



**AFRICAN UNION
INTERAFRICAN BUREAU
FOR ANIMAL RESOURCES**



Commemoration of the AU-IBAR 70th Anniversary and the 10th Anniversary of Rinderpest Eradication

CONCEPT NOTE AND PROGRAMME

17th - 18th March, 2022



CONCEPT NOTE

INTRODUCTION

The African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR) is a specialized technical office of the African Union falling under the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment (DARBE). AU-IBAR was established in 1951 and was initially known as the Inter-African Bureau of Epizootic Diseases (IBED), concerned mainly with rinderpest control.

For more than four decades, AU-IBAR coordinated significant continent-wide efforts aimed at the eradication of rinderpest through several projects, notably the Joint Project Number 15 on Rinderpest (JP-15: 1962-1975), the Pan-African Rinderpest Campaign (PARC: 1986-1998), the African Wildlife Veterinary Project (AWVP: 1998-2000) and the Pan-African Program for the Control of Epizootics (PACE: 1999-2007). The final eradication of rinderpest from its last foci in Africa was demonstrated through the efforts of the AU-IBAR Somali Ecosystem Rinderpest Eradication coordination Unit implemented from 2008 -2010.

Over the years, the mandate of AU-IBAR has evolved to address the continent's needs. Today, its mandate covers all aspects of animal resources, including livestock, fisheries, and wildlife, across the entire African continent.

With its broadened mandate 'covering animal production (from 1970), AU-IBAR has implemented a wide range of projects, including the Farming in Tsetse-Controlled Areas Project (FITCA: 1999-2004); the Regional Project for Poultry and Milk Production in East Africa Project (1999-2005), the Community Animal Health and Participatory Epidemiology Project (CAPE: 2000-2004); Pastoral Livelihoods Program (PLP: 2000-2005), the Pastoral Livelihoods Program HIV/AIDS (PLP HIV/AIDS: 2003-2006), and the Regional Program on Ticks and Tick-borne Diseases (RTTDC) (1998-2001).

Some of AU-IBAR'S recent programmes and projects include: strengthening institutional capacity to enhance governance of the Fisheries Sector in Africa (FishGov 1 & 2) [2014- 2018; and 2021-2024]; strengthening the Secretariat for the Conference of African Ministers in charge of fisheries and aquaculture within the framework of the Regional Partnership for African Fisheries Policy Reform (RAFIP) Project (2018-2019), and the project on strengthening the capacity of African countries towards the conservation and sustainable utilization of African Animal Genetic Resources (AnGR) [2013-2019].

Through partial Member State support, AU-IBAR is currently playing a leading continental role in strengthening Pan-African platforms for enhancing entrepreneurship and coordination

in the animal resources sector by enhancing women empowerment and independence; youth agribusiness and employment; fisheries policies and practices; veterinary education establishment; and veterinary statutory bodies. Additionally, through a contribution agreement with the European Union, the Pan-African Support to the AU-IBAR for a Sustainable Development of Livestock for Livelihoods in Africa (Live2Africa) project is transforming the African livestock sector for enhanced contribution to sustainable socio-economic development and equitable growth. Live2Africa seeks to strengthen the systemic capacities of continental, regional, and national livestock sector stakeholders for sustainable livestock sector transformation.

Founded on the principles of subsidiarity and complementarity guiding its interventions, AU-IBAR fills a unique and strategic niche by working at the continental and regional levels to coordinate programmes with the Regional Economic Communities (RECs). This principle also provides a framework for AU-IBAR's engagements with various stakeholders.

AU-IBAR is the duly mandated AU institution overseeing the Livestock Development Strategy for Africa (LiDESA), the Policy Framework and Reform Strategy for Fisheries and Aquaculture in Africa, the recently endorsed Africa Blue Economy Strategy,

the Animal Health Strategy, and the Animal Welfare Strategy for Africa.

As a specialized technical office of the African Union Commission (AUC), AU-IBAR enjoys unique convening powers and is a critical instrument for knowledge management and advocacy; it can bring together animal resources policies and decision-makers from AU Member States. AU-IBAR is thus very well placed to translate technical recommendations into national, regional, and continental policies and practices and achieve real impact on the lives and livelihoods of those who depend on Africa's animal resources. Through many of its projects and programs, AU-IBAR has developed a considerable track record and gained a lot of experience as a continental body providing leadership on animal resources issues in Africa.

