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2nd Ministerial Deep Dive on Livestock - Scaling What Works through Regional Value Chains, Partnership and Investment

Wednesday 02-09-26, Time: 16:00–18:00 CAT

Session Brief

Theme of the Day: Investing in Africa's Agri-Food Systems: Nourishing Nations, Growing Jobs, Building Resilience

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Session Leads/Organizers:

- Co-convened by African Union InterAfrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR) and the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), hosted by AGRA as part of the AFSF. Building on the standing AU-IBAR–ILRI partnership: AU-IBAR drives policy coherence and continental alignment; ILRI drives science-based solutions — complementary roles advancing a common vision of transformed livestock value chains.
- In partnership with GALVmed, GIZ, Gatsby Africa, Heifer International, Mercy Corps, SNV, Strathmore University, and the CGIAR Science Program on Sustainable Animal and Aquatic Foods

Session Type: Ministerial Platform

Key Messages

- **Towards delivery**: Africa's livestock transformation must now move from recognition to delivery, organizing livestock assets into integrated regional value chains that generate food security, jobs, trade, and investment.
- **Scaling what works:** Sustainable livestock transformation is achieved by connecting production to markets through integrated regional livestock value chains, strategic partnerships and targeted public and private investment
- **Regional co-ordination and co-operation:** Harmonized governance instruments are essential to catalyze regional and international livestock trade

Description

The 2nd Ministerial Deep Dive on Livestock builds on the inaugural 2025 session. The Platform takes a systems-wide view of Africa's livestock sector, examining one subsector each year through the full livestock ecosystem. The session opens with welcome and framing from AU-IBAR and ILRI, followed by a scene-setting presentation on Integrated Livestock Value Chains, Partnerships and Investment, highlighting the need to move **towards delivery**. This will be followed by two case studies, one on **scaling,** using Ethiopia's dairy growth as an illustrative country case, followed by a private sector perspective on delivery. Dairy is this year's illustrative example, not the subject. Ministers



responsible for livestock will then hold an hour of facilitated dialogue, focusing on **regional collaboration and co-operation,** while applying lessons shared to their contexts to identify practical actions for strengthening integrated regional livestock value chains.

Objectives

Overall objective: To leverage the Kampala CAADP Strategy and Action Plan (2026–2035) to accelerate the delivery of sustainable livestock transformation through integrated regional value chains, strategic partnerships, targeted public and private investment, and strengthened regional cooperation.

Specific Objectives:

1. Build a shared understanding of how integrated regional livestock value chains can translate the Kampala CAADP Strategy into practical action, investment and sustainable livestock transformation.
2. Identify practical strategies for scaling livestock transformation through integrated regional value chains, strategic partnerships, and targeted public and private investment.
3. Facilitate ministerial dialogue that enables peer learning and exchange, supporting practical actions to strengthen the policy, institutional and investment conditions for delivery.

Session Format

Moderator: Ed Rege, lead facilitator

Welcome and Opening:

- **Hon. Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources, Rwanda:** Official opening and welcome on behalf of the host government
- **Dr. Huyam Ahmed Mohammed Elamin Salih – Director, AU-IBAR**: The continental policy case — Africa's flagship continental vision and program: Integrated regional value chains (IRLVC)
- **Dr Appolinaire Djikeng – Director General, ILRI**: The Platform and this year's focus — connecting to the 2025 Ministerial and introducing this year's evidence case and why dairy is the illustrative example

Speakers:

- **Professor Lindiwe Majele Sibanda — *Setting the Scene 1:* What Works — Integrated Value Chains, Partnerships and Investment for Sustainable Livestock Systems in Africa**. This opening presentation will frame the discussion by demonstrating why Africa's livestock transformation must move from recognition to delivery through integrated regional livestock value chains. It will highlight the costs of fragmented value chains, the benefits of greater integration, and the enabling policy, institutional and investment conditions needed to stimulate



transformation at scale. The presentation will show how integrated value chains, strategic partnerships and targeted investment can unlock productivity, trade, jobs and food security across the continent.

