and Swaziland**

- **ECOWAS : coming**

- Livestock policy development in: **Benin, Cape Verde, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Nigeria and Togo**
- Review of land tenure and land use policy related to livestock & National livestock policy on vets and para-vets in **Gambia**

- **UMA: coming**

- Review of Livestock policy and legislation in **Algeria**
- Development of National Livestock Policy in **Libya**

## Providing guidance for livestock policy, AH strategies and legislation, adoption, review and harmonisation.

### *Providing technical backstopping for policy, strategy and legislative processes*

- In the ECOWAS training was undertaken to Cote d'Ivoire on the assessment and validation of the veterinary legislation.
- In the EAC, the following support was provided
  - Orientation workshop on CAADP for the Kenya LPH
  - Training workshop for the Tanzanian LPH on Strategic communication, design of livestock Policies and use of EXTRAPOLATE Tool for ranking Policy Alternatives with focus on Livestock,
  - The development to the EAC Leather Value to develop a regional Leather and Foot ware Strategy.
- In the SADC: VET-GOV provided technical backstopping in the Implementation modalities of NAPs in Lesotho and Swaziland.
- In COMESA, Zambia and Mauritius have been supported to develop and validate their livestock policy and veterinary legislation. Comoros, DRC, Malawi, Madagascar and Seychelles will be assisted by consultants who have already been recruited.
- Preparation of the project document for the proposed veterinary legislation project (PRINT VETLEG) to be financed in 2018 or 2019.

## Enhancing capacities for timely collection, analysis and sharing of accurate sanitary information.

*Rolling out ARIS in more African countries and assuring safe interconnectivity with WAHIS and other animal health information systems.*

- ARIS has been rolled out in 51 countries and 8 RECs.
- Technical backstopping provided mostly online and based on demand.
- Technical backstopping provided to francophone epidemiologists of ECOWAS.
- 38 MSs are using the system effectively either directly, on-line or through the system generated spreadsheet format
- **The inter-connectivity of ARIS with the WAHIS,**
  - Certain new initiatives were identified , such as the comparative inventory of data requirements for the next generation of both of the ARIS and WAHIS system.
  - Time remaining under the VET GOV would not allow for such initiatives to be fully completed and an exit strategy should be defined.
- **Training on data collection and analysis**

The Ghana and Mali National Animal Resources Data Management Platform (ARDMP) was officially launched on 18<sup>th</sup> August and 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016 respectively

## Strengthening disease prevention and control mechanisms at national and regional level

*Support regional networks (labs, epidemio-surveillance, communication, socio-economic).*

- **Networks in place:**
- **the following networks are in place,**
  - **EASTERN AFRICA (Eastern Africa Epidemiology Network, Eastern Africa Laboratory network , Regional Animal health Network (CVOs network), Eastern Africa African Swine Fever Working Group)**
  - **ECOWAS (RESOLAB WA, RESEPI, CVO)**
  - **ECCAS (RESOLAB CA, RESEPI CA)**
  - **SADC (LTC)**
  - **AFRICA (LSPNET)**

## Strengthening disease prevention and control mechanisms at national and regional level

### *Supporting the implementation of IRCM for control of TADs.*

- VET-GOV is currently supporting 15 countries for the development of national PPR control/eradication strategy on basis of estimated budget of USD 15,000 for every country with the total of USD 225,000.

### *Supporting the development and/or harmonisation of regional contingency and emergency plans*

- The disease prioritization exercise in the EAC MSs was completed and national reports published;
- ECOWAS updated its regional disease control regulation and developed an HPAI regional contingency plan;
- During the meeting held in Cairo, Egypt 19<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> December 2016, the regional contingency plan for FMD, PPR and RVF in UMA region and Egypt was developed and approved
- Animal health strategy and Contingency in IGAD were developed in April 2017 in collaboration with IGAD

## Facilitating the participation of African countries in AH standard setting processes

### *Gathering, analyzing and disseminating relevant information on AH standards*

- Technical meetings and one common position meeting were organized every year.
- Since 2012 VET-GOV supported annually the Technical Group in preparation of the Pan African CVOs meeting on Africa's coordinated position on animal health standards in Nairobi, Kenya.
- The objectives of the meetings were to:
  - Review reports of scientific, ad hoc and code commissions and proposed changes to the codes;
  - Identify areas of high priority and common interest for Africa;
  - Analyze rationalize, justify consequences and impact to the Codes

## Facilitating the participation of African countries in AH standard setting processes

### *Organizing consultation mechanisms for common position building at regional and continental levels*

- VET-GOV is supporting annually the Pan African CVOs meeting on Africa's coordinated position on animal health standards held in Nairobi - Kenya.
- The meetings achieved the following:
  - Proposed common written position comments for the African continent on the proposed amendments;
  - Endorsed a global approach to strengthen African common position and improve participation all along the OIE standard setting process;
  - Enhanced the work of African experts and centers of excellence in the area of animal health standards, to be incorporated in commissions and working groups; and
  - Harmonized processes of consultation on OIE standards at national level, including ways of involving the private sector.

