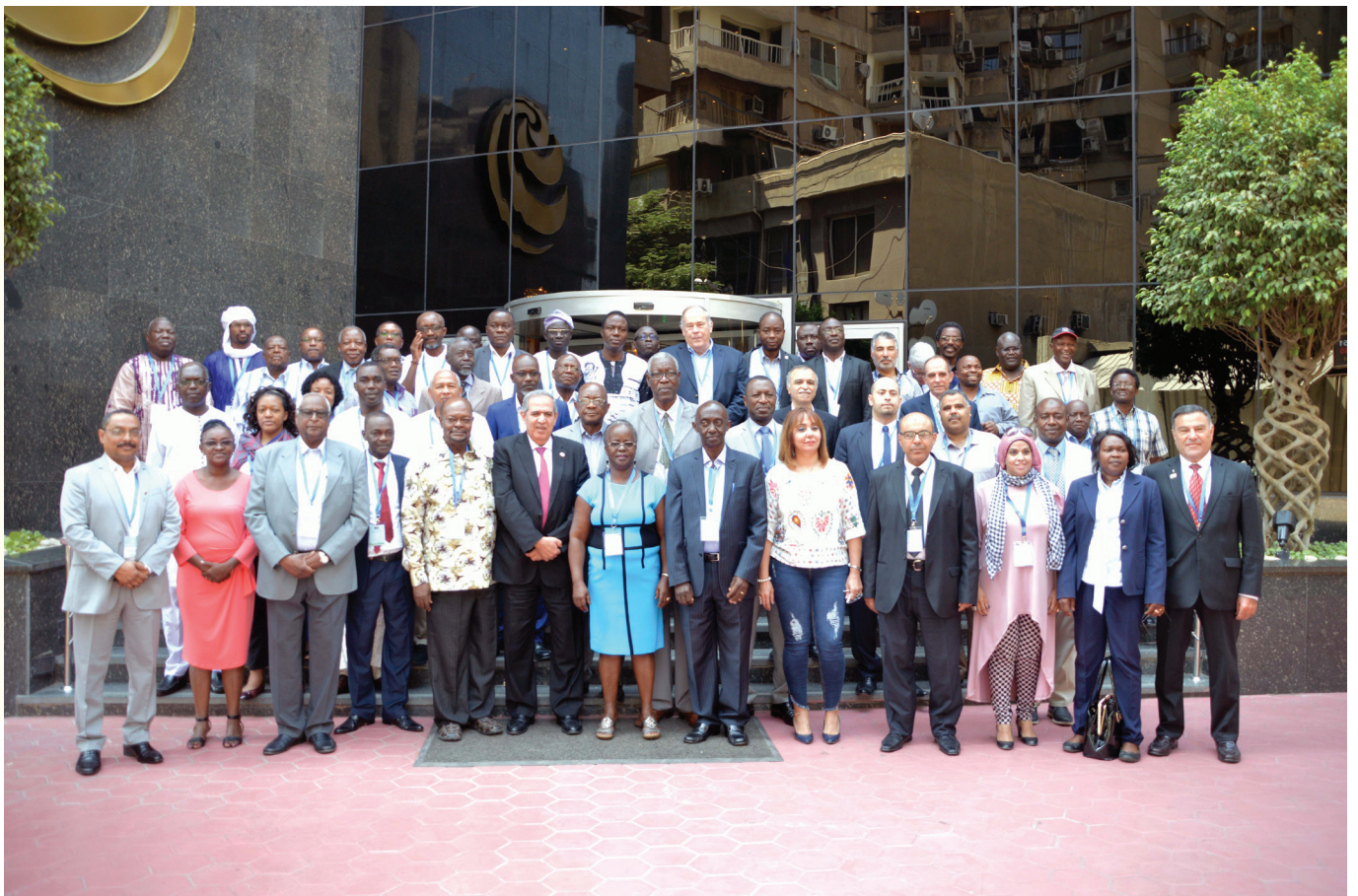




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**REPORT OF  
THE PAN AFRICAN CONFERENCE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT AND THE  
LAUNCH OF THE  
ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN VETERINARY STATUTORY BODIES (2AVSB)  
JULY 24 - 25 2018, SAFIR HOTEL, CAIRO**



