

DONKEYS NOW AND IN THE FUTURE



Progressing the outcomes of Pan African Donkey Conference (PADCO)

Event: 7th Africa Animal Welfare Conference Action -2023

Date: 27th Sept 2023

Venue: Sainte Famille Hotel, Kigali, Rwanda

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Pan African Donkey Conference [PADCo]

“Donkeys now and in the future”



Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations



World Organisation
for Animal Health
Founded as OIE

The Journey

- **3rd Africa Animal Welfare Conference Action 2019 in, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia September 2-4, 2019**

Recommended that International donkey skin trade be banned forthwith as it contributes to serious violation of animal welfare for donkeys and the ban provide that donkey theft linked to international skin trade be categorized as an economic crime.

- **IGAD Regional Conference on Donkey Skin Trade 2019; 26th – 27th November 2019, Nairobi Kenya**

Recommended that governments of Kenya and Tanzania are urged to consider enacting legislation to ban all trade in donkey skins, meat and associated products to allow the population of donkeys to recover from the steep decline since the slaughter started.

- **4th Africa Animal Welfare Conference Action 2020, September 7-10, 2020, Virtual Conference**

Called upon African governments to immediately ban the sale of donkeys and donkey skin trade from their countries as it has serious socio-economic threat to donkey-dependent communities, and urgently take donkey protection measures including the establishment and effective implementation of supporting policy and legislation.

- **ECOWAS Regional donkey Skin Trade Conference; Ouagadougou June 8 and 9, 2021**

Recommended that donkey skin trade should be banned.

- **ECOWAS ministers meeting held in 2021 affirmed this in one of their resolutions.**

- **AUIBAR –in partnership with Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, convened the Pan-African Donkey Conference 1st and 2nd Dec 2022, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania**

Adopted the Dar es Salaam Declaration on Donkeys now and in the future, calling for an AUC resolution for a 15 year moratorium on commercial slaughter of donkeys for the skins, development of an Africa donkey strategy on donkey exploitation, production and productivity and inclusion in global development agenda

PADCO 2022 Key Highlights

The delegates were drawn from over 20 African Countries and included:

Ministers and high-level representatives from 7 Countries, Regional blocks represented included; EAC, IGAD/ICPALD, ECOWAS and COMESA, United Nations and Intergovernmental bodies – WOA, FAO, AU-IBAR and NEPAD, Civil Society Academia and Research Institutions, Religious Leaders and Representatives from donkey owning communities



Dar-es-Salaam Declaration on donkeys in Africa Now and in the Future

We, the Ministers in Charge of Livestock and Animal Production from Chad, Senegal and Tanzania and Representatives from Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Kenya, Mali, Niger, and Nigeria, CVOs present, RECs present, CSOs present, Representatives of Non-Governmental Organizations present, during the Pan African Donkey Conference convened by the Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources and held in Dares-Salaam, Tanzania from 1-2 December 2022.

RECOGNIZING the socio-economic contribution of the donkey to livelihoods in Africa

DEEPLY concerned about the unsustainable development and utilization of the donkey in Africa

