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**CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION MEETING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT ON
PUBLIC –PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ECCAS
REGIONAL GRANDPARENT STOCK FARM IN CAMEROON
5th JANUARY 2022**

- Hon. Minister in charge of Livestock, Fisheries and Animals Industries, Republic of Cameroon, Dr. Taiga,
- Dr. Hamman Atkam, Director of Animal Production, The Republic of Cameroon,
- Representatives from the Private sector, among them, the representative of the poultry farms association of Cameroon
- The ECCAS Representatives, Dr. Moussa Baschirou,
- Representatives from the Public Sector, among them, the representatives the Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries, and Animal Industries,
- Representatives of the Development and Technical partners
- AU-IBAR Colleagues
- Distinguished ladies and gentleman
- All protocol observed

I bring you warm greetings from the Acting Director of the African Union InterAfrican Bureau for Animal resources (AU-IBAR), Dr Nick Nwankpa who for unavoidable reason cannot be with us this morning. It is therefore with a great sense of humility to represent him at this very important consultation and

coordination meeting for the establishment on public –private partnership for the establishment of the ECCAS regional grandparent stock farm in Cameroon. The Acting Director sends his deep sense of gratitude to His Excellency, the Honourable Minister for accepting the call from AU-IBAR to support establishment of the ECCAS regional grandparent stock farm in Cameroon.

Hon. Minister, distinguished participants

I seek your indulgence to introduce to the meeting as an African Union institution, AU-IBAR, AU-IBAR is a specialized technical office of the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment (DARBE) of the African Union Commission (AUC). The mandate of AU-IBAR is to support and coordinate the utilization of livestock, fisheries, aquaculture, bee and wildlife as resources for both human wellbeing and economic development in the Member States of the African Union. AU-IBAR is located in Nairobi, Kenya.

Hon. Minister, distinguished participants

AS part of providing leadership and coordination in the sustainable development of the continent’s Animal Resources, the African Union InterAfrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR) is implementing a 5-year project on ‘sustainable Development of Livestock for livelihoods in Africa- Live2 Africa. The Live2 Africa is implementing the continental aspects of the Livestock Development strategy (LIDESA) through Seven result areas using a Value chain approach in 6 selected Regional Value Chains. One of the Seven Result areas is “To enhance the implementation of breeding and conservation program for sustainable utilization and management of African Livestock’.

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen, the presence of AU-IBAR today in Cameroon is as a result of a long journey of interaction with stakeholders from Africa, a journey that started way back in 2019. Allow me to take the opportunity to clarify that AU-IBAR, with support from the EU, through the LIVE2 project, is supporting strengthening of priority regional value chains whose selection was done by stakeholders from each African region. In order to identify the priority regional

Value chain for each of the five (5) regions of the continent (North, South, East, West and Central Africa) a stakeholder consultative workshop on Livestock Value chain prioritization was held in Kenya in February 2019. Each of the 5 African regions identified its priority value chain to be promoted and Central Africa prioritized and identified the Poultry Egg Value chain.

Thereafter, a stock taking consultation was conducted with key stakeholders later in Egypt, in August 2019 to validate the regional prioritized value chains and to identify strategic actions and interventions to be supported by Live2 Africa for each of the prioritized value chains. The main identified Strategic Actions for Central Africa by stakeholders from the region was, therefore, 'To improve the poultry Egg value chain, under which , the main intervention identified was the establishment of ECCAS regional grand-parent stock farm and strengthening the inter-professional network of national and regional levels.

In order to initiate the implementation of the central Africa Grandparent stock farm, AU-IBAR conducted a regional consultation in the period August to December 2020 to assess the current status of the poultry Egg Value Chain; to study the feasibility of the farm; and to road map the establishment of the farm. Five (5) ECCAS member states (Cameroon, Chad, the Democratic republic of Congo, Gabon and the republic of Congo) were involved. The regional study identified Cameroon for its technical and financial feasibility for establishment of the Grandparent farm.

AU-IBAR later held a coordination meetings with ECCAS on the establishment of the regional grandparent stock farm in Cameroon. The meetings were held in Libreville, in Gabon and Yaoundé in Cameroon respectively, between 8-16 of August 2021.

Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to appreciate the approval and support from the ECCAS Chairperson and the honourable Minister of Livestock, Fisheries and Animal Industries for Cameroon, for the initial technical discussions on establishment of the CA-GPSF. The coordination meetings further involved interaction and on-site fact finding visits to public and private poultry facilities by a multi-stakeholder delegation that included ECCAS, MLFAIS, private sector actors,

the Cameroon poultry interprofessional Organization and AU-IBAR. This demonstrates the wider stakeholder involvement and ownership in the process of establishing the Grandparent stock farm in Cameroon. Discussions pointed to Private public partnerships (PPPs) as the appropriate approach for implementation and management of the CA-GPSF and for mitigating risks, securing sustainability and procuring the desired impact on national and regional poultry egg sector.

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen, stakeholders' representatives and experts, we are gathering here today to Discuss and build consensus on the following:

- The PPP approach for the establishment and sustainable management of the CA-GPSF
- Terms of Legal-framework i.e., the MoU and contracts among partners on terms of partnerships
- The TOR for selecting the appropriate farm for the establishment of the CA-GPSF.
- The applicable plan for regional dissemination of genetic improvement attained in the CA-GPSF.
- Needs for capacity building of the different strata to support sustainable genetic improvement and economic growth of the regional poultry sector.
- In addition, in the coming two days we will be reviewing and reporting on the potential farms that can bid for hosting the implementation of the GPSF in Cameroon.

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen, in concluding, on behalf of the Director AU-IBAR, I would like to express my profound appreciation to the Government and people of Cameroon for their commitment towards supporting this initiative

I also wish to thank the EU for their support to AU-IBAR for the support to establishment and strengthening of the priority value chains in Africa and particularly to their support to the initiatives already being put in place to facilitate the establishment of the Grandparent stock farm in Cameroon.

I wish you all very interactive and fruitful discussions and to thank you for your kind attention.