*Participants of the conference on 24th July 2018, Safir Hotel, Cairo, Egypt*

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## Acronyms

AAVSB	Association of African Veterinary Statutory Bodies [2AVSB]
AAVEE	Association of African Veterinary Education Establishments [2A-V-2E]
ADB	African Development Bank
AHSA	Anima Health Strategy for Africa
ASAP	As Soon As Possible
AWSA	Animal Welfare Strategy for Africa
APAW	African Platform for Animal Welfare
ARVSB	Association of Regional Veterinary Statutory Bodies
ARVEE	Association of Regional Veterinary Education Establishments
ARVA	Association of Regional Veterinary Associations
ARAWO	Association of Regional Animal Welfare Organizations
AU	African Union
AU-IBAR	African Union-Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources
AVA	African Veterinary Association
DREA	Department of Agriculture and Rural Economy
EC	Executive Committee
EOTT	Establishment and Operationalization Task Team
EU	European Union
FAO	United Nations – Food and Agriculture Organization
GA	General Assembly
MRA	Mutual Recognition Agreement
MS	Member State
OIE	World Organization for Animal Health
OH	One Health
PVS	Performance of Veterinary Services
REC	Regional Economic Community
UDAW	Universal Declaration on Animal Welfare
VP	Veterinary Professional
VPP	Veterinary Paraprofessional;
VS	Veterinary Statutory Body
VSD	Veterinary Service Delivery
WAP	World Animal Protection

## Background/Introduction

Africa's development is closely related to a thriving animal resources sector considering that most of it is arid and therefore more suited to livestock based agriculture than crop production. The backbone of the livelihoods of many communities in Africa is driven from animal resource namely livestock, fisheries, bees and wildlife. The performance of livestock production is linked to an effective veterinary service delivery system. The veterinary profession plays a critical role in promoting animal health and production, animal welfare, public health and the protection of the environment. Therefore, all cadres of the veterinary profession must adhere to high ethical standards and be prepared to apply their specialized knowledge and skills in the interest of others. This is regulated by the in country National Veterinary Statutory Body. The organization, structure and functioning of the Veterinary Statutory Bodies and Veterinary Associations are prerequisites not only for the quality of Veterinary Services but also for private veterinary practice in a country. Both organizations provide the necessary infrastructure to ensure that veterinarians in the public and the private sectors have the necessary qualifications, scientific expertise and experience and are free from any financial, commercial, hierarchical, political and other pressures which might affect their competence to make sound professional judgments based on existing scientific data. It is essential that all veterinarians and veterinary para-professionals are licensed to practice by an autonomous Veterinary Statutory Body and subject to legal disciplinary provisions for any professional misconduct. The existing structures and functional arrangements in most Member Countries of the African Union (AU) are not up to standards. Change is therefore necessary for compliance with the provisions of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code dealing with the quality of Veterinary Services, the issue of international veterinary certificates and the regulation of the practice of veterinarians and veterinary para-professionals in the public and the private sector. The OIE has developed standards and guidelines that aim to uphold veterinary standards for a safe and reliable product of animal origin. These standards are envisaged to be enforced by a country's Veterinary Statutory Body [VSB].

However, studies by the AU-IBAR show that there is widespread, poor or absence of regulation of the Veterinary Profession in some Member States of the African Union, failure to comply with international Guidelines on standards, and hefty medical and veterinary bills for Africa, as well as lock out of the African products of animal origin from the global market. The studies also showed disparity in the training, categorization and regulation of the Practitioners and the Profession.

The challenges of VSBs in Africa include inadequate or lack of legal recognition and weak legal structures in the states where they exist, scarcity of resources for operations, lack of, or insufficient

autonomy, insufficient technical capacity and insufficient resources to develop the technical capacity of the VSBs and their employees. The on-going intervention initiatives include the OIE PVS and Gap analysis, OIE Twinning Programs at the global level, the creation of the 2AVSB at the continental level, the creation of regional Associations of VSBs and signing of Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs) at the regional level and the enactment of legislation where they do not exist, review where they are weak, registration, licensing and accreditation, inspection of facilities, and taking disciplinary measures against culprits at the national level.

Towards the realization of the on-going initiative to establish and operationalize the 2AVSB, a road map for the 2AVSB Task Team was developed during the February 2018 AU-IBAR Conference in Dakar Senegal. The Task Team was tasked to identify key issues that need to be discussed in Cairo conference, to develop proposed documents on the functions, organizational structure, draft Legal Instrument for 2AVSB, and seek consensus from Member States to agree on the establishment of operationalization of the 2AVSB.