- **Dr. Getachew Diriba, Senior Advisor to the State Minister for the Livestock and Fishery Sector, Ministry of Agriculture, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia — Case study 1: Lessons from Ethiopia's Dairy Growth**. An illustrative country case demonstrating how integrated livestock value chains have been translated into practice. The presentation will highlight the partnerships, investments and policy actions that enabled delivery, while reflecting candidly on the challenges encountered, what remains unfinished, and the lessons that are transferable to other African contexts.
- **Mucai Kunyiha, Group CEO, CKL Africa — Case study 2: What It Takes for the Market to Deliver at Scale.** A market perspective on the conditions required for businesses to invest and operate at scale, exploring how policy, regulation, market organization and animal health systems can create an enabling environment for private sector investment.
- **Ministers responsible for livestock — Rwanda, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, Mali, Zambia, Senegal, Madagascar, Tanzania, Uganda plus open floor** — *Ministerial dialogue.*

Run of the Show (Minute-by-Minute) (Indicative)

Time queue system: CAT Time (Kigali)

Time	Segment/Activity
15:45 – 16:00	Pre-session (15 min) -*Ministers and speakers arrive in the waiting area/lounge (TBD) Moderator briefing; check microphones and sound; confirm any changes to the programme*
16:00 – 16:20	**Opening and Welcome (20 min)** • *Hon. Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources, Rwanda* • *Dr Huyam Ahmed Mohammed Elamin Salih, Director, AU-IBAR* • *Prof Appolinaire Djikeng, Director General, ILRI*
16:20 – 16:30	**Setting the Scene 1 — What works: Integrated Livestock Value Chains, Partnerships and Investment for Sustainable Livestock Systems in Africa** (10 min) -- *Professor Lindiwe Majele Sibanda*
16:30 – 16:40	**Case Study 1 — Lessons from Ethiopia's Dairy Growth: What It Takes to Deliver** (10 min) -- *Dr. Getachew Diriba, Senior Advisor to the State Minister for the Livestock and Fishery Sector, Ministry of Agriculture, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia*

16:40 – 16:50	**Case Study 2 — Delivering Through Animal Health: A Market Perspective** (10 min) -- *Mucai Kunyiha, Group CEO, CKL Africa, coordinated by GALVmed*
16:50 – 17:50	**Ministerial Dialogue and Actions (60 mins)** *A facilitated discussion among Ministers responsible for livestock, drawing on the presentations to identify practical actions, partnerships and regional cooperation needed to strengthen integrated livestock value chains and accelerate implementation across Africa.*
17:50 – 18:00	**Closing Reflections and Vote of Thanks (10 min)** *Key messages and priority actions emerging from the dialogue will be synthesized and followed by a networking reception to continue discussions and foster partnerships for implementation.*
18:00 onwards	**Group photo and Reception**

High-level participants

African Ministers

1. **Rwanda**- Dr. Telesphore Ndabamenye (Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources**)**
2. **Ethiopia**, H.E Dr. Fikru Regassa (State Minister of Livestock and Fishery, Ministry of Agriculture)
3. **Kenya**, Hon. Sen. Mutahi Kagwe, EGH (Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development)
4. **Madagascar**, H.E. Ramindo Gaëtan (Minister of Agriculture and Food Sovereignty)
5. **Mali**, Hon. Youba Ba (Minister of Livestock and Fisheries)
6. **Nigeria**, Hon. Idi Mukhtar Maiha (Minister of Livestock Development)
7. **Senegal**- Mr. Cheikhou Oumar BA (Minister of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Livestock)
8. **Tanzania**, Amb. Dr. Bashiru Ally Kakurwa (Minister of Livestock & Fisheries)
9. **Zambia**, Ag. Max Mudenda Choombe, Permanent Secretary Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock Development (MFL)
10. **Uganda**, Hon. Frank Tumwebaze, the Cabinet Minister of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries

Other high-level participants

1. Dr. Huyam Ahmed Mohammed Elamin Salih, Director, AU-IBAR,
2. Dr. Appolinaire Djikeng, Director General, ILRI
3. Dr. Siboniso Moyo, Deputy Director General (Research, Partnerships and Impact), ILRI
4. Dr. Sam Thevasagayam, Director for Livestock and Agriculture, Gates Foundation
5. Mr. Rod Basset, Chief Executive Officer, Agrium Capital
6. Dr. Segenet Kelemu, Mastercard Foundation



7. Dr. Namukolo Covic, CGIAR Liaison to African Union