**Report on Media Facilitation for** 

#### the Africa Pastoral Markets Development Platform (APMD) Project Stakeholder's Inception and Official Launch Workshop

Date: January 15-17, 2025

Venue: Villa Rosa Kempinski, Nairobi Kenya

Prepared for: African Union Inter – African Bureau of Animal Resources (AU-IBAR)

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#### Background

The African Union's Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR), a technical office of the African Union Commission, promotes sustainable development of Africa's animal resources. AU-IBAR envisions an integrated, prosperous, and peaceful Africa, leveraging animal resources to enhance nutrition, food security, and well-being. Collaborating with Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and stakeholders, it leads transformative initiatives in livestock, fisheries, and wildlife sectors.

Supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, AU-IBAR implements the African Pastoral Markets Development (APMD) Platform, a 4-year initiative fostering market-driven transformations in pastoralism. The platform integrates pastoral communities into livestock markets, advancing agricultural transformation through stakeholder collaboration.

From January 15-17, 2025, the APMD Platform Stakeholders' Inception and Launch Workshop at Villa Rosa Kempinski, Nairobi, convened policymakers, partners, and stakeholders, marking a milestone in enhancing food security and economic growth among Africa's pastoral communities.

#### Objective

The primary objective of media facilitation at the APMD Stakeholder Inception and Launch Workshop was to enhance the visibility and understanding of the African Pastoral Markets Development (APMD) Platform. It aimed to secure comprehensive media coverage of the workshop and project launch while effectively communicating the platform's transformative potential to local, regional, and international audiences. Additionally, the engagement sought to strengthen relationships with media stakeholders, fostering opportunities for future collaborations.

#### Deliverables

The following deliverables were accomplished during the workshop:

Digital/Online

#### AU-IBAR launches initiative addressing challenges by pastoral communities

https://www.capitalfm.co.ke/news/2025/01/au-ibar-launches-initiative-addressing-challenges-by-pastoral-communities/

#### AU-IBAR Launches Transformative African Pastoral Markets Development Platform

https://mountkenyatimes.co.ke/au-ibar-launches-transformative-african-pastoral-markets-development-platform/

Experts call for concerted efforts to address challenges in livestock sector

https://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2025-01-16-experts-call-for-concerted-efforts-to-address-challenges-in-livestock-sector

#### AU-IBAR Launches Landmark African Livestock Marketing, Development Platform Initiative

https://nipashebiz.co.ke/african-pastoral-livestock-market-development-platform-launched-in-nairobi-to-transform-livestock-trade-across-africa/

#### Pastoral livestock sector lags behind on value addition

https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/health/amp/national/article/2001509663/pastoral-livestock-sector-lags-behind-on-value-addition

#### Robust Data Ecosystem Needed To Boost Africa's Livestock Pastoral Sector

https://mountkenyatimes.co.ke/robust-data-ecosystem-needed-to-boost-africas-livestock-pastoral-sector/

#### Mueke roots for multi-sectoral partnerships to address hurdles in livestock sector

https://www.capitalfm.co.ke/news/2025/01/mueke-roorts-for-multi-sectoral-partnerships-to-address-hurdles-in-livestock-sector/

#### Africa's Livestock Industry Gets a Boost with the Launch of Development Platform

https://www.newsline.co.ke/africas-livestock-industry-gets-a-boost-with-the-launch-of-development-platform/

Kenya and Nigeria Champion Livestock Sector Transformation at APMD Launch

https://www.operanewsapp.com/ke/en/share/detail?news\_id=7bf05d3b8ffc460caff63cad15cfb442&news\_entry\_id=s59de6a5c25 0119en\_ke&open\_type=tanscoded&request\_id=news\_3304611e-e872-4fc7-a0aa-2f41264163a9&from=news\_

AU-IBAR Launches APMD Platform To Transform African Livestock Trade

https://africatimesnetwork.co.ke/au-ibar-launches-apmd-platform-to-transform-african-livestock-trade/

Africa's Pastoral Livestock Marketing & Development Platform Launched

https://kilimonews.co.ke/general-news/africas-pastoral-livestock-marketing-development-platform-launched/

### **TELEVISION**

AU-IBAR launches Pastoral Market Development platform

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c0KGlvNDNp4

Kenya to start exporting livestock and meat to eight African countries

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MomU2ow-KeA

Mahitaji ya nyama na maziwa Afrika kuongezeka 2050

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WGzyVc8Yb6o

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Enhancing livestock trade: New era for livestock development, Africa

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KUlScJcFnJg

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https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1135809564872329&rdid=TcwdT7UG26UD2TvP



K24 News Bulletin (AU-IBAR'S APMD Platform Launch Story at Minute 18:23 in the bulletin)

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#### AU unveils platform to enhance pastoral economies, income

AGATHA NGOTHO / The African Union has launched a new platform aimed at transforming and empowering pastoralists.

The African Pastoral Markets Development platform is designed to enhance productivity, foster market integration, and unlock investment opportunities for pastoral communities.

