



**REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON CAPACITY BUILDING ON THE  
GUIDELINES TO STRENGTHEN INCLUSION OF LIVESTOCK IN THE  
R/NAIPS AND THE INITIAL LIVESTOCK SECTOR REVIEW OF THE  
ECCAS CAP AND PRIASAN**

**14-18<sup>th</sup> March, Golden Tulip Hotel, Nairobi Kenya**

**COMMUNIQUÉ**

## Workshop Context

A high level technical **Regional Workshop on Capacity Building on the Guidelines to Strengthen Inclusion of Livestock in the R/NAIPs and the Initial Livestock Sector Review of the ECCAS CAP and PRIASAN** was convened by the African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR) Live2Africa Project (Sustainable Development of Livestock for Livelihoods in Africa), the ECCAS Commission in partnership with Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). The AU-IBAR Live2Africa Project is jointly funded by the European Union and the African Union Commission.

AU-IBAR is partnering with ECCAS, FAO and other strategic partners in the process to reformulate the ECCAS Common Agriculture Policy (CAP) and the Regional Agricultural Investment Programme on Food and Nutrition Security (PRIASAN). This is a critical strategic initiative as the CAP and PRIASAN represent the overarching frameworks for delivering against the Malabo Declaration, the CAADP goals, and for the livestock sector, the Livestock Development Strategy for Africa. The reformulation of both documents will also better align the region to contribute to the African Union Agenda 2063 and the global targets espoused in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs). The Workshop goal was to initiate the process of the livestock sector review of the CAP and PRIASAN, and to agree on a road map for the livestock sector process towards formulation of the second generation documents.

The Workshop, chaired by Democratic Republic of Congo, in line with ECCAS protocol, brought together 19 high level Policy Makers from ECCAS region and Technical Experts. ECCAS Member States were represented by Bertin Matumo, Director of Animal Production, Democratic Republic of Congo; Dr. Paterne Esperance Mbouzo-Faga, Director of Animal Production, Central Africa Republic; Abdel Kerim Mohamat Issaka, Head of the Monitoring, Evaluation and Capitalization Department at PNISR/PDDAA and Deputy Director for Promotion of Animal Resources; Roger Ernest Ngoteni, Director of Animal Production, Republic of Congo; Essone Abondo Wilfrid, Director of Animal Production, Gabon; and Dr. Alfredo de Sousa Pontes Rodrigues Da Mata, Director Veterinary Services, Republic of Sao Tome and Principe. ECCAS was represented by His Excellency Honore Tabuna, ECCAS Commissioner Environment, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Rural Development (virtual participation) and Dr. Baschirou Moussa Demsa, ECCAS Consultant, Development of Animal Resources in the ECCAS region. FAO was represented by Adama Taoko (virtual participation). AU-IBAR was represented by Dr. Nick Nwankpa, Acting Director AU-IBAR; Dr. Sarah Ashanut Ossiya, Dr. Ahmed Elbeltagy, Admore Chakadenga, Rasugu Kennedy Oroko, Patricia Mweene Lumba, Philippe Ouedraogo and Nicole Nadjalta. Paul Gamba, a Policy Expert from Egerton University facilitated the Workshop. The Workshop was supported by Beatrice Adhiambo, Kwaku Dennis Kaku and Derek Muaka.

## Official Opening

**Adama Taoko, Policy Officer, FAO Sub-Regional Officer for Central Africa** in his Opening Remarks thanked AU-IBAR for taking the step to initiate the process of consultation with the livestock sector to provide input into the process to review CAP and PRIASAN. Taking cognizance of the challenges that the livestock sector has had in past CAADP/RAIP/NAIP processes, the support of AU-IBAR, which is mandated to lead development of animal resources on the continent, will be instrumental in supporting inclusion of livestock in the CAP and PRIASAN review process. FAO is the Technical Lead in the process and has already brought on board Hub Rural a Consultancy Firm to guide the process. It will be critical to ensure a collaborative and harmonized process of all Strategic Partners.

**Dr. Nick Nwankpa, the Acting Director AU-IBAR** welcomed participants to Kenya and to the Workshop which marks the initial step towards capacitation and organizing the ECCAS livestock sector to fully participate in the process of reviewing the CAP and PRIASAN and formulating the next generation documents. He highlighted that in a Coordination Meeting that was held with ECCAS and FAO in Libreville Gabon in August 2021, ECCAS outlined a three pronged agenda for this process: (i) Creating institutions of stakeholders to drive the process; (ii) The actual review and reformation of the CAP and PRIASAN; and (iii) Strategizing for resource mobilization and development of capacity for implementation. These objectives set the agenda for this initial action in the livestock sector.