VISION, MISSION, MANDATE AND STRATEGIC NICHE

Over the years, AU-IBAR's strategic niche has been strengthened by the demands of the animal resources sector. The progress in its comparative advantage is reflected in its evolving vision, mission, mandate, niche and core functions.

Vision: An Africa in which animal resources contribute significantly to integration, prosperity and peace.

Mission: To provide leadership and integrated support services for the development of animal resources in Africa

Mandate: To support and coordinate the sustainable development and utilization of animal resources to enhance nutrition and food security and contribute to the wellbeing and prosperity of the people in the MSs of the AU.

Strategic niche:

1. Formulation, validation and dissemination of animal resources continental strategic frameworks
2. Coordinate Africa's contribution to the development of relevant standards and regulations and enhance compliance by Member States
3. Strengthen institutional capacity and support policy coherence and harmonization at national, regional and continental levels
4. Package and disseminate information and knowledge on animal resources to Member States, Regional Economic Communities and other continental and regional institutions
5. Coordinate the African Voice (common positions) in Animal resources development
5. Enhance the pan-African coordination, networking and partnerships in Animal resources
6. Provide support to Member States (technical, tools) for effective implementation of their policies and strategies

JUSTIFICATION OF THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

AU-IBAR is a true African success story. In 2012, the institution celebrated its 60th anniversary which also marked the eradication of rinderpest from Africa. It has been 10 years since rinderpest was eradicated globally and Africa has sustained the status over this time. Recently, FAO and OIE celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the global eradication of rinderpest.

In order to draw attention to current and up-coming generations in Africa on the benefits and impacts of the eradication of rinderpest, it is fitting that AU-IBAR celebrates its 70th anniversary and makes use of the occasion to commemorate 10 years of the sustained eradication of rinderpest.

AU-IBAR is also coordinating African Union Member States and partners in efforts to control and eradicate Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) by 2030 in line with the Global strategy. AU-IBAR will use the occasion to launch the second phase of the 5-year program (2022-2026) for the control and eradication of PPR and also to create awareness on the benefits of eradicating PPR.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CELEBRATIONS

The main objective of the commemoration is to celebrate the partnership support to the AU-IBAR for the development of Animal Resources in Africa



and to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of rinderpest eradication.

The expected outcomes are:

- Awareness on current and potential contributions of animal resources to Africa’s socio-economic growth enhanced;
- Awareness of rinderpest, its eradication and the need for continued vigilance enhanced;
- Role of EU and other partners support showcased;
- The Pan-Africa PPR control and eradication Programme (2022-2026) launched
- Outstanding institutional and individual contributions to Rinderpest eradication and sustenance of free status recognized;

THEME OF THE ANNIVERSARY

The commemoration will be held under the theme: **“70 years of sustained partnerships and political support for enhanced coordination of animal resources development in Africa”**

CORE ACTIVITIES OF THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The activities to celebrate the 70th anniversary will focus on the visibility, vision, objectives, and activities of AU-IBAR and the contribution of member states, stakeholders, and development partners in animal resources development in Africa.

The activities will include:

Session 1: *Drawing lessons learnt and best practices from rinderpest for the prevention, control and eradication of current and emerging transboundary and zoonotic animal diseases*

Format: Facilitated panel discussion with pre-determined questions. Moderators are Dr. Bouna Diop and Dr. Mary Mbole-Kariuki.

Panelists:

Former Directors of AU-IBAR: Dr. Masiga; Dr. Modibo Traore; Prof.A. Elsayalhy;

Programme Coordinators: Dr. Solomon Haile Mariam (PARC); Dr. Rene Bessin (PACE); Dr. Dickens Chibeu (SERECU); Dr. Karim Tounkara; (Lab networks, diagnostics, vaccine quality); Dr. Mark Rweyemamu (International perspectives); Dr. Dr. Samia Metwalhy (Post rinderpest management); Dr. Barnard Rey/Mr. David Mwangi (EU) and

Current Director: Dr. Nick Nwankpa

Session 2: *Showcasing the contribution of interventions in the Animal resources sector to Africa’s development goals*

Panelists:

Prof. Anne Mungai (AnGR); Dr. Paul Gamba (Trade); Dr. Unesu Ushewokunze-Obatolu (Animal Health) Mr. Christian Nawaji (Apiculture); Ms. Lovin Kobusingye (Women); Mr. Benjamin Musungu (Youth); Prof. Andrew Baio (Fisheries and