The Conference was therefore organized as a constituent general assembly (GA) for the establishment and launch of the 2AVSB, from 25-27 July 2018 at Safir Hotel in Cairo, Egypt.

### *Objective of the conference*

The overall objective of the Pan African Conference was to establish and to launch the Association of African VSBs in order to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the VSBs and to ensure the quality of veterinary service delivery in Africa.

The Specific Objectives of the Conference were the following:

- To establish the Association African of VSB
- To launch the 2AVSB
- To promote networking among VSBs and the harmonization of Veterinary Service Delivery in AU Member States.
- To finalize a full project proposal for VSBs and twinning program according to OIE guidelines
- To agree on the way forward

Expected Outputs and Outcomes from the Conference

- The establishment and the launch of VSB's Association in Africa
- An enhanced collaboration among all African VSBs, and the relevant stakeholders, especially the 2AV2E, APAW and Association of African Veterinary Associations [2AVA]
- The finalization of a detailed 5 Year-project proposal for funding

- Roadmap/Action plan developed and agreed

## *Participants*

A total of 55 participants attended the conference. The participants were the representatives of Veterinary Statutory Bodies (VSBs) and the Veterinary Associations (VA) from 43 African Union (AU) Member States (MS), namely 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. Representative of African Veterinary Association (AVA), Regional Economic Communities (REC) namely COMESA, IGAD and UMA; Representatives of FAO, World Animal Protection, an Expert on Animal Identification and Traceability (LITS), a resource person, and IBAR staff also attended the conference (Appendix 7).

## *Opening Session*

The opening ceremony for the Conference took place on 26th July 2018 presided over by the hosting country's officials. It began with the introductory remarks by Dr. Baboucarr Jaw, Chief Animal Health Officer of AU-IBAR, who then read the opening remarks on behalf of Prof Ahmed Elsawalhy, the Director of AU-IBAR. This was followed by the introduction of the different Associations and Networks.

In the official ceremony, Dr. Baboucarr Jaw presented the newly elected Board Chairpersons and members, who he invited to make brief descriptions of the Associations and Networks. He then invited the Director of AU-IBAR Prof. Ahmed Elsawalhy to preside over the ceremony. The Director, on behalf of the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Economy (DREA), Her Excellency Josefa Sacko Corriea, welcomed participants to the closing ceremony and thanked the Government and the People of the Arab Republic of Egypt for hosting this historical event. Notably, the Commissioner stated that "the Networks and the Associations being supported by AU-IBAR will facilitate information and experiences sharing across countries and institutions. They will also enhance collaboration thus building capacity of the institutions and individuals concerned. The Associations and Networks will leverage efforts and form a basis for efficient use of the available scarce resources by avoiding duplication of efforts. They will also play a key role on advocacy for animal resources issues and create a critical mass to not only influence policy but also promote policy implementation". He concluded that "African Union Commission through his department will continue working and supporting the Networks and the Associations as means for efficient

and effective transformation of the animal resources sector in Africa”.

The Director then invited the Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, H.E. Prof Dr. Ezz El Din Abostate, of the Arab Republic of Egypt to make his remarks. The Minister expressed appreciation to African Union Commission for having chosen the Arab Republic of Egypt as hosting country of this important conference. He said that “In Egypt, we place very high value on the livestock sector because it provides an important means of addressing the food security and job demands of the Egyptian community. In recognition of the role of the livestock sector, the National Sustainable Development Strategy 2030 places a strong focus on investment in the livestock sector. From the aforementioned, women and youths are considered the back bone of livestock value chains not only in Egypt but also in other African countries, recognizing that the creation of more gainful and productive women and youth employment in the livestock sector is an important means to reduce rural poverty. On the other hand, he also welcomed the key role that the Veterinary Educational Establishments and the Veterinary Statutory Bodies will play in shaping the youth and ensuing quality and harmonization of our endeavours in line with International standards.”

