

### African Union Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources

# AU-IBAR SPS related Activities

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- **1951** Interafrican Bureau of Epizootic Diseases (IBED) aimed at rinderpest eradication
- 1956Interafrican Bureau for Animal Health (IBAH)transformed to widen the scope
- **1965** Part of OAU

integrated as a regional technical office

**1970** Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (IBAR) to reflect the expansion into livestock production issues

AU-IBAR has been specialized technical office of the AUC-DREA from 2003



#### For whom?

- <u>AU Member States</u> and <u>RECs</u>

## To achieve which goal?

 To enhance the contribution of animal resources to economic growth and food and nutrition security and poverty reduction on the continent.



Vision: An Africa in which animal resources contribute significantly to the reduction of poverty and hunger.

Mission: To provide leadership in the development of animal resources for Africa through supporting and empowering AU Member States and Regional Economic Communities

Mandate: To support and coordinate the utilization of animals (livestock, fisheries and wildlife) as a resource for human wellbeing in the Member States, and to contribute to economic development, particularly in rural areas



- I. TADs and Zoonosis
- 2. Natural Resources Management
- 3. Investment and Competitiveness
- 4. Standards and Regulations
- 5. Policies and Capacity Building
- 6. Knowledge Management



- Provide technical leadership and advisory services
- Facilitate development and harmonisation of policies
- Coordination of animal resources development matters
- Facilitate articulation of common African positions in global processes
- Play advocacy role on issues relevant for Africa
- Collate, analyse and disseminate data and information
- Provide strategic support to countries in emergency situations

# Reinforcing Veterinary Governance in Africa

## Rationale

- Animal diseases constraint to livestock development and trade of livestock and livestock products
- Eradication of animal diseases very expensive and very long process (60 years for the rinderpest and more than 200 million euro invested through IBAR )
- The prevention and control of TADs, zoonoses are national and/or global public good
- Inadequate investments Public and Private
- Institutional environment not conducive to the provision of affordable, accessible and sustainable quality veterinary services

# Reinforcing Veterinary Governance in Africa

- **47 ACP countries 7 RECs** (+ non ACP states for common positions issues)
- 5 years
- Euro 31.2 M: Euro 30M from EU and Euro 1.2 M AU
- **Objective:** Improve the institutional environment at national and regional levels to provide effective and efficient animal health services in Africa
- 3 levels of intervention:
  - Advocacy and awareness raising
  - CB for formulation (policies, strategies, legislations)
  - CB for implementation



#### **Result I: Knowledge and awareness for institutional change enhanced**

Activity I: Collating and documenting data to support knowledge creation.

#### Activity: 2 Undertake evidence-based advocacy

- Result 2: Institutional capacity for livestock policy formulation, animal health strategies and legislation enhanced
- Activity I: Build capacity for livestock policy and AH strategy formulation
- Activity 2 Build capacity for the review and development of AH legislation
- Activity 3 Provide guidance for adopting livestock policy, AH strategies and legislation review and harmonisation.



**Result 3: Institutional capacity for the implementation of policies and enforcement of regulations enhanced** 

- Activity I: Enhance capacities for timely collection, analysis and sharing of accurate sanitary information
- Activity 2: Strengthen disease prevention and control mechanisms at national and regional level
- Activity3: Facilitate the participation of African countries in AH standard setting processes
- Activity4: Enhance capacity of RECs and countries to assess the compliance of veterinary services with OIE standards
- Main expected outcome is to have policies & strategies in place and integrated in national action and investment plans (through CAADP process)
- PVS and GA are the starting point



- OIE in charge of quality control on PVS pathway and Capacity building on Vet. Legislation.
- FAO in charge of support to policy analysis and strengthening regional networks
- AU-IBAR in charge of :
  - Overall coordination
  - Support to RECs
  - Inter regional harmonization
  - Advocacy and awareness
- RECs are both: Beneficiaries and Implementing Partners

Cross-cutting issues:

- OWOH
- PPP



Participation of African Nations to Sanitary and Phytosanitary Standard Setting Organizations (PAN-SPSO)

- Euro 3.855 M; 3 years 47 ACP countries
- **Objective :** Facilitate effective participation of African Countries in the activities of the OIE, IPPC and CAC during the formulation of international SPS standards

## Activities/achievements:

- Common position of African countries in Standard Setting Process
- Capacities of African countries and mechanisms for participation strengthened
- SPS related data and information acquired and disseminated (incl. experts database)
- Establishment/ strengthen National SPS committee



## **Establishment of Standard Secretariat**

- Need to address the three components in more equitable way (animal health, plant health and food safety)
- Need to deliver on other aspects (information sharing, capacity building)
- Strengthen the capacity of IAPSC on PH standard
- Need to coordinate multiple funding sources for SPS activities (Vet Gov, PAN-SPSO, PAN-SPSO II etc)

# Establishment of Standard Secretariat.





# **Thank You**



#### AU-IBAR: Providing leadership in the development of animal resources for Africa