Aquaculture); Dr. Elizabeth Nsimadala (Farmers); Dr. Patrick Karani (Blue Economy); Mr. Benson Wachira Kariuki (Animal Welfare

The launch of the Pan-Africa PPR programme (2022-2026)

Aim: To launch the Pan-Africa PPR programme (2022-2026)

Activity 1: Finalization and validation of the PPR program on the 15th and the 16th March 2022

Activity 2: Launch of the PPR programme by the Ministers in Charge of Animal Resources on the 17th March 2022

Awards

Aim: Recognize and celebrate the partnerships that have contributed to AU-IBAR’s success.

Activity 1: Small presentation on partnerships (during the main event)

Aim: Recognize outstanding institutional and individual contributions to AU-IBAR’s developments and achievements.

Activity 2: Awards giving ceremony (during the main event)

Awardees:

For individuals/ Institutions on roles played in rinderpest eradication;

Outstanding institutional and individual contributions to AU-IBAR's development and achievements.

Media Engagement

Aim: Enhance visibility and media awareness of AU-IBAR and its achievements.

Activities: Invite regional and international media for press briefings; to cover event; & interview key delegates

Celebration of 70 years and visibility

Aim: Celebrate the achievements of AU-IBAR and share effective practices drawn from AU-IBAR's 70 years of work with stakeholders on animal resources development on the continent.

Activities:

- Presentations on AU-IBARs successes/ project (conference/ e conference)
- Video; to include interviews on key partners; EU; RECs
- Visibility materials
- Exhibition

Policy Advocacy

Aim: Scale up advocacy for implementation of the policy and strategic frameworks adopted by the African Union Heads of State and Government for the animal resources development on the continent.

Activity:

Conference/ e-conference on to cover:

- Presentations on various policy instruments (1 Presentation with different components)
- Other mechanisms (e.g. Fisheries; Guiding Group; CAPH)
- RECs
- Private Sector
- Director AU-IBAR

VENUE AND DATE(S) OF THE CELEBRATION

The commemoration will be held on the 17th to 18th March 2022 at Movenpick Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya.

ORGANIZATION AND PARTICIPATION

The Commemoration will be co-chaired and organized by the AUC with the support of AU-IBAR and AU-PANVAC

Invitations to attend the meeting as participants will be extended to:

- AUC Chairperson; AUC, AU-BAR and AU-PANVAC Staff
- H.E The President of the Republic of Kenya
- Member States (policy makers, animal health and production professionals; directors of veterinary services and Animal Production and Fisheries
- Technical experts based on programme themes selected for discussion/ presentations
- Panelists on rinderpest panel discussion
- Regional Economic Community Representations: Sitting Chairpersons or Secretary Generals of RECs; Focal Points assigned to AU-IBAR

projects

- Selected Member State Government Representatives for experience-sharing purposes
- Development partners, EU, USAID, USDA, AfDB, BMGF, WB among others
- Representatives of Diplomatic Bodies based in Kenya/ Ethiopia
- Representatives of International Organizations and Regional (OIE, FAO, WHO, IAEA, ILRI, CARDESA, FARA, AUDA-NEPAD)
- Platforms and Networks (GT-TADS, GASL, 2A2E-V, 2VSB, AWARFA, Youth, etc
- Vaccine and diagnostic veterinary laboratories
- Private sector actors in animal resources development
- National Media Partners to provide coverage onsite