### *Proceedings of the Conference*

The conference was conducted over three (3) days. The meeting was organized through sessions of power point presentations, working group and plenary discussions on various topics highlighted in the agenda. The presentations and discussions enabled the participants, through group work and plenary sessions, to address the various topics highlighted in the agenda. Thus, the participants were able to contribute and consolidate their inputs, which resulted in their adoption of the constitution, the voting procedures, the election of both regional and continental board of the 2AVSB, the development of a comprehensive work plan on the post-conference follow-up actions and the formulation of the resolutions / recommendations out of the conference. Among other key outputs from the conference, was the opportunity for the participants to receive expert sensitization on the critical role of effective veterinary regulation in mainstreaming Animal Welfare in national and regional legislation, strategies and policies. This is because it is clearly evident that the performance of animals is as good as the welfare they receive. The need to mainstream One-Health in National and Regional legislation, strategies and policies was highlighted, as well as technology and Innovation, especially for data management with regard to the status of veterinary services including veterinary practitioners, training and animal traceability. The role of networking with relevant stakeholders was highlighted through a presentation by the African Veterinary Association. The detailed agenda is presented in Appendix 5. The following is a summary of issues discussed during the meeting:

- Status of VSB in Africa/ Analysis of the status of VSBs in Africa



- Presentation on African Veterinary Association (AVA)
- Overview of the Role of the Proposed Association of African Vet Statutory Bodies
- A review of the proposed constitution & Governance of the 2AVSB
- Presentation of the VSB Program Proposal
- Voting guidelines/procedures
- AU-IBAR's interventions in supporting coherence and alignment of animal resources development efforts in Africa
- Mainstreaming Animal Welfare in national and regional legislation, strategies and policies
- Mainstreaming One Health in national and regional legislation, strategies and policies
- Technology and Innovation in Africa; the rusty cog
- Animal in Disaster: Integrating disaster risk reduction
- Animal Identification and Traceability

## *Summary of the Presentations*

### *Session 1 - Status of Veterinary Statutory Bodies in Africa*

The objectives and expected outputs of the conference. These objectives were given to be to establish the Association of African VSB, to launch the 2AVSB, to finalize the project proposal for 2AVSBs, and to agree on the post-conference road map and the follow up actions (work plan). The expected outputs from the conference included the finalization and adoption of the constitution of the 2AVSB, the election of the Executive Committee at the General Assembly of the 2AVSB, and the launch of the 2AVSB. A presentation from AU-IBAR highlighted its interventions in supporting coherence and alignment of animal resources development efforts in Africa. The presentation on “the importance/role of VSB in promoting animal, public and environmental health in Africa” emphasized that the 2AVSB would enhance the VSBs at the Member State level to discharge their mandate through strategic approaches to tackle the challenges that exist. The presentation on the status of VSBs in Africa clearly indicated that Africa’s ambitions to realize animal resources sector would be futile with the current weak status of veterinary regulation in Africa. It was highlighted that the 2AVSB would provide a suitable platform to tackle the incumbent challenges and constraints throughout the continent. The presentation on African Veterinary Association (AVA) highlighted the importance of ensuring the inclusion of the veterinarians in the intervention strategies, since the VSBs were basically established to regulate the competence and ethical practice of veterinarians and the para-veterinarians.

## *Session 2 - Constitution/Statutes of the VSB Association*

The role of the proposed Association of African Veterinary Statutory Bodies was shown to be to give strategic direction and guidance for effective and efficient VSBs across Africa. An overview of the proposed constitution of the 2AVSB was presented, with an emphasis that it was meant to provide the basic laws or principles that describe the rights and duties of 2AVSB members and the way in which it will be governed. During the group and plenary discussions, the proposed constitution and the governance structures were reviewed, and consolidated. It was then adopted. The voting modalities for the election of the leadership of the 2AVSB was done, and the guidelines accepted and adopted.

## *Session 3 - Election of 2AVSB Board/Executive Committee*

Elections for the Executive Committee Members were held, and the committee installed.

## *Session 4 - VSB Program Proposal*

The proposed 2AVSB Program Proposal was presented, with its purpose, goals, objectives and key investment areas articulated. The key investment areas were given as the development and management of a database repository for VSBs in AU MS, the enhancement of effectiveness of VSBs to ensure quality of veterinary service delivery, the promotion of collaboration among African VSBs and to support harmonization of VSB structures and activities. Through a review and discussion of the proposal in group work, it was consolidated, finalized and adopted by the General Assembly.

