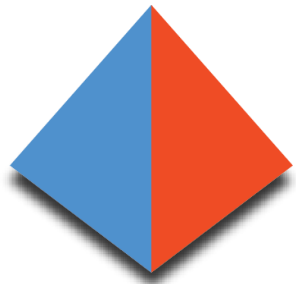


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12th Meeting of the Regional Steering Committee of the GF-TADs for Africa Role of Veterinary Statutory Bodies



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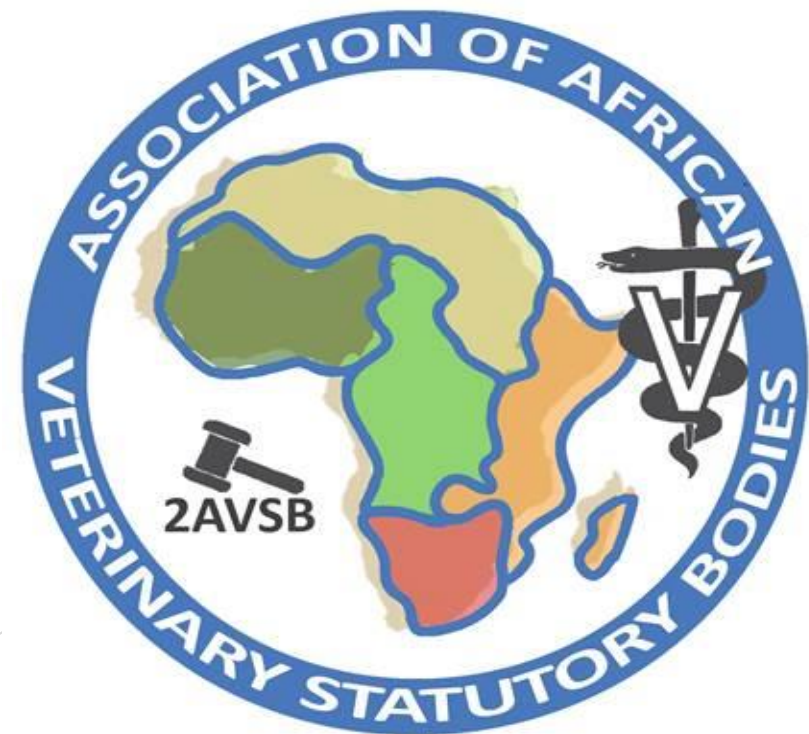
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Update from the Association of African Veterinary Statutory Bodies (2AVSB)

- ▶ Dr Florence Nambasa **Masembe** Kasirye
- ▶ Country: Uganda - **Secretary/Registrar**, Uganda Veterinary Board
- ▶ Africa: **Ag.** President 2AVSB



Status of VSBs in Africa

- Studies by AU-IBAR and others showed that there was inadequate or absence of regulation of veterinary profession in some AU MS
 - Contributes to failure of these MS to comply with WOAH guidelines on veterinary standards
 - Negatively affect production, productivity, profitability and veterinary public health = products of animal origin may remain locked out of the lucrative global markets.

Status of VSBs in Africa

- Specifically:
 - 2017 AU-IBAR Study - 36 (65%) MS had established VSB & 19 (35%) did not
 - Wide variation in legal basis, composition & administrative procedures
 - Varying capacity to implement VSB functions
 - Defining minimum standards for training & codes of conduct
 - Exercise & enforce control over veterinarians & VPPs
 - Provide & administer CPD
 - Applying disciplinary measures - conduct inquiries re professional misconduct

Status of VSBs in Africa 2017



Countries in green with established VSB
65% of the 55 MS
Mtei 2017

Status of VSBs in Africa

- A disparity in the training, categorization and regulation of the practitioners [surgeons and VPPs] and the profession
 - Hinders the emerging efforts to promote seamless mobilization of vet services across MS, in order to distribute veterinary skills where they lack
- The 2AVSB was established & inaugurated 2018 in Cairo to be a platform through which the AU could address these challenges to its development agenda for the Animal resources Sector
 - [Updating status of regulation in the various MS, consultative development of governance of veterinary profession & practice, peer learning, experience & knowledge sharing contributing to dissemination of good practices and general capacity building]