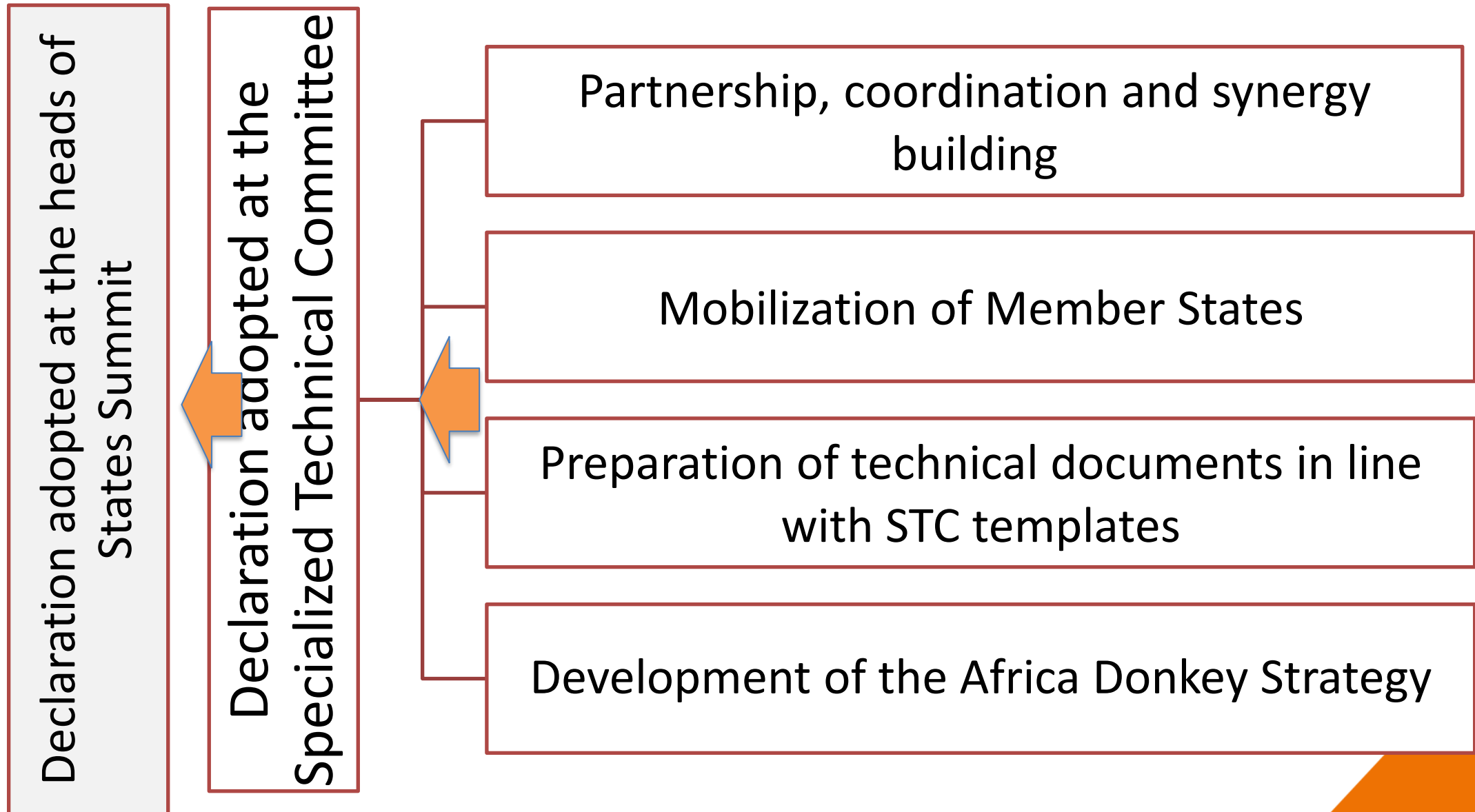
CONCERNED about the paucity of data to inform evidence-based policies, strategies, legislation and programs on the development and utilization of the donkey as a species

ALARMED at the inadequate inclusion of donkeys and other equids in the national animal resources development policies, strategies, programs, and investment plans

Extract from the Dar es Salaam Declaration on Donkeys now and in the future



Process to Continental Decision



1. Partnership, coordination and synergy building

- AUIBAR led meeting held with equine welfare organizations, potential supporters
- 25th June, Briefing of the Coordination Committee of the African Platform for Animal Welfare [CCAPAW]
- Briefing with New AUIBAR Director
- Briefing the ICWE members
- Presentation of the declaration in different forums

<https://panafricandonkeyconference.org/>

2. Mobilization of Member States

- Recruitment [through strategic selection for sensitization] of Member States as Champion for the Implementation of 2022 PADCo resolutions and recommendations
- April 2023, sensitization meetings with government of **Senegal**
- May 2023, sensitization meetings with government of **Côte d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Niger and Nigeria**
- July 2023, sensitization meetings with government of **Zimbabwe and Ethiopia**
- September 2023, sensitization of Africa Diplomatic Corpse Group



May 2023 Meeting with MOL of Côte d'Ivoire



July 2023. Meeting with MOL of Niger



Meeting with MOL, Nigeria

7 Countries visited



May 23. Meeting with MOL Burkina Faso



Meeting with MOL, Senegal



Meeting with MOL Zimbabwe

AFRICA DIPLOMATIC CORPS WORKSHOP

Theme: Donkeys in Africa Now and in the Future

14th & 15th September 2023

Great Rift Valley Lodge, Naivasha, Kenya



DELEGATES

Kenya, Egypt,
South Africa,
Malawi,
Angola, Eritrea,
DR Congo,
Mozambique,
Burundi,
Somalia,
Zimbabwe,
Libya, Ethiopia,
Tanzania,
Cameroon,
Nigeria, Sierra
Leone, Burkina
Faso and
Ghana

3. Preparation of technical documents in line with STC templates

- Ongoing



4. Development of the Africa Donkey Strategy

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