The AU-IBAR Acting Director highlighted that the Workshop will also provide a platform to dialogue on the initiative to establish a Parent Stock Farm for the Enhancement of the ECCAS Regional Poultry Value Chain; and for the Directors of Animal Production and Veterinary Services to act as a delegation from Central Africa region at the Commemoration of the AU-IBAR 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the 10<sup>th</sup> Year since the Eradication of Rinderpest. This will bring strong focus and visibility to the livestock sector in the ECCAS region. The Director wished delegates fruitful and productive deliberations and underscored the importance of AU-IBAR, ECCAS, FAO and all Strategic Partners involved in this initiative harmonizing their approach for enhanced outputs and outcomes.

**Bertin Matumo, Director of Animal Production, Democratic Republic of Congo**, in representing the Directors of Animal Production in the ECCAS region, both those who were able to attend, and those not present, thanked AU-IBAR and ECCAS for the Workshop that was timely. This process is an important opportunity for the livestock sector to be prioritized within ECCAS, and to take full benefit of the CAP and PRIASAN review process and outcomes. He stated that ECCAS would support the livestock sector not only in the review and reformulation process, but also in implementing the second generation CAP and PRIASAN. He called on ECCAS not to abandon the livestock sector as an orphan child, but rather to prioritize and support actions at the national and regional level. He thanked AU-IBAR and the Kenyan Government for the warm welcome to Nairobi, Kenya.

**H.E. Honore Tabuna, ECCAS Commissioner Environment, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Rural Development** conveyed warm greetings and support from **His Excellency Ambassador Gilberto Dapiedade Verissimo**, President of the ECCAS Commission on whose behalf he made the Opening Speech. ECCAS is undergoing a restructuring process and has already moved from Secretariat status to that of a Commission. ECCAS has developed its Strategic Plan and is in the process of formulating or revising the other overarching policy and sectoral strategies to guide its actions in the next five years. This has to be in line with the Agenda 2063 of the African union and the UN SDGs. Concerning the agricultural sector, including livestock, fisheries and forestry, there is a tripartite arrangement between ECCAS, FAO and AU – IBAR to review the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and its implementing documents which are RAIP and NAIPs.

The Commissioner thanked AU – IBAR for all the achievements realized for the benefit of ECCAS livestock sector since the VETGOV era, including setting up of livestock policy hubs at regional and country level, strengthening of the epidemiological surveillance networks and creation of the ECCAS Animal Health Regional Center based in N'Djamena, Chad. He recognized other activities that AU-IBAR has undertaken in the region.

In officially opening the Workshop, the Commissioner thanked AU – IBAR, FAO and all the institution who are planning to contribute to the review and formulation of the ECCAS CAP and the second generation of RAIP and NAIPs. He urged all the participants to take advantage of the capacity building and master all the necessary tools that will help them to participate effectively in the review of the CAP, RAIP and NAIPs.

## **Workshop Deliberations**

The workshop focused its deliberations on tasks related to the five specific objectives of the Workshop:

- i. Deliberations commenced with familiarization of the participants on the initiative to review and reformulate the ECCAS Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and the Regional Agricultural Investment Program on Food and Nutrition Security (PRIASAN). ECCAS led a brief session to analyze involvement of ECCAS Directorates of Animal Production in the formulation and implementation of NAIPs and reporting data and information for the mutual accountability process of the Biennial Review Report. This was followed by presentation of the findings of the Livestock Sector Advocacy Report 2021 that focused on highlighting the key issues for the ECCAS livestock sector.
- ii. Capacity building on the Guidelines to Enhance Inclusion of Livestock in the Regional and National Agricultural Investment Plans. Thereafter each Member State present undertook a rapid assessment of their NAIP in alignment to the checklist in the Guidelines.
- iii. Initial livestock sector review of the CAP and PRIASAN to generate preliminary input that will be consolidated into a report that will form the key document for consultation in the Member States
- iv. Dialogue and agreement on a Roadmap for organization and capacitation of livestock sector actors, and consultations at Member State and Regional levels on the review of the CAP and PRIASAN
- v. Discussion was held on the establishment of the Parent Stock Farm to enhance poultry production in the Central Africa region and pathway of regional integration so that all Member States can benefit from the initiative: initial users and beneficiaries, criteria for selection of Member States that will benefit in the first phase, and structures for sustainability among others

## **Workshop Resolutions**

We, the Directors in charge of Animal Production in the ECCAS Partner Member State National Governments, ECCAS Commission Representatives, FAO Representative, AU-IBAR, and Policy Expert underscoring the importance of the livestock sector in the Central Africa region for livelihoods, food and nutrition security, employment, incomes, resilience and economic growth;

