



COMMUNIQUE

THE 1ST PROGRAMME STEERING COMMITTEE

7th December 2017 Nairobi, Kenya



Participants of the 1st Steering Committee meeting of the LIVE2AFRICA Programme

The first (1st) LIVE2AFRICA Programme Steering Committee (PSC) Meeting was held at the AU-IBAR Conference Hall, Nairobi, Kenya, on the 7th of December 2017. It was attended by the Steering Committee Members from **AU-IBAR, OIE, FAO, ILRI and RECs (COMESA, EAC, ECCAS, ECOWAS, IGAD and SADC), WAP, AIN, Brooke, COFENABVI, ISNV and AFAO-WAWA** (Annex 1).

Remarks were made by the Director of AU-IBAR **Professor Ahmed El-Sawalhy** and **Mr. David Mwangi** representing the EU. The meeting was officially opened by the Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, of the African Union Commission, **Her Excellency Josefa Sacko**.

The 1st PSC Meeting deliberated on the following:

- Review and adoption of Steering Committee Terms of Reference;
- Overview of the Project and Year one work plan.

Following fruitful deliberations and,

Considering The important role played by livestock in supporting livelihoods, nutritional and food security, resilience and socio-economic development;

Aware of the current scenario in the livestock sector characterized by low levels of public and private investments and low sector growth;

Noting the Increasing demand for livestock and livestock products in Africa that is not yet matched by increasing production;

Considering the key challenges hindering the full exploitation of the potential of livestock sector including animal welfare

Aware of the need for coordinated actions at continental, regional and national levels and the need to promote synergy, complementarity and resource mobilization in addressing critical issues facing livestock development;

Cognizant of the need to bring about tangible actions that will lead to the realization of the full potential of the livestock sector in contributing significantly to food and nutrition security and sustainable economic development ;

Considering the thrust of the LIVE2Africa in addressing poverty by creating the necessary business environment with involvement of all the stakeholders;

Recognizing the need to fast track the implementation of the programme given the time lost;

Cognizant of the need to create awareness about the programme among the stakeholders;
Considering the need for efficiency and effectiveness in programme implementation;

Considering the mandate of the PSC Meeting to provide strategic guidance to the Programme and oversee coherent implementation;

After detailed deliberations the 1st LIVE2AFRICA Programme Steering Committee meeting agreed on the following:

1. The Terms of Reference for the steering committee and Project Management committee

- Terms of Reference for the Steering committee were endorsed with amendments on some aspect of the Mandate and Functions of the programme steering committee (PSC), Composition and Membership, and Functioning Modalities;
- AU-IBAR to finalise the TORs for the Project Management Committee by end of December 2017;
- Members to provide feedback on the TORs by 15th of January 2018;

2. LIVE2AFRICA programme orientation

- The members appreciated AU-IBAR for developing an innovative programme with a business orientation involving all stakeholders and addressing poverty, livelihoods, food and nutrition security and economic development and **endorsed the programme and the year one work**

plan to be adapted to field situation across the RECs and progress report;

3. Commitment for the implementation of the Programme

- The members of the Steering Committee thanked EU for funding the programme and expressed strong commitment for the implementation of the programme to achieve the desired results ;

4. Implementation of the programme

- That there will be **consensus building** at continental, regional and Member States' levels for proper targeting of resources to undertake those activities that will produce significant impacts
- Given the need for frequent programme meeting and the critical role played by RECs the meeting agreed on a **quarterly Project Management Meetings**, in addition to internal meetings and the PSC, where all the RECs will be represented. The need to enter into agreement with RECS to facilitate the meetings at REC level;
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- Recognised the critical role played by capacity development in the implementation of the programme and agreed that **capacity development be undertaken for all actors at all levels including women and youth with a strong engagement of the private sector;**
- To enhance the engagement of the private sector in programme implementation the meeting agreed that the private sector from all the regions be represented in the Programme Steering committee through their respective **regional value chains associations;**
- Noting the strategic role that the PSC members play in advocacy work about the programme and noting the need for availability of information to facilitate this, the meeting **requested that regular updates on programme implementation preferably on quarterly basis be availed to members;**
- The meeting agreed that the programme implementation will take advantage of **leveraging resources of the different stakeholders** including those focussing on animal welfare for effectiveness and impacts
- Considering that the activities were developed three years ago and considering the need to address current issues the meeting **a requested to have the programme activities revised and refocussed and also to review, the budget, the log frame and indicators with a view to have them disaggregated.**

5. Communication and Visibility

- The meeting **requested** that communication and visibility activities be incorporated

6. Sub-delegation of activities

- The meeting **requested** that where some Institutions are better able to undertake an activity due to comparative advantage, that they be subcontracted using the AU-IBAR procedures as contained in the Sub-delegation manual

Acknowledgement

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Done in Nairobi, Kenya on 7th of December 2017