## *Session 5 - VSB proving leadership in addressing emerging and societal concerns*

AU-IBAR's presentation highlighted that animal welfare issues were gaining increasing importance worldwide, including countries in Africa. Compliance with international animal welfare standards were becoming a requisite in trade agreements. Additionally, animal welfare principles are recognized to be key determinants of animal resource development; incomes and livelihoods related to animals are yet to receive adequate attention. It was therefore imperative to mainstreaming animal welfare in national and regional legislation, strategies and policies. Likewise, AU-IBAR emphasized that considering that veterinary public health cuts across animal, human and environmental health, the mainstreaming of One Health in national and regional legislation, strategies and policies was inevitable. In presentation of "Technology and Innovation in Africa; the Rusty Cog", AU-IBAR emphasized that the impetus of Africa's development balances delicately on her ability, willingness and capacity to adopt technology, for evaluation of the quality of regulation and its impacts, global trends in quality standards and guidelines as well as gaps in regulation and the intervention opportunities. The World Animal Protection, in its presentation on "Animal in Disaster: Integrating Disaster Risk Reduction",

emphasized that with climate change and other challenges incumbent upon Africa, the need for animal-centric disaster preparedness was inevitable considering the important role that animals play in the livelihood of majority of the African Community. Animal-centric disaster preparedness is critical to the resilience of the affected communities, considering that their livelihoods are centered around animals, and therefore this should be the mainstreamed in national and regional legislation, strategies and policies. A presentation by an expert on “Animal Identification and Traceability” highlighted that traceability in today’s environment which demands evidence of quality measures from production to consumption was inevitable, if Africa is to remain relevant, and therefore this should be the mainstreamed in national and regional legislation, strategies and policies.

### *Session 6 - Post Cairo Road map and Closing ceremony*

It was emphasized that the Post-Cairo Roadmap for the 2AVSB depended largely on partnerships and collaboration arrangements. The sustainability of the program will rely on a seed capital from African Union Commission [AUC]; subscription from memberships, support from development partners, M&E for Information and Knowledge management, risk analysis of assumptions, governance and management structures as well as an efficient financing arrangement and cost estimates. In the closing remarks, the AU-IBAR pledged to continue supporting the new 2AVSB program through providing a Secretariat at the AU-IBAR, supported by a Team of Experts from the just ended Establishment and Operationalization Task Team, as well as other incubation resources as it develops capacity to stand on its own.

### *Outcomes of the conference*

- Finalization and adoption of the constitution of the 2AVSB;
- Election of the Executive Committee of the 2AVSB
- Launch of the 2AVSB
- Pledge by the AU-IBAR to support the operationalization of the 2AVSB, including being the Secretariat of the 2AVSB during the formative stage
- Development and adoption of the road map for post conference follow up actions

### *Resolutions and Recommendations*

The conference yielded the following:

#### *Resolutions*

1. VSBs in the AU shall belong to the AU-recognized geographical regions they belong in
2. VSBs in a given geographical region shall establish a network referred to as the Geographical Region Association of VSBs [GRAVSBs];

3. All AU MS at the Cairo 2AVSB Launching Conference shall constitute the Inaugural AVSB
4. Inaugural 2AVSB MS which have Non-VSB organizations serving as VSBs shall have established a VSB within a maximum of 5 years for them to remain in the 2AVSB Register
5. There will be no registration fee charged
6. Members will pay an annual retention fee

### *Recommendations*

1. AU-IBAR will support MS to organize themselves in GRAVSBs
2. AU-IBAR will host/accommodate the secretariat of 2AVSB until its full operationalization
3. AU-IBAR will serve as the Secretariat of the 2AVSB until it [2AVSB] establishes its own Secretariat
4. AU-IBAR will constitute a Technical committee to support the operationalization process of the Inaugural Executive Committee
5. AU-IBAR will seek partnerships [EU, ADB, others] to support building the technical and infrastructural frameworks of the 2AVSB

## Appendix

### Appendix I: Member States Elected into the Executive Committee

Region	Country	Representative VSBs	Names
Northern	Tunisia, Morocco	Tunisia, Morocco	Ahmed Rejeb & Prof Jamal Hossini-Hilali [Vice Chairman]
Southern	South Africa, Angola	South Africa, Angola	Clive Peter Warwick & Prof Jose Carlos Fernandes Alves de Lima
Western	Senegal, Ghana	Senegal, Ghana	Thiam Imame & Willam Amanfu
Eastern	Uganda, Sudan	Uganda, Sudan	Prof Mohamed Taha Abdalla Shigidi & Florence Masembe Kasirye [Chairman]
Central	DRC, Cameroon	DRC, Cameroun	Bruno Miteyo Nyenge & Antoine Tchoubia



Elected Executive Committee Members of the 2AVSB with the Director of AU-IBAR

## *Appendix 2: Brief on 2AVSB*

**Motto:** Enhancing the efficiency of the Veterinary Regulatory Systems for vibrant livelihoods and competitive animal resources value chains in Africa.