***Express*** our profound gratitude to the African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU- IBAR) Live2Africa Project, and the ECCAS Commission, for convening and hosting the Regional Workshop on Capacity Building on the Guidelines to Strengthen Inclusion of Livestock in the R/NAIPs and the Initial Livestock Sector Review of the ECCAS CAP and PRIASAN;

***Recognizing*** the major untapped potential of the livestock sector, with a substantive regional market, for which demand is largely met through importation that draws on foreign exchange reserves and exports much needed jobs especially for youth and women from the region; and which impacts negatively on emergence and growth of the sector in the region, and on food and nutrition and poverty reduction outcomes. Further noting that low consumption of animal sourced foods like milk and meat that is well below globally recommended standards;

***Recognizing*** the existing but under-articulated regional comparative advantages and opportunities for expansion and growth of the Central Africa regional livestock value chains within the framework of protocols under ECCAS, the Livestock Development Strategy for Africa, and Africa Continental Free Trade Area

Agreement, which demand upgraded perspectives of national, intra and inter regional trade;

**Informed** by analysis of the BRR data that indicates major under-investment in the livestock sector across Africa including in Central Africa despite its contribution and potential. Further informed by the initial assessments done during this Workshop of Member State NAIPs that indicate that this under-investment is partly due to lack of meaningful inclusion/representation and capacity of the livestock sector to engage in key NAIP processes;

**Noting** the importance of the CAP and PRIASAN, which define the policy framework and investment environment for development of the wider agricultural sector in the ECCAS region, including for livestock. Recognizing the importance of the process to review these two overarching regional documents that were developed in 2013 and therefore predated the Malabo Declaration, the Livestock Development Strategy for Africa, the Animal Health Strategy for Africa, the Animal Welfare Strategy for Africa, African Continental Free Trade Area;

**Taking cognizance of** the results of the preliminary assessment of the CAP and PRIASAN undertaken during the Workshop that indicate the following: low organization and participation of the livestock sector in the process of preparation of the CAP and PRIASAN; inadequate inclusion of livestock sector issues and perspectives of livestock sector actors in the CAP and PRIASAN; inadequate definition of livestock sector policy and investment priorities and programs; inadequate resourcing to cover livestock investments; and low participation of livestock sector actors in implementation of the CAP and PRIASAN;

## **We affirm**

- i. The initiative by ECCAS, FAO, AU-IBAR and other Strategic Partners to review and reformulate the CAP and PRIASAN to update it in alignment to current overarching continental frameworks and to address gaps and strategic cross cutting issues;
- ii. That Central Africa region collectively has immense yet untapped comparative advantages including opportunity to raise awareness to increase consumption of animal source foods, unmet demand in domestic, intra and inter-regional markets; and opportunity to create and strengthen livelihoods and employment and develop national and regional value chains, that would benefit and transform smallholder rural farming households and pastoralists, provide profitable returns to small, medium and large firms and benefit;
- iii. A strong commitment to ensure that livestock sector participates meaningfully in the process to review and reformulate the CAP and PRIASAN;
- iv. The value of the Guidelines for Enhancing Inclusion of Livestock in the R/NAIPs as an important tool for strengthening the capacity of livestock sector actors to engage in the CAP and PRIASAN process

## **The Workshop therefore resolves the following:**

- i. Discuss and consult with FAO, Hub Rural and other Strategic partners on the approach AU-IBAR is taking in capacitating and facilitating the ECCAS livestock sector Stakeholders to engage with and have substantive input into the review of the CAP and PRIASAN towards a harmonized process; and sensitization on the Guidelines to Enhance the Inclusion of Livestock in the R/NAIPs as a useful tool for the process.

2. Directors of Animal Production in liaison with FAO, ECCAS and AU-IBAR facilitate a process of advocacy for enhancing linkage of the livestock sector to the respective country CAADP Focal points.
3. ECCAS and AU-IBAR facilitate a process of familiarization and capacity building of livestock sector stakeholders on policy reform process and on the CAADP, NAIP and RAIP process and on the Guidelines to Enhance the Inclusion of Livestock in the R/NAIPs as a useful tool for the process.
4. Undertake a more detailed stakeholder consultation process through a two pronged approach: in person and focus group interviews at country level and an on-line survey to invite multiple stakeholder views to consolidate and strengthen the preliminary consultation undertaken during this Workshop.
5. Develop a preliminary livestock review of the CAP and PRIASAN and of the NAIPs for regional validation and submission to the agriculture sector wide process.
6. AU-IBAR to liaise with ECCAS and Directors of Animal Production to set up a Community of Practice for information sharing and access to the Animal Resources Information System (ARIS) to pilot a functional link for the livestock sector for data entry, archiving and access to information.

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We the undersigned remain seized upon implementation of the agreed resolutions for the process of the review and reformulation of the Central Africa CAP and PRIASAN.

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