Dr Christopher Wanga, director of Livestock Policy, Research and Regulations at the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, said that the platform comes at a pivotal moment for Kenya's livestock sector.

He said the sector is crucial for the nation's flagship initiatives, including improvement of dairy industry, development of meat value chains and the transformation of the leather industry.

Wanga spoke on Friday during the APMD launch, where he represented Principal Secretary Jonathan Mweke. The initiative will be implemented in

Kenya and Nigeria over the next four years.

The APMD is spearheaded by the African Union's Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR) with support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. It aims to create an enabling environment for pastoralism. Its goals include integrating

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floods, droughts and other disasters.

"There are many hungry Kenyans who are in need of assistance. We do not want a situation in which relief food has to be imported," he said, adding that the strategy is in line with the Bottom Up Economic Transformation Agenda, which seeks to improve farmers' profit.

The Ahero Irrigation Scheme in Kano plains produces approximately 22,000 tonnes of rice every year.

Elizabeth Ojina

# Expert calls for livestock databases on continent



Huyam Salih, WILFRED NYANGARESH NATION

Africa has a deficit of livestock databases, making it difficult for governments to address challenges facing the sector. According to the African Union InterAfrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR), animal data collection is crucial in boosting and helping revamp the livestock industry.

"A deficit in data makes it difficult to identify and seal gaps," said Huyam Salin, the AU-IBAR chief, adding that with a comprehensive database of animals, stakeholders in the value chain would be able to mobilise resources and support farmers.

The livestock database will help identify gaps, investment opportunities and ways in which farmers – especially pastoralists who contribute significantly to the meat chain – will benefit through funded projects, "Dr Salih said.

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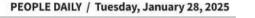
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# Pastoralists welcome APMD initiative launch

#### by George Kebaso @PeopleDailyKe

Pastoralists are celebrating the launch of the African Pastoral Markets Development (APMD), an initiative currently in its pilot stage in Kenya and Nigeria.

This four-year project, backed by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and spearheaded by the African Union's Inter-Africa Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR), promises to revolutionise pastoralism by integrating pastoral communities into competitive livestock markets.

Christopher Wanga, Director of Livestock Policy, Research and Regulations at the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, is optimistic about the initiative.

"This project comes at a crucial time for the livestock sector in Kenya. We are focusing on three flagship interventions: improving the dairy industry, enhancing the meat value chain, and transforming the leather sector. These efforts are aimed at doubling milk supply, expanding both local and export meat markets, and boosting leather utilisation,"he said at the launch in Nairobi. Wanga highlighted how the APMD platform aligns with Kenya's National Livestock Master Plan, which is designed to guide targeted investments in the sector. "The Livestock Master Plan emphasises accurate data collection, allowing us to make informed, county-specific decisions. This ensures interventions are grounded in evidence, creating a platform where pastoralists can secure better returns on their investments," he explained.

He also noted that the initiative is supported by a collaborative framework between county and national governments, making it a comprehensive and inclusive approach.

One of the critical challenges for the livestock sector in Kenya has been addressing animal feed shortages.

Wanga disclosed that the Ministry has plans to develop 450 feedlots across arid and semi-arid counties through publicprivate partnerships. "This will alleviate the perennial feed crisis that pastoralists face, ensuring a more reliable feed supply for their livestock," he added.

In addition to feed shortages, livestock diseases pose a significant threat to pastoral communities

Huyam Salih, Director of AU-IBAR, underscored the transformative potential of the APMD initiative.

"This project aims to foster sustainable livelihoods for pastoral communities through innovative business models, enhanced policy frameworks, and knowledge-sharing mechanisms. It is pivotal for enabling market-driven transformations and fostering inclusive agricultural growth across Africa," she said.

Salih added that the project's focus on women, youth, food security, and climate resilience would bring significant social and economic benefits.

The APMD initiative operates under three core pillars: strengthening policy environments, integrating the private sector into pastoral livestock markets, and creating functional data ecosystems.

Additionally, it incorporates crosscutting objectives, including empowering women and youth, improving food security, and enhancing climate resilience in pastoral areas.

Pastoralists, government officials, development partners, and stakeholders from across Africa attended the launch, signalling a shared commitment to the initiative's success.

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KAYU FM - https://mab.to/t/XOlrD2Eumsi/eu1

TAACH FM https://mab.to/t/Vxenzmb6ILN/eu1

NOTE: More links and attachments will be shared once articles are published or aired. Several pieces are currently pending publication. Articles that were pending in previous workshops have since been submitted.

#### Recommendations

To improve the effectiveness of future workshops and ensure sustained engagement with stakeholders, the following recommendations are suggested:

#### 1. Training Journalists on AU-IBAR and the APMD Platform

• Conduct specialized workshops to educate journalists about AU-IBAR operations and the APMD Platform. This will enhance their understanding and ability to report effectively on its objectives and achievements.

#### 2. Knowledge Management and Focal Points

 Assign knowledge management focal persons in lighthouse countries - Kenya and Nigeria, particularly as the APMD Platform transitions to its implementation phase. These individuals will help document and share success stories to showcase impact.

