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NINTH AU-PANVAC DIRECTORS MEETING

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What: The Ninth Meeting of Directors of Vaccine Laboratories in Africa

When: 29th – 31st August 2016

Where: Antananarivo, Madagascar (Sunny Garden Hotel)

Who: Organized by the AU Pan African Veterinary Vaccine Center in collaboration with the government of Madagascar

Objective: The objectives of the 9th AU-PANVAC directors meeting include:

- a. To review the report and recommendations of the eighth Pan African Meeting of Directors of Veterinary Vaccine Laboratories;
- b. To review AU-PANVAC's achievements;
- c. To review the reports from African Union Member States vaccine production laboratories on the status of vaccine production on the continent; and
- d. To review the achievements from collaborative partners and stakeholders

Expected outcome: The expected results include:

- a. Decisions on major issues concerning livestock development in Africa
- b. Enhanced collaborations between AU-PANVAC, partners and stakeholders
- c. A report and recommendations on the 9th AU-PANVAC meeting

Participants: Expected Participants at the Directors meeting include the African Union Commission (AUC), representatives from National Veterinary Vaccine Laboratories; Regional Organizations; Experts; Non-Governmental Organizations; and FAO, among others.

Background: AU-PANVAC is mandated by AU Member States to provide quality assurance of all veterinary vaccines either produced or imported into Africa. The subsequent Institutionalisation of PANVAC under the AU as an AU Technical Centre of Excellence and the expansion of AU-PANVAC mandates to include the quality control of all veterinary vaccines and the production of basic diagnostic reagents was made in recognition of its contribution to the success of the Pan African Rinderpest Campaign (PARC) and livestock development in Africa.

Journalists are invited to cover the opening ceremony of the 9th AU-PANVAC Directors meeting on 29th August 2016 at 9:00am at Sunny Garden Hotel, Antananarivo.

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