

Context

- Immediate and widespread negative impact of containment measures to curb COVID-19 on the livestock sector
- Evidence of collapse of livestock sector supply chains and market–food systems underscoring the intricate regional linkages and dependence on global linkages
- Rapid erosion of food and nutrition security and livelihoods among vulnerable populations dependent on livestock based livelihoods
- Varied capacities for emergency response, assessment, rebound and resilience across Member States and Regions
- Disruption of livestock/ livestock product distribution channels leading to glut in places, and high waste and scarcity in others
- Investment gaps made more pronounced and visible by challenges related to measures instituted to contain COVID-19

Our Innovative Approach

- Building on AU-IBAR past success and lessons learned in convening coordinated Africa livestock sector initiatives
- Consultative Online Meeting of over 210 Delegates from 49 African Member States
- Continental rapid assessment
- AU-IBAR has initiated innovative partnerships and efforts to galvanize coordinated resource mobilization and actions



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RAPID ASSESSEMENT OF IMPACTS CAUSED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON THE ANIMAL RESOURCES SECTOR IN AFRICA AND GALVANIZING A COORDINATED APPROACH FOR RESPONSE AND REBOUND

Building Back Better Africa's livestock Sector through:

- Coordinated action under AU-IBAR leadership for Response, Rebound and enhancing Resilience capacities
- Prioritization of existing funds to protection of food and nutrition security and the livelihoods of the vulnerable, input supply and food distribution and market chains
- Instituting/strengthening One health approaches to prevent, and efficiently and effectively contain public health crises, for trade and for building consumer confidence
- Increased strategic investment in regional value chain development for business continuity, expansion, sustainability and youth and women employment
- Policy and regulatory reforms for enhanced functionality and responsiveness; and innovative value addition, and digitalized service and information delivery systems

Results/Impact

- Key areas of disruption and mitigation measures in the Animal Resources sector in 17 AU MSs and 5 RECs identified and documented
- Recommendations to AU MSs on positioning for access to Stimulus Packages; Strengthening response and mitigation to COVID-19 impacts; and embedding more strategic long term approaches
- Development of Regional guidelines, in line with COVID-19 containment, to facilitate cross border trade in animals and products
- Advocacy for recognition of the role of the livestock sector in achieving development objectives notably food and nutrition security
- Emerging partnerships (research-development-investment finance)

Future Steps

- Development of Programs in the pipeline to create partnerships and actions towards a more comprehensive approach as articulated in the Livestock Development Strategy for Africa, and for more meaningful inclusion in National Agricultural Investment Plans to build a better, more vibrant and resilient livestock sector

Partners

African Union Member States (MS), Regional Economic Communities (RECs), European Union (EU), African Development Bank (AfDB), Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) Continental Associations in Animal Resources



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