### *What is 2AVSB*

The Association of African Veterinary Statutory Bodies (2AVSB) is a collaborative continental platform to promote the quality of veterinary services in Africa for improved animal health and food safety.

Key challenges affecting VSBs in Africa

- Poor legal recognition, lack of legal structures
- Insufficient resources for operations
- Insufficient autonomy
- Insufficient technical capacity
- Insufficient training (to build VSBs Capacity) resources
- Poor Publicity and Visibility of the VSBs
- Poor database collection and management
- Poor communication with internal [within veterinary profession] and external [including local and international] stakeholders

### *Vision*

Excellence of Veterinary Statutory Regulation in Africa

### *Mission*

To be an instrument of collaboration, benchmarking and quality assurance for veterinary services and animal delivery services among VSBs in Africa

### *Objectives*

- To establish the Association of African VSB
- To strengthen/establish of VSBs in all Africa Union Member States
- To provide technical and institutional support to VSBs in AU Member States and RECs
- To promote networking among VSBs and the harmonization of Veterinary Service Delivery in AU Member States

## *Key results/activities*

1. Enhanced collaboration among all African VSBs
2. Enhanced regulatory capacity among African VSBs
3. Harmonization of veterinary governance for quality assurance
4. Improved capacity among veterinary practitioners in African MSs
5. Quality facilities at African Veterinary Education Establishments.

## *Priority Interventions to address VSBs' challenges in Africa*

1. Development and management of a database repository for VSBs in AU MS, including:
  - Scope of operations
  - Operational status
  - Constraints & challenges
  - Intervention opportunities
  - Status of interventions
2. Enhancement of effectiveness of VSBs to ensure quality of VSD
  - Enhancement of institutional capacities of VSBs in MS
  - Protection of public interests by enhancing capacities of VSBs to regulate the profession [competence of VPs and VPPs] in MS
3. Promotion of collaboration among African VSBs
  - Support the establishment of Associations of VSBs at Regional level
  - Support harmonization of the training of VPs & VPPs [Capacity Enhancement]
4. Support harmonization of VSB structures and activities

## *Organizational Structure for 2AVSB*

1. General Assembly
2. Executive Committee
3. Secretariat at AU-IBAR [transitional period]

## *Governance of 2AVSB*

1. Planning and review meetings [Proposed to be annual]
2. Engagement of VSBs to collect data for analysis to elicit issues needing attention / action
3. Regular uploading data and capacity building materials on the 2AVSB website
4. Publication of Member VSB Status in Africa (proposed to be biennial)

## Appendix 3: Countries of the 5 Geographical Regions of Africa

### Central Africa

1. Burundi
2. Cameroon
3. Central African Republic
4. Chad
5. Congo
6. DR Congo
7. Equatorial Guinea
8. Gabon
9. São Tomé and Príncipe

### Eastern Africa

1. Comoros
2. Djibouti
3. Eritrea
4. Ethiopia
5. Kenya
6. Madagascar
7. Mauritius
8. Rwanda
9. Seychelles
10. Somalia

11. South Sudan
12. Sudan
13. Uganda
14. UR of Tanzania

### Northern Africa

1. Algeria
2. Egypt
3. Libya
4. Mauritania
5. Morocco
6. Sahrawi Republic
7. Tunisia

### Southern Africa

1. Angola
2. Botswana
3. Lesotho
4. Malawi
5. Mozambique
6. Namibia
7. South Africa

8. Swaziland

9. Zambia
10. Zimbabwe

### Western Africa

1. Benin
2. Burkina Faso
3. Cape Verde
4. Côte d'Ivoire
5. Gambia
6. Ghana
7. Guinea
8. Guinea-Bissau
9. Liberia
10. Mali
11. Niger
12. Nigeria
13. Senegal
14. Sierra Leone
15. Togo