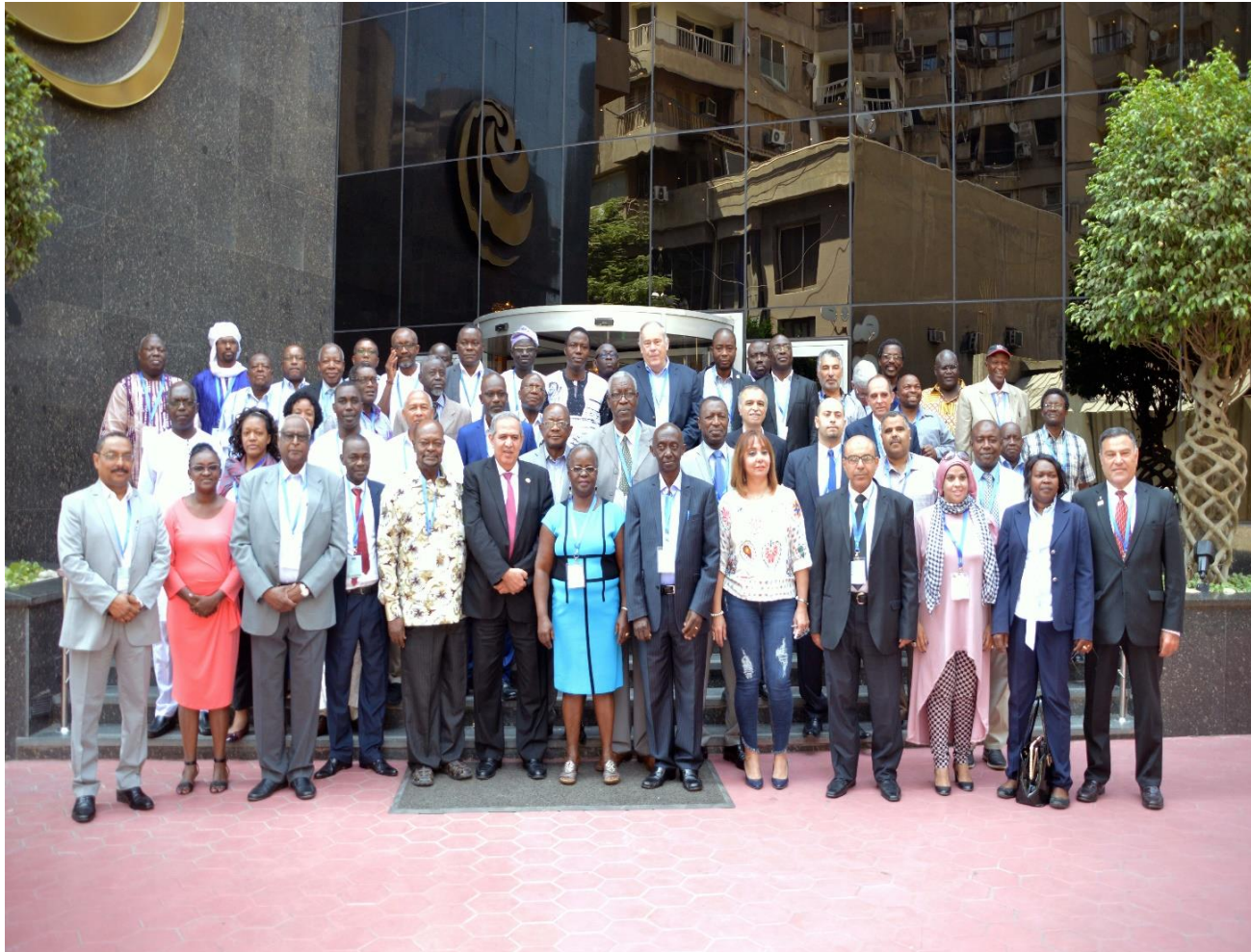
History of Establishment of the 2AVSB

- AU-IBAR nominated a task force with representatives from the regions of Africa to deliberate on the setting up of the 2AVSB
 - Kenya - Dr Mwenda Mbaka - Chairman
 - Senegal - Dr Imame Thiam
 - Morocco - Prof Jamal Hossini-Halali
 - South Africa - Dr Bert Mohr
 - Uganda - Dr Florence Masembe Kasirye
 - Zambia - Dr Edwel Mwaanga

Establishment of the 2AVSB

- Participants at the launch of the 2AVB were representatives of Veterinary Statutory Bodies and Veterinary Associations from 43 African Union Member States:
- Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo Brazzaville, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Swaziland, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda and Zambia.

