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# Seminar Objectives and Structure

REGIONAL SEMINAR FOR MEMBER STATES OF THE  
COMMON MARKET FOR EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA (COMESA)  
ON REGIONAL HARMONISATION OF LEGISLATION IN THE VETERINARY DOMAIN

JULY 3 – 7, 2017, LUSAKA, ZAMBIA

# Background to this Seminar

- AU-IBAR with OIE and FAO implementing the VET-GOV programme.
- General seminars on veterinary legislation in Naivasha (Francophone) & Arusha (Anglophone) in Oct & Nov 2013
- Series of REC related seminars on regional harmonisation started with REC member states selecting the topic
- 2014 – ECCAS & IGAD – both animal disease control
- 2015 – UMA & SADC – animal disease control and animal disease control focused on PPR
- 2016 – ECOWAS & EAC – animal disease control and regulation of veterinary products
- 2017 – COMESA – trade and certification

# Objectives

- Review the international standards for veterinary legislation and the principles of legal drafting relative to animal disease control;
- Analyse representative legislation on trade of animals and animal products from within COMESA member countries relative to the international standards for veterinary legislation in Chapter 3.4 of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code;
- Identify gaps, overlaps and conflicts between the relevant animal disease control laws of the COMESA member states;
- Consider regional approaches to addressing gaps, overlaps and conflicts in trade legislation;
- Initiate the collaborative effort among COMESA member states of drafting regional trade legislation to improve the prospects for safe and efficient trade.

# Organisation of Seminar

- **Day 1**
- Background presentations to set the stage
  - International standards
  - Regional approaches to harmonisation
  - Legal considerations
  - Technical veterinary considerations

# Organisation of Seminar

- **Days 2 through 4 – Working in Groups**
- Participants form into 3 working groups:
- French speaking: Burundi, Comoros, DR Congo, Djibouti, Madagascar, Mauritius
- English speaking: Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Libya, Rwanda, Sudan
- English speaking: Malawi, Seychelles, Swaziland, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

# Organisation of Seminar

- **Day 2**
- Sequence 1: Analysis of existing animal disease control laws of COMESA Member States
  - Analysis of the objectives and strategies of trade in animals and animal products as represented in existing laws
  - Identification of problems associated with implementation of existing laws

# Organisation of Seminar

- **Day 3**
- Sequence 2: Developing a regional framework and proposals for regional animal and animal product trade legislation
  - Elaborate regional strategies to address the trade legislation problems identified at the national level
  - Develop mechanisms to create regional legislation and define steps for implementation
  - Develop a draft outline for harmonised regional legislation

# Organisation of Seminar

- **Day 4**
- **Sequence 3: Proposal Evaluation and Programming**
  - Groups assess the impacts of their regional proposals and identify limiting factors
  - Groups develop corrective measures for the limiting factors they have identified
  - Groups work on costing for implementation of their proposals & identify funding mechanisms.



# Organisation of Seminar

- **Half Day 5 - Final morning**
  - Summary of seminar activities and progress
  - Pathway and timeline for further work on regional harmonisation of veterinary legislation
  - Evaluation of seminar by participants

# Thank you for your attention



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