## Appendix 4: Road Map finalization of establishment and operationalization of 2AVSB

Chain of events	Task	Responsible Person(s)	Time frame
1	Constitution finalized *Circulate constitution to MS for countries' opinions and then to AU-IBAR's Legal Office for legal opinion (6 months)	AU-IBAR AU-IBAR/EC of 2AVSB	ASAP 6 months
2	Registration of 2AVSB done	EC of 2AVSB coordinated by AU IBAR	Immediately
3	Regulations to operationalize the constitution developed	EC of 2AVSB coordinated by AU IBAR	ASAP
4	Vision and Mission statements determined	EC of 2AVSB coordinated by AU IBAR	Inputs from VSBs by end of August 2018
5	Secretariat established	AU-IBAR	ASAP
6	Service Charter Developed	EC of 2AVSB coordinated by AU IBAR; ratified by GA	ASAP
7	Communication strategy [publicity, visibility, branding, channels] developed	EC of 2AVSB coordinated by AU IBAR	ASAP
8	Brand [logo] of 2AVSB developed	EC of 2AVSB coordinated by AU IBAR	ASAP
9	Work Plan for year one developed	EC of 2AVSB coordinated by AU IBAR	ASAP
10	2AVSB Website developed 1. Email for EC 2. Data platform 3. Education & other Resources	AU-IBAR	1 - 2 Months
11	VSBs profiled [legal status, capacity (HR), regulatory function] 1. Design a template	EC	ASAP
12	Key Non-VSB stakeholders profiled	EC	ASAP
13	Template for database developed	EC supported by SA VSB	ASAP
14	Criteria for membership and annual subscription fees	EC	ASAP
15	Formal registration of VSBs as Members	EC	Ongoing
16	Capacity building 1. Universal curricula developed 2. CPD program developed	EC	Ongoing
17	Regional VSB network established	VSBs in each 5 AU Regions with support from AU-IBAR	Ongoing

## Appendix 5: Key Stakeholders for the optimal operational functioning of the 2AVSB

Member	Relevance
<b>Actors</b>	
MS VSBs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exercise their constitutional [2AVSB] mandates</li> <li>• Pursue and implement other enabling continental, Regional and National policies and strategies</li> </ul>
Regional platforms [e.g. ARVSBs, ARVEE, ARVA, etc.]	Support MS VSBs [institutional frameworks (lobbying, advocacy, capacity) and resource mobilization]
Regional VSB Platforms [Associations]	Exercise its constitutional mandates vide MS VSBs & ARVSBs
Subject matter specialists:- Global organizations [e.g. OIE PVS; FAO, etc.] Continental platforms [AAVEE, APAW, AAVA, ARAWO etc.]	Capacity building for the 2AVSB Collaborative partnerships
<b>Beneficiaries</b>	
Public	Political stability and security in Africa (welfare - food & nutrition security, public & environmental health, and socio-economic welfare)
Animals	Animal welfare is critical to animal health, veterinary public health, productivity and general performance of animals
African countries with VSBs	They need strengthening, harmonization for coherence with Africa's Animal Resources Development Strategies and OIE guidelines and standards
African countries which do not have VSBs	They need to be established so that they can play their role in the development of Africa's Animal Resources Sector
Practitioners	Veterinary regulation requires veterinary practitioners to be competence as prescribed in OIE guidelines [capacity –skills and knowledge]. Effective regulation keeps out quacks and substandard products which compromise the Veterinary Practitioners' pursuit for economic benefits from a thriving profession and industry
Input suppliers and other ARS value chain players	Poor control of the use of veterinary inputs leads to sub-optimal performance of the products, which ultimately compromises the sustainability of exploiting the benefits from their use
ARS development Government and Non-Government Agencies	The expectation of governments and other development agencies is a thriving animal resources sector which contributes to the prosperity of society

## Appendix 6: Meeting Agenda

### Live2 Africa

#### **Pan African Conference on the establishment and the launch of the African Association for Veterinary Statutory Bodies (2AVSB)**