Participants of the Pan African Conference on the
Establishment and Launch of the Association of African
Veterinary Statutory Bodies (2AVSB)
July 24th 2018 - Egypt



Objectives and Purpose of the 2AVSB

- ▶ To give strategic direction and guidance for effective and efficient VSBs across Africa
- ▶ Encouraging and aiding collaborative efforts among members to streamline and standardize registration, licensing and certification processes for veterinarians and veterinary paraprofessionals.
- ▶ Aiding collaborative efforts among Members to streamline and standardize accreditation processes for veterinary training institutions.
- ▶ Representing the opinions of the Association in those matters related to the provision of veterinary services

Objectives and Purpose of the 2AVSB

- ▶ Assisting Members in fulfilling statutory, public and ethical obligations in legal regulation and enforcement.
- ▶ Overseeing collection and dissemination of information regarding disciplinary actions taken by Members.
- ▶ Identifying and promoting desirable and reasonable uniformity in practice standards and expected outcomes of veterinary education.
- ▶ Encouraging and aiding collaborative efforts among members to streamline and standardize licensing (registration) and certification processes for veterinarians and veterinary paraprofessionals.

Objectives and Purpose of the 2AVSB

- ▶ Providing Members with programs that assist them in meeting their responsibilities on licensure, registration, regulation, and enforcement regarding the practice of veterinary medicine, and veterinary technology where applicable.
- ▶ Advocate for establishment or operationalization of independent autonomous veterinary statutory bodies (VSBs) in AU Member states where such are weak or limited in scope or enforcement or where they do not exist.

Members of the Association

- **Member:** A Veterinary Statutory Body of an AU Member State.
- **Associate Member:** An organisation involved in veterinary-related activities, which is not a VSB in an AU Member state, that is formally recognised by the Executive Committee of the Association.
- Currently - no membership fee but constitution provides for this to be instituted by General Meeting

Executive Committee of the 2AVSB

- ▶ Member States elected to the Executive Committee from 5 geographical regions of Africa to serve 3 year term - **a number have moved on**

Region	Country	Representative VSB	Names
Northern	Tunisia, Morocco	Tunisia, Morocco	Ahmed Rajeb & Prof Jamal Hossini-Halali [Vice President]
Southern	South Africa, Angola	South Africa, Angola	Clive P. Warwick & Tambwe Mukaz
Western	Senegal, Ghana	Senegal, Ghana	Thiam Imame & William Amafu
Eastern	Sudan Uganda	Sudan, Uganda	Prof Mohammed T. Shigidi & Florence M. Kasirye [President]
Central	DRC, Cameroon	DRC, Cameroon	Bruno Miteyo Nyenge & Antoine Tchoubia

Activities Achieved

- Written and approved constitution Cairo 2018
 - *Drafted regulations to operationalize the 2AVSB Constitution - pending General Meeting approval*
- EXCO has held several meetings over the years - [last virtual meeting June 2023 and attempt to convene EXCO - December 2024]
- Association has been supported to participated in several Africa regional meetings as well as CVOs meetings and One Health
- Draft Strategic Plan for the Association - *pending General Meeting approval*
 - *Draft 3 Year Strategic Activity Plan [2024-2026]*

Activities Achieved

- Informal meeting with VSBs who attended the WOAHA organized Workforce meeting November 2024 - disseminated 2AVSB Constitution
- Initiative through FAO VPP supported project - held a meeting between VSBs of Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa & Uganda - shared experiences
 - Proposal to develop this further with regular virtual meeting to share experience and learning best practices - held one meeting and second one due end of march 2025

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Meeting VSBs in Kenya November 2024



Activities Achieved - Kenya November 2024



Future Needs

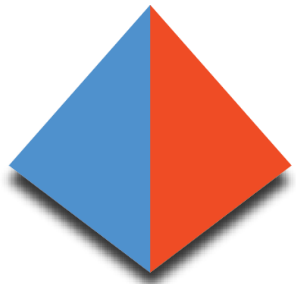
- Translation of the ZAVSB constitution in the 4 languages of Africa: Arabic, French & Portuguese
- Establish a fully functional ZAVSB with a secretariat [*currently AU-IBAR is providing secretariat services*]
- Term of office of the Inaugural EXCO expired and need to be supported to organize an Association General meeting to elect new members
- Support establishment of the Regional Associations of Veterinary Statutory Bodies [RAVSB] - *Western Region has established one but the other regions have not.*
- Support establishment of fully functional and vibrant MS VSBs - leveraging on other networks

Call to Action

- AU-IBAR spearheaded the establishment of the 2AVSB to support its effort to strengthen veterinary governance in Africa and is currently providing secretariat services
- Association was launched in 2018, has made small steps but not been vibrant due to diverse constraints.
- Support 2AVSB to translate the constitution into the official languages of Africa to ease understanding
- Support 2AVSB to hold a General Meeting and elect new Executive Committee

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Thank You



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