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Support to Veterinary Legislation reviews in AU Member States

Inception workshop - Fortifying institutional resilience against
biological threats
(FIRABioT) project, 14 – 16 March 2023, Nairobi, Kenya



AU-IBAR/WOAH partnership

Our work on veterinary legislation is based on the **AU-IBAR/WOAH partnership, gaps identified by WOAHA Veterinary Legislation Support Programme (VLSP) Identification Missions** and joint work with WOAHA toward regional harmonization of veterinary legislations

Areas of partnership with WOAHA (*as per 2015 Cooperation Agreement*)

1. Knowledge, data and information management and dissemination
2. Legislation, standard setting, standard implementation, and trade
3. Veterinary profession and veterinary education
4. Strengthening of veterinary services
5. Animal production and farming practices /animal welfare
6. Advocacy and policy guidance



Our work following WOAH Veterinary Legislation Identification missions

- Support MSs update/review their veterinary legislations based on the findings of the WOAH veterinary legislation identification missions
- To mainstream animal welfare in the national veterinary legislation/animal health Bills/Act/Code
- Regional perspective is key for effective implementation of the legislations
- Previous work by AU-IBAR, WOAH, RECS and MSs has identified the following **areas of veterinary domain** for Regional harmonization:



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S/N	Regional Economic Community	Area of Shared Interest
1	COMESA	Legislation related to trade, certification, imports and exports of animals and animal products;
2	ECOWAS	Animal disease control with a focus on priority diseases and zoonoses that has lead to the development and adoption of the Animal health and welfare act
3	EAC	Regulation of veterinary medicines/drugs and biological products.
4	ECCAS	Harmonization of regional veterinary legislation, to better reduce the risk of the spread of cross-border animal diseases and promote the development of safe trade at intra and inter-regional.
5	UMA	Implement the project on « reinforcement and coordination of the control and monitoring measures of animal diseases in the Maghreb countries »
6	SADC	Animal disease control with a focus on prevention and control of PPR
7	IGAD	Animal disease control



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Overall Objective: Ensure that as many African Countries as possible have updated veterinary legislation, which not only meets WOAHA Standards, but also enhances the capacity of African countries to effectively delivery veterinary services.

Specific Objectives of the Process:

1. Enhance the technical capacity of the veterinarians and lawyers supporting the process of review/update of veterinary legislation
2. Facilitate country team review/update/ modernize and to carry out consultations on the legislative objectives to focus on with stakeholders
3. Facilitate country teams to carry out the review/update of veterinary legislation
4. Facilitate stakeholder validation of the reviewed/updated veterinary legislation
5. Facilitate the enactment of the legislation at the national Assembly
6. Facilitate the development of the application texts/decrees and the vulgarization/popularization of the enacted legislation



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The Process:

- 37 countries supported since 2019



Training of Experts on Veterinary Legislation and collective review of veterinary legislation by African Union member states, held in Banjul, the Gambia, from 30th September to 11th October 2019



- **Twenty four (24) countries were supported during the 1st round of training and collective review. The Participants were 75 and comprised of National Task Force members comprising of Two (2) veterinary technical Experts and One (1) legal expert from each of the following countries: Benin, Cameroon, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Congo (DRC), Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Sao Tome & Principe, Sierra Leone, South Sudan,, Zambia and Zimbabwe.**
- Facilitated by an accredited Veterinary Legislation Support Expert by the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)



- **Thirteen (13) countries were supported during the 2nd round. The on-line training took place from 12th to 17th October 2020. The Participants comprised of National Task Force members comprising of two (2) veterinary technical Experts and one (1) legal expert from each of the following countries: Botswana, Cape Verde, Djibouti, Eswatini, Libya, Guinea Bissau, Madagascar, Mauritius, Togo, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, and Tunisia.**
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- AU-IBAR under the framework of Live2Africa with financial support of EU supported National Coordination and the stakeholder engagements
- Support was also provided for National Validation of the drafting Instructions / layman's drafts /drafting instructions
- Advocacy activities for enactment and awareness creation



Validation workshop of veterinary legislation, Juba South Sudan



Outcomes

- The MSs are at various levels of the veterinary legislation review/update process with some having their legislations enacted by their respective parliaments

A few examples:

- **Nigeria:** (Breeder Farms, Hatcheries and Feed Establishments (infectious Diseases Prevention) Regulations- Enacted
- **Sierra Leone:** (Animal Welfare and Protection Bill and the Animal Health Bill before Agricultural Committee of parliament before presentation to Parliament for enactment into law
- **Cote d'Ivoire:** Support to Cote de Ivoire national sensitization and awareness creation workshop to engage the stakeholder along the animal resource value chain on the effective implementation and compliance with the following legislations that are already enacted: (next slide)



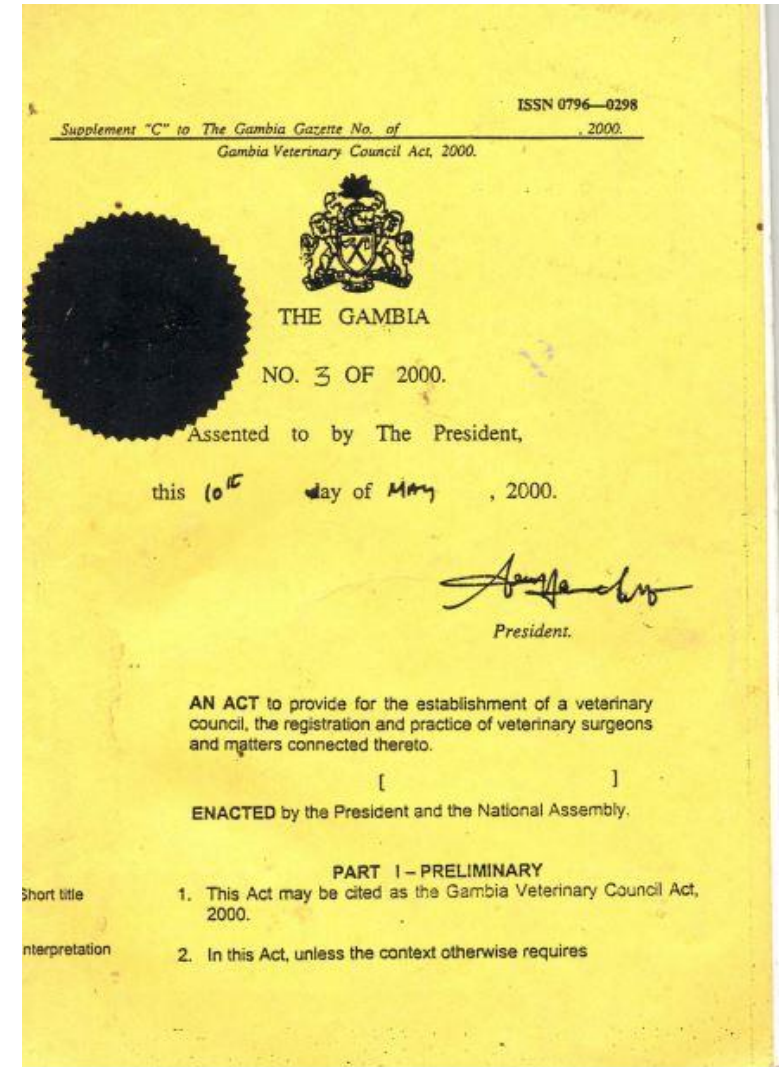
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- Veterinary Public Health Code and its subsequent texts
- Law on fisheries and aquaculture and its subsequent texts
- Law on Transhumance and Animal Movements and its subsequent texts; and
- Regulations relating to animal production.



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Gambia (Diseases of Animals Act and Regulations and the Gambia Veterinary Council Act and regulations are before parliament)









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- Kenya (Animal Health Bill, Animal Welfare and Protection Bill, Veterinary Public Health Bill are before Parliament)
- Among others

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Pursuant to Article 10 (2) (a) of the Constitution, County Stakeholder Consultations that took place in the last week of September 2019 (24th - 26th) and the first week of October 2019 (1st - 3rd), and expert group consultation of 30th October 2019, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries herein invites members of the public, stakeholders in the animal resource industry, special interest groups and any interested person to submit views on the Animal Health Bill, Veterinary Public Health Bill and Animal Welfare and Protection Bill. Submissions may be made through written memoranda or orally as follows:

(a) Written memoranda may be emailed to infodvs@killimo.go.ke to be received on or before **5.00 PM on Tuesday 24th December 2019**.

(b) Oral submissions may be submitted at the Stakeholders Consultation and National Validation Workshop which will be held in **Nairobi City at the Hotel Intercontinental on 11th December 2019 from 8.00 AM - 5.00 PM**.

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