25 – 27 July 2018, Cairo, Egypt

#### **Provisional Programme**

Time	Date & Agenda Item	Responsible
<b>DAY 1: July 25th 2018</b>		
8.30 -9.00	Registration	ALL
<b>Opening Ceremony</b>		
9.00-9.30	Opening remarks	AU-IBAR
<b>Status of Veterinary Statutory Bodies in Africa</b>		
9.30-9.45	Objectives and expected outputs of the conference	Hiver Boussini
9.45-10.00	AU-IBAR interventions in supporting coherence and alignment of animal resources development efforts in Africa	AU-IBAR
9.45-10.15	Importance/Role of VSB in promoting Animal, Public and Environmental health in Africa	OIE
10.15-10.45	Status of VSB in Africa/ Analysis of the status of VSBs in Africa	Bonaventure Mtei
10.45-11.00	Presentation on African Veterinary Association (AVA)	President of AVA
<b>11.00-11.30</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee Break and Group Photo</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Constitution/Statues of the VSB Association</b>		
11.30-13.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of the Role of the Proposed Association of African Vet Statutory Bodies</li> <li>• Proposed constitution of the 2AVSB</li> <li>• Membership, Rules, Functions</li> </ul> Plenary Discussion	Mwenda Mbaka  AU-IBAR
<b>13.00-14.00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>All</b>
14.00-16.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed governance structure of the 2AVSB</li> <li>• A review of the proposed constitution &amp; Governance of the 2AVSB</li> <li>• Plenary discussion and consolidation of the Constitution</li> </ul>	AU-IBAR
16.00-16.30	Election/Voting Modalities	All
<b>16.30-17.00</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>DAY 2: July 26th 2018</b>		
<b>Election of 2AVSB Board/Executive Committee</b>		
8.30-10.00	Election and Installation of the Board	All
<b>Official Opening of the Conference and the Launch of the Associations and Networks</b>		
10.00 – 10.10	Welcome Remarks	Prof. Ahmed Elsalwalhy, Director AU-IBAR
10.10 – 10.20	Introduction of Participants	Dr. Baboucarr Jaw, Chief Animal Health Officer, AU-IBAR
10.20 – 10.30	Remarks from the EU	EU Representative
10.30 – 11.00	Scene Setting Keynote Address: Leveraging Animal Resources Agribusiness for Africa's Growth, Prosperity and Sustainable Development	TBD
11.00 – 11.15	Presentation of the African Association of Veterinary Education Establishments (2A2E-V)	Elected Chairperson of the Association

<b>Time</b>	<b>Date &amp; Agenda Item</b>	<b>Responsible</b>
11.15 – 11.30	African Association of Veterinary Statutory Bodies (2AVSB)	Elected Chairperson of the Association
11.30 – 11.45	African Women in Animal Resources Farming and Agribusiness Network (AWARFA-N)	Elected Chairperson of the Network
11.45 – 12.00	African Youth in Livestock, Fisheries and Aquaculture Incubators Network (AYL-FAIN)	Elected Chairperson of the Network
12.00 – 12.30	Partner Statements RECs, EU, FAO, OIE, AfDB, AAIN	Representatives of the Partner Institutions
12.30 – 12.45	Remarks by the African Union Commissioner Rural Economy and Agriculture	H.E. Josefa Leonel Correa Sacko
12.45 – 1.15	Official Launch of the Associations and Networks and Remarks by the Hon. Minister and the Official Launch of the Associations and Networks	H.E Prof. Dr. Ezz El Din Abostate, Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation
1.15- 2.30	Official Conference Photograph and Lunch Break	
<b>VSB Program Proposal</b>		
15.00-15.30	Presentation of the VSB Program Proposal	
15.30-16.30	Group Work :VSB Program proposal	AU-IBAR
16.30-17.00	Group work presentation and Consolidation/Finalization of the program	All
<b>17.00-17.30</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>VSB proving leadership in addressing emerging and societal concerns</b>		
9.00-9.15	Mainstreaming Animal Welfare in national and regional legislation, strategies and policies	AU-IBAR
9.15-9.30	Mainstreaming One Health in national and regional legislation, strategies and policies	AU-IBAR
9.30-10.00	Technology and Innovation in Africa; the rusty cog	AU-IBAR
10.00-10.30	Animal in Disaster: Integrating disaster risk reduction	World Animal Protection
10.00-10.30	Animal Identification and Traceability	Ives Belei
<b>10.30-11.00</b>	<b>Tea/Coffee Break</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Post Cairo Road map and Closing ceremony</b>		
11.00-12.00	Development of action plan	Chair of VSB
12.00-13.00	Review/update of the roadmap	AU-IBAR
	Resolutions/recommendations	AU-IBAR
	Closing remarks	AU-IBAR
<b>13.00-14.00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
14.00-18.00	Tourism Tour	All

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