



**GALVmed workshop: Future of Harmonization
for Vaccine Registration
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CONCLUSIONS OF GALVmed WORKSHOP:
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1. What do you think are the benefits and advantages of the mutual recognition system for your country, and can you suggest some initiatives to investigate how to progress such a system?

The benefits of mutual recognition include:

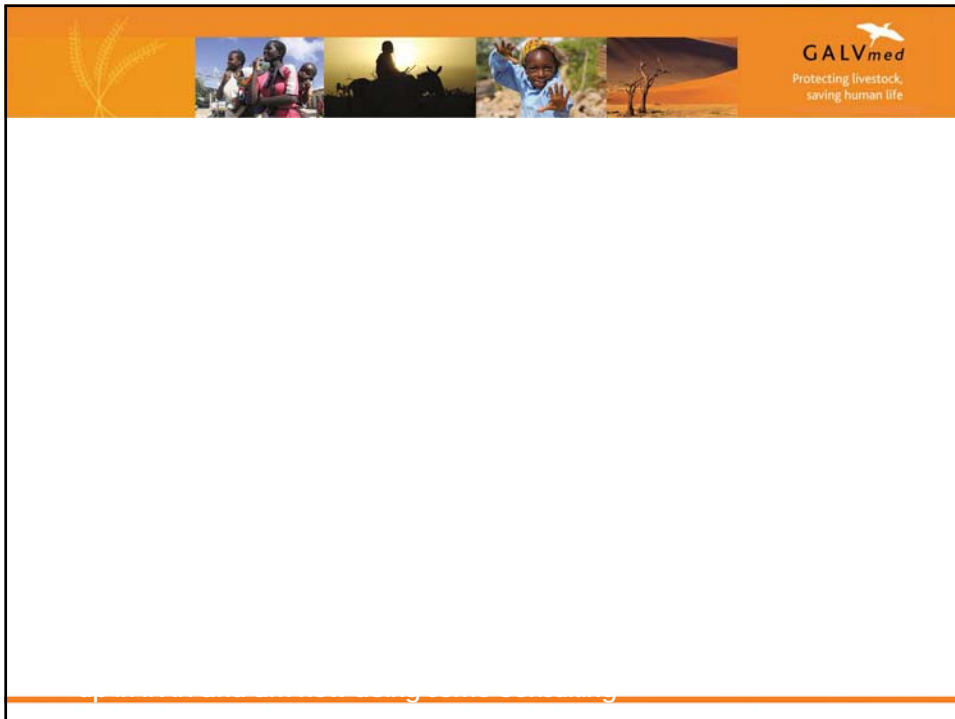
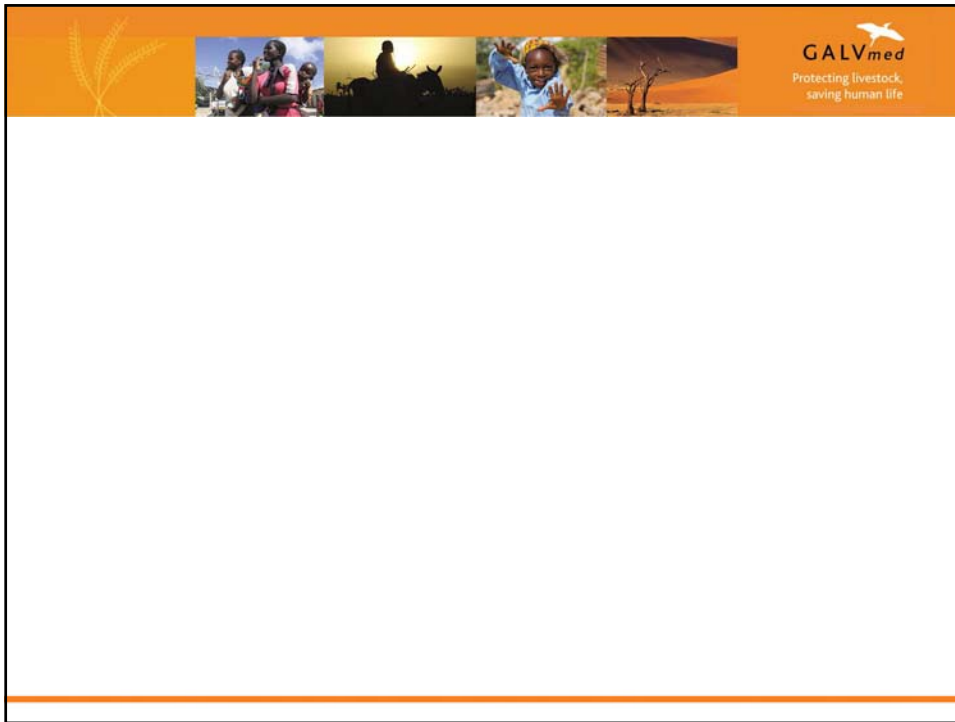
The achievement of common standards for the authorization of veterinary vaccines amongst the countries on a regional basis, to ensure the supply of high quality, safe and efficacious products for disease prevention and control in Africa

A reduction in the cost of registration to the authorities by minimizing duplication and to achieve savings in both financial and manpower resources thus speeding up the regulatory processes

The encouragement of investment in the regions concerned by the legitimate animal health industry, through a more efficient regional approach reducing the need for individual applications in all countries and to reduce counterfeit products

Improving the provision of vaccines to livestock keepers at an affordable price

It provides a “regulatory capacity” for countries which do not have the resources to undertake full regulatory procedures






2. Would your country be willing to participate in a Regional Forum of Regulatory Authorities to continue to work on the way forward for mutual recognition and harmonisation (if not doing so already)?

YES FOR ALL 3 REGIONS




3. Now that PANVAC is fully operational as a “Centre of Excellence” for veterinary vaccines on the African continent, how do you see its role in progressing such an initiative (mutual recognition) with the support of OIE?

The role of PANVAC is seen as critically important and essential to encourage a pan –African approach to regulatory harmonisation, which at a regional level translates into promoting the political support needed amongst senior staff and policy /decision makers, to move this initiative forward in all 3 regions supported by OIE in accordance with the DAKAR recommendations



4 a- If Regional Forums were set up, how does the group see the progress and achievements of the Regional Forum, and what milestones would you like to see in place to meet these achievements in 5 years time?



4b- What would you think will be the challenges to achieve this, and possible mitigation actions?