#### 3. Localized Communication Efforts

• Establish a network of representatives or commissioned officers trained to engage with local communities in their native languages. This can be achieved by building a critical mass of trained individuals to disseminate relevant information effectively at the grassroots level.

#### 4. Diverse and Broader Media Coverage

• Arrange field visits for journalists and media professionals to interact directly with pastoral livestock keepers, traders, fodder growers, and feed manufacturers. This will provide a richer and more comprehensive understanding of the industry and its challenges.

#### 5. Monitoring and Follow-Up Mechanisms

• Develop mechanisms to follow up with journalists, enabling them to monitor the progress and implementation of action plans formulated during the workshops and the overall project.

#### 6. Training and Capacity Building for Communication and Advocacy

• Offer training sessions to stakeholders to improve their communication and advocacy skills.

#### Conclusion

The media engagement for the Africa Pastoral Markets Development Platform (APMD) Project Stakeholder's Inception and Official Launch Workshop effectively achieved its objectives by providing comprehensive coverage, thorough documentation, and impactful dissemination of key outcomes.

This report includes a curated list of journalists, which can serve as a valuable resource for enriching AU-IBAR's media database for future engagements. Additionally, the Media and Campaign Plan utilized for the success of this engagement is attached and can be adopted as a template for similar initiatives moving forward.

By implementing the recommendations outlined in this report, AU-IBAR can further refine its media strategies, enhance communication with stakeholders, and increase the visibility of its initiatives. These efforts will not only strengthen future workshops but also foster a more informed and engaged community, ultimately advancing the objectives of the APMD Platform.

## Media and Campaign Plan

#### Media Engagement for the Stakeholders' Inception and Official Platform Launch Workshop

Venue: Villa Rosa Kempinski, Nairobi - Kenya Date: 15th – 17th January, 2025

#### 1. Objectives

The media and campaign plan aims to:

- Enhance visibility and understanding of the African Pastoral Markets Development (APMD) Platform.
- Ensure comprehensive media coverage of the workshop and project launch.
- Effectively communicate the transformative potential of the APMD Platform to local, regional, and international audiences.
- Strengthen relationships with media stakeholders for future collaborations.

#### 2. Pre-Workshop Activities

#### 2.1. Media and Stakeholder Engagement

- Identification of Media Outlets:
  - Target at least five major newspapers, three TV stations, and two radio channels with regional coverage.
  - o Include digital platforms and influencers with a focus on development and agriculture.
- Engagement Strategy:

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- Send invitations to media houses, journalists, and influencers by 5th January 2025.
- Follow up with personalized calls and emails to confirm attendance and accreditation.
- Press Release Preparation:
  - Draft and distribute a detailed press release highlighting the workshop objectives, AU-IBAR's role, and the significance of the APMD Platform.
- Press Kits:
  - Prepare press kits containing:
    - Workshop agenda.
    - Fact sheets on APMD Platform objectives, service offerings, and expected outcomes.
    - Key messaging aligned with the Livestock Development Strategy for Africa (LiDeSA) and the Policy Framework for Pastoralism in Africa.

#### 3. Workshop Activities

#### 3.1. Real-Time Event Coverage

- Live Social Media Updates:
  - Post updates, photos, and quotes from key speakers on AU-IBAR's social media platforms during the event.
  - Use dedicated hashtags (e.g., #APMDLaunch, #AfricanPastoralMarkets) for engagement tracking.
- Traditional Media Coordination:
  - Facilitate interviews with key stakeholders for TV and radio.
  - Arrange on-site media briefings with subject matter experts to ensure accurate reporting.
- Content Creation:

- o Develop and disseminate daily updates, including short articles and video clips highlighting key discussions and outcomes.
- Capture high-quality photos for media use and social media engagement.

#### 4. Post-Workshop Activities

#### 4.1. Comprehensive Media Report

- Compile a detailed report covering:
  - Media coverage metrics (e.g., number of articles, broadcasts, social media reach).
  - Analysis of messaging impact and audience engagement.

#### 4.2. Follow-Up and Continued Engagement

- Address follow-up questions from journalists and media outlets.
- Share post-event press releases summarizing workshop outcomes and stakeholder commitments.

#### 4.3. Recommendations

• Provide a roadmap for sustained media engagement, including lessons learned and strategies for leveraging media for future APMD Platform activities.

#### 5. Deliverables Timeline

Activity	Responsible Party	Timeline
Finalize media list and send invitations	Media Engagement Facilitator	By 5th January 2025
Draft and distribute press release	Media Engagement Facilitator	By 7th January 2025
Prepare press kits	Media Engagement Facilitator	By 10th January 2025

#### Activity Responsible Party

Timeline

Real-time updates and on-site coverage Media Engagement Facilitator and AU-IBAR 15th – 17th January 2025

Compile media coverage report

Media Engagement Facilitator

By 20th January 2025

End of Plan

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