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A photograph of a herd of sheep, with several sheep in the foreground and background, looking towards the camera. The sheep have thick, light-colored wool.

**Launch of the
Pan African Program for the
Eradication of Peste des Petits
Ruminants (PPR) and the Control of
other Priority Small Ruminant Diseases**

3 February 2025, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

CONCEPT NOTE AND PROGRAMME

BACKGROUND

Goats and sheep are very important for the socio-economic wellbeing and resilience of the African people especially women and youth. Africa is endowed with around 1 billion Sheep and Goat representing 24% and 31% of the world's small ruminant population, respectively. The majority of small ruminants on the African continent are reared mainly in arid and semi-arid areas and often owned by women and youth. Small Ruminants are a safety net for women and youth who are vulnerable to socio-economic shocks and unrest. Sheep and goats are a core component in the climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies within the African Production systems as compared to cattle. However, their production and productivity is greatly hampered by Pest des Petits Ruminants (PPR) which is a deadly disease of sheep and goats with high socio-economic and trade impacts; and is endemic in most Africa countries. Indeed, this disease is consistently reported in 47 countries out of the 55-member states of the African Union. It is for this reason that AU-IBAR and AU-PANVAC, the RECs, FAO, WOAHA among others are supporting the Africa Union Member States in their efforts to eradicate this disease by the global target of 2030.

The African Union Commission (AUC) has taken the eradication of PPR as a priority policy issue as articulated in the Pan African Strategy for the eradication of PPR and the control of other priority small ruminants' diseases; and also the Pan African Programme for the eradication of PPR (2023-2027) that was recently endorsed by the Ministers in Charge of animal resources development in Africa.

The high priority accorded to PPR eradication is also reflected by several high level commitments and decisions made with respect to the PPR eradication programme with the most recent one being the recommendation of the 5th Specialized Technical Committee (STC) on Agriculture Rural Development Water and Environment (ARDWE) made in November 2023 and adopted by Head of States and Government Summit of AU on 18th February 2024 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia requesting the AU Commission, AUDA-NEPAD, RECs and Member States with the support of FAO, WOAHA and stakeholders, to accelerate efforts to mobilize resources for a continentally coordinated program for the eradication of PPR from Africa by 2030.

The Ministers in charge of animal resources, during the launch of the Pan African PPR Eradication Programme (2023-2027) also made the Nairobi Declaration on the Eradication of Peste des Petits Ruminants by 2030 that urges the AU Commission, RECS, Member States and Partners to renew and enhance commitments to the eradication of PPR and to ensure that the continued presence of the disease in Africa does not derail the attainment of the target for its global eradication by 2030.

African Union Member States have demonstrated their commitments by mobilizing resources with some of them having mobilized local resources and loans for PPR control and eradication.

To demonstrate Africa's commitment to eradicating PPR, the AUC has established a Pan African PPR Secretariat (PAP) to coordinate PPR eradication in Africa by

2030. The PAP comprises AUC institutions, AU- IBAR and AU-PANVAC, international organizations FAO and WOAHA, and is hosted at AU-IBAR in Nairobi, Kenya. The PAP in addition to supporting a coordinated approach for the eradication of PPR in Africa will also ensure that the necessary capacities, resources and governance structures for the PPR eradication are in place.

The total budget for the program is estimated at US\$526 million. The European Union has committed Euro 8 Million for the preparatory phase, “EU support to the Eradication of PPR (Peste des petits ruminants) from Africa”. The action will define concretely the needs for strengthening the continental/ regional actors to respond to the threats of transboundary diseases of sheep and goats in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA), in particular PPR. The Action will also prepare the governance for coordinating the global PPR eradication in SSA and for coordination at continental level. Finally, the Action will prepare and organise the vaccination strategy needed to eradicate PPR on the basis of the state of play of the various existing initiatives and capacities.