## Facilitating the participation of African countries in AH standard setting processes

### *Organizing consultation mechanisms for common position building at regional and continental levels*

- During the General Sessions of the OIE the participation of African Delegates was very good, well-focused, and well-coordinated.
- *The cooperation and coordination between Africa and the EU was a real success.*
- *The AU-IBAR team is play a critical role in coaching and guiding the African delegates and ensuring their contribution is well coordinated and up to standard.*
- VET-GOV is supporting the pan-African meetings of national codex contact points on coordinated positions on codex standards.
- *The meetings reached common positions on matters for adoption related to the work of the different CODEX committees*



## Enhancing capacity of RECs and countries to assess the compliance of veterinary services with OIE standards

### *Conducting PVS Evaluation Follow-up missions*

- As of December 2016, 17 PVS Evaluation Follow-Up mission requests had been received from MSs in Africa, all of which have been implemented.
- Since its commencement in 2012, the VET GOV programme has provided financial support to 13 PVS Evaluation Follow-Up missions.

## Enhancing capacity of RECs and countries to assess the compliance of veterinary services with OIE standards

### *Enhancing capacities in countries and RECs to strengthen participation in PVS follow-up*

- Support was provided to
  - The OIE National Focal Points for Communication on standards, communication approaches and risk communication, organisation of a communication plan to raise awareness, and crisis management and addressing the press.
  - The national OIE focal points for wildlife surveillance,

## Enhancing capacity of RECs and countries to assess the compliance of veterinary services with OIE standards

### *Monitoring on the use of the OIE PVS as self-evaluation tool*

#### **PVS Evaluation mission**

- As of today, 53 initial PVS Evaluation mission requests received from African MSs and 51 initial PVS Evaluation missions implemented.
- Since its commencement in 2012, VET GOV programme provided financial support to 5 PVS Evaluation missions in Africa.

#### **PVS Gap Analysis (PVS Costing Tool) mission**

- As of December 2016, 52 PVS Gap Analysis (PVS Costing Tool) mission requests have been received from African MSs and of which 49 missions have been implemented

## Enhancing capacity of RECs and countries to assess the compliance of veterinary services with OIE standards

### *Monitoring on the use of the OIE PVS as self-evaluation tool*

- Since its commencement in 2012, the VET GOV programme has
  - provided financial support to 16 PVS Gap Analysis missions.
  - provided financial support to 3 PVS Pathway Laboratory missions.
- The 5th meeting of Deans and Principles of Faculties and School of Veterinary Medicine or Science in Southern and Eastern Africa, took place on 11 to 12 August 2016 in Maputo (Mozambique).
- The Continental Meeting on Veterinary Education for Improving Quality of Veterinary Training for Enhanced Veterinary Services and Socio-economic Development is currently taking place in Dakar, Senegal 5th to 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017
- A team of 5 consultants were selected to undertake mapping of capacities of veterinary statutory bodies in the continent

## Visibility actions

- All reports, meeting banners and presentation have the partners and EC logos.
- An AU-IBAR webpage dedicated to the VETGOV programme is available here: [www.au-ibar.org/vet-gov](http://www.au-ibar.org/vet-gov)
- A dedicated OIE project website presenting the VETGOV programme in compliance with the donor's visibility and communication requirements available at : [www.rr-africa.oie.int/vetgov.html](http://www.rr-africa.oie.int/vetgov.html)

# PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT

## Programme management meeting

- A technical Coordination team (AU-IBAR, FAO, OIE, EU) was formed and planned to meet three times a year
- The 8<sup>th</sup> coordination meeting (AU-IBAR, FAO, OIE and EU) took place on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in Nairobi and was hosted by AU-IBAR addressing updates on implementation progress, presentations and discussions on proposed riders and sharing and consolidating of calendars of events

## Programme completion

- The VETGOV team conducted the project completion planning workshop, 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017 to track progress against indicators, to develop accelerated implementation schedules, to review progress on pilot projects implementation, to review progress on policy hub action plans; and building consensus on the exit strategy roll out.
- The outcome of the workshop was
  - The VET-GOV 2017 completion work plan and budget
  - The consolidated calendar of events



# Thank You



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