PROGRAMME

17 TH MARCH 2022		
TIME	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
08:30 - 09:00	Registration	Director of Programme
09:00 - 09:10	Video Interlude	Dr. Mary Mbole-Kariuki AU-IBAR
09:10 - 09:15	Opening Prayers	Sheik Jamaldin Osman Mr. Benson Wachira Kariuki
SESSION ONE: <u>LAUNCH OF THE PAN-AFRICA-PESTE DES PETITS RUMINANTS (PPR) PROGRAMME (2022-2026)</u>		
09:15 - 09:20	Welcome Remarks	Dr. Nick Nwankpa
09:20 - 09:30	Opening Remarks	Commissioner D'ARBE
09:30 - 11:00	Pan-Africa PPR Programme Presentation by Ministers on PPR activities in selected MSs Advocacy messages on behalf of AU-IBAR and Member State by Ministers from Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Nigeria, Senegal and Uganda Statements from development Partners: EU, USDA, USAID, GIZ-BMZ, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, GALVmed	Director of Programme: Dr. Mary Mbole-Kariuki (AU-IBAR)
11:00 – 11:30	Launch of the Pan-Africa PPR control and eradication programme (2022-2026) <i>Tea Break & Exhibition</i>	Commissioner D'ARBE
SESSION TWO: <u>DRAWING LESSONS LEARNT AND BEST PRACTICES FROM RINDERPEST ERADICATION FOR THE PREVENTION, CONTROL AND ERADICATION OF CURRENT AND EMERGING TRANSBOUNDARY AND ZOO NOTIC ANIMAL DISEASES</u>		
11:30 - 11:40	Introduction of Panels	Dr. Nick Nwankpa

TIME	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
11:40 - 14:00	<p>Panel Dialogue on Rinderpest Eradication</p> <p>Introductory Remarks: Dr. Nick Nwankpa, Ag. Director (AU-IBAR)</p> <p>Setting the Scene: Dr. Bouna Diop</p> <p>Former Directors of AU-IBAR: Dr. Walter Masiga and Dr. Modibo Traore</p> <p>Programme Coordinators: Dr. Solomon Haile Mariam (PARC); Dr. Dickens Chibeu (SERECU) Dr. Mark Rweyemamu (International perspectives); Dr. Samia Metwalhy (Post rinderpest management) Dr. Barnard Rey/ (Mr. David Mwangi). (European Union)</p>	Moderator: Dr. B. Diop
14:00 - 15:00	Lunch	Delegates
SESSION THREE: SHOWCASING THE CONTRIBUTION OF INTERVENTIONS IN THE ANIMAL RESOURCES SECTOR TO AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT GOALS		
15:00 - 18:00	<p>Panel Discussion:</p> <p>Introductory Remarks: Dr. Nick Nwankpa, Ag. Director (AU-IBAR)</p> <p>Setting the Scene: Dr. Mary Mbole-Kariuki (AU-IBAR)</p> <p>Prof. Anne Mungai (AnGr) Dr. Paul Gamba (Trade) Dr. Unesu Ushewokunze-Obatolu (Animal Health) Mr. Christian Nawaji (Apiculture) Ms. Lovin Kobusingye (Women) Mr. Benjamin Musungu (Youth) Prof. Andrew Baio (Fisheries and Aquaculture) Dr. Elizabeth Nsimadala (Farmers) Dr. Patrick Karani (Blue Economy) Mr. Benson Wachira Kariuki (Animal Welfare)</p>	Moderator: Dr. Mary Mbole-Kariuki (AU-IBAR)
18:00 - 18:05	<p>CLOSURE</p> <p>Tea Break & Exhibition</p>	REC Delegates





18TH MARCH 2022: COMMEMORATIONS

TIME	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
10:00 - 10:30	<i>Tea Break & Exhibition</i>	Delegates
SESSION FOUR: OFFICIAL OPENING		
10:40	<i>Arrival of Dignitaries</i>	Director of Programme Jeff Koinange AU-IBAR
11:00 - 11:10	Video Interlude	
11:10 - 11:15	Anthems (<i>Kenya and AU</i>)	
11:15 - 11:20	Opening Prayers	Mr. Benson Wachira Kariuki Sheik Jamaldin Osman
11:20 - 13:30	<i>Opening Remarks & Key Note</i> Presentation on AU-IBAR <i>“Goodwill messages”</i> OIE, FAO, ILRI, WFA, ACDC, USDA, USAID, GIZ-BMZ, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, GALVmed, Swedish Embassy to the AU, Norwegian Embassy to the AU <i>Statements by</i> European Union Regional Economic Communities RECs Former Commissioners <i>Ministers in charge of Animal Resources</i> (Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Nigeria, Senegal and Uganda) <i>Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC)</i> His Excellency. Moussa Faki Mahamat Represented by: Fattallah Sijilmassi (Director General AUC)	Acting Director Dr. Nick Nwankpa



The African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR)
is a specialized technical office of the Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture
(DREA) of the African Union Commission (AUC). AU-IBAR's mandate is to support and
coordinate the utilization of livestock, fisheries and wildlife as resources for both
human wellbeing and economic development in the Member States of
the African Union (AU).

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