Therefore, AUC through its specialized technical agencies namely AU-IBAR and AU-PANVAC in close partnership with FAO and WOAHA has planned an Inception Event to officially launch the Pan African Programme for the Eradication of PPR and the Control of other Priority Small Ruminants Diseases (SRDs) in Africa by 2030 and the Action “EU support to the Eradication of PPR (Peste des petits ruminants) from Africa” on Monday the 3rd February 2025, 18.00 to 21.30 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The event will be Graced by the President of the Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the Chair Person of the African Union Commission.



OBJECTIVES

The main objective is to launch at continental level the Pan African Programme for the Eradication of PPR and the Control of other Priority Small Ruminants Diseases (SRD) from Africa by 20230 and the Action “EU support to the Eradication of PPR (Peste des petits ruminants) from Africa”.

The following are the Specific objectives:

- Present the Pan African PPR Eradication programme 2023-2027
- Present the “EU Support to the Eradication of PPR (Peste des petits ruminants) from Africa”
- Receive Highlights from Ministers on PPR eradication activities in MSs
- Launch the Pan African Programme for the Eradication of PPR and the Control of other Priority Small Ruminants Diseases (SRDs) in Africa by 20230 and the Action “EU support to the Eradication of PPR (Peste des petits ruminants) from Africa”
- Strengthen continental and regional coordination and harmonization for the eradication of PPR and the control of other priority small ruminant diseases
- High level political support and advocacy for resource mobilization in support to PPR Eradication program

The expected outputs of this meeting are:

- Pan Africa Programme for the Eradication of PPR and the Control of other SRDs Launched
- The “EU Support to the Eradication of PPR (Peste des Petits Ruminants) from Africa” launched
- Continental and regional coordination and harmonization for the eradication of PPR and the control of other priority small ruminant diseases enhanced

- High level political support and advocacy for resource mobilization in support to PPR Eradication program

Organised by: AU-IBAR, AU-PANVAC, FAO, WOAHA under GF-TADs Africa Umbrella

Dates: Monday 3rd February 2025,

Time: 18.00pm to 21.30pm

Location: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Modality: face-to-face meeting

Languages/Interpretation: English/English and English/French

EXPECTED PARTICIPANTS

Participants are expected from FAO/ WOAHA Global PPR Secretariat, WOAHA PPR Secretariat, AU-PANVAC, RECs, MSs, ILRI, IBAR and development partners.

Guest of Honor: Her Excellency the President of the Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

3 rd February 2025 18.00-21.30		
Session I: Opening Ceremony		
Time	Activity	Responsible
17.30-18.00	Arrivals and registration	AUC
18.00-18.10	Welcome Remarks	Dr. Godfrey Bahigwa, Director of ARD
	Opening Remarks	Amb. Josepha Correira Sacko, Commissioner ARWE, AU
18.10-18.30	Presentation of the Pan African PPR Eradication Program & EU support to the Eradication of PPR (Peste des petits ruminants) from Africa”	Dr. Huyam Salih Director AU-IBAR
18.30-20.00	Advocacy messages by invited Ministers	Ethiopia, Chad, Cote d’Ivoire, Cameroon, Uganda
20.00-20.40	Statements from donor community	EU, US/DTRA, AfDB, IsDB, IFAD, BMG, GALVMed, USDA, USAID, GIZ, WB,
20.40-21.10	Statement from International Organizations	ILRI, IAEA, WOAAH, FAO
	Statement from ILRI	
	Statements from FAO	Director General, FAO
	Statements from IAEA	Director General of IAEA
	Statements from WOAAH	Director General WOAAH
Session 2: Launch of the Pan African programme for the Eradication of PPR from Africa		
21.10-21.20	Keynote address	AUC Chair Person
21.20-21.30	Speech of the Guest of Honor	President of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia
21.30-21.35	<i>Unveiling the Pan African PPR Eradication Programme & EU support to the Eradication of PPR (Peste des petits ruminants) from Africa”</i>	ALL
21.40	Photo Session, Dinner and End of the Ceremony	



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