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# **ANIMAL WELFARE STRATEGY FOR AFRICA (AWSA) & THE AFRICA PLATFORM ON ANIMAL WELFARE (APAW)**

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# 1.0 Introduction & Rationale

- **Animal welfare contribute to human wellbeing in all their various uses, and therefore the disregard for animal welfare translates into negative impacts on human welfare as well. It is for this reason that the African Union InterAfrican Bureau for animal resources (AU-IBAR) working with key technical partners and non-state actors have developed the AWSA.**

# 1.0 Introduction & Rationale Conts

- **Animal welfare (AW)** , a growing agenda worldwide;
- Desire **to prevent and protect animals** from unnecessary **suffering**, But **necessary use** of animals by humans **to meet varied needs**.
- **Little attention is given to policies, strategies and legislations** on AW in spite of the support and interventions by NGOs which **focused mainly on companion and working animals**.
- **Compliance with international animal welfare standards (trade agreements). (cf. OIE Leading role)**

## 2.0 Development process for the AWASA

**1<sup>st</sup> Continental Consultative stakeholders conference on AW,  
30th November to 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015:**

**Theme: Mainstreaming animal welfare agenda in Africa**



# Process Conts

## CONFERENCE OUTPUT:

### AW Taskforce Members comprise:

**AU-IBAR (Chair), World Animal Protection (Vice Chair), FAO-ECTAD-EA, OIE, Brooke Hospital for animals, African Network for animal welfare (ANAW), Donkey Sanctuary, RECs: IGAD, ECCAS, ECOWAS and SADC, Representative of CVOs: DVS Kenya**

**Retreat of the Task Force to develop the AWSA,  
6-8 March 2017, Naivasha, Kenya**

# 3.0 Animal Welfare Strategy for Africa (AWASA)

**VISION:** An Africa where **animals** are recognized as **sentient beings**, is a leading continent in implementation of good animal welfare practices for a competitive and sustainable animal resource industry.

**Mission:** Investing in developing animal resources value chains by treating animals as sentient beings and supporting good animal welfare practices in the animal resources industry to contribute to socio economic transformation.

**Goal:** To transform the animal resources industry through adoption of good animal welfare practices for the human wellbeing, sustainable livelihoods, poverty reduction and economic growth.

## 3.1 The Strategic objectives are to:

1. Attain behaviour change, educate, inform, promote awareness, advocacy and good practices **aligned to OIE standards towards animals (SO1)**;
2. Strengthen **effective action on animal welfare** (technologies, human resources, research, animal care, contribution to standard settings) **(SO2)**;
3. **Mainstream animal welfare** in policies, strategies, legislation, investments, programmes and projects **(SO3)**.



## 3.2 Priority areas of focus of the AWASA

To keep the strategy focused, interventions on animal welfare should be considered within **7 priorities** as follows:

1. Training, education and awareness;
2. Communication and advocacy;
3. Policy and Legislation;
4. Coordination;
5. Research;
6. Resource mobilization; and,
7. Monitoring and evaluation.

## 4.0 . About APAW

- The Africa Platform for Animal Welfare (APAW) is a continental multi-stakeholder's platform that will bring together veterinary authorities, authorities in animal production and development, donors, development and technical partners, relevant Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), training institutions, research institutions and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs);
- Decision making and implementation role of AWSA and the action plan;
- The operational guidelines describe the governance of the African Platform for Animal Welfare (APAW), as defined in the 2017 Animal Welfare Strategy for Africa (AWSA);

# 4.1 Purpose & Composition of APAW

**Purpose**: To support the implementation of the Animal Welfare Strategy for Africa (AWSA)

**Composition**:

- i. The African General Assembly for Animal Welfare (AGAAW);
- ii. The Coordination Committee for Animal Welfare in Africa (CCAWA) and
- iii. The Secretariat

## 4.2 Specific Objectives OF APAW

**The specific objectives of the African Platform for Animal Welfare are:**

- i. To support the implementation of the Animal Welfare Strategy in Africa (AWSA);**
- ii. To follow up the progress of the AWSA action plan;**
- iii. To promote coordination, collaboration, information sharing and to foster partnerships on animal welfare among actors (users, beneficiaries and stakeholders);**
- iv. To coordinate support to animal welfare from continental to regional and national levels;**
- v. To promote the animal welfare agenda across the continent through participatory approaches, community engagement and ownership;**
- vi. To foster a holistic and multi-stakeholder approach ensuring good animal welfare practices in different contexts and situations in Africa;**
- vii. To provide guidance to countries and Regional Economic Communities (RECs); and stakeholders on priority intervention areas in animal welfare, based on the African context.**

## 4.3 Membership OF APAW

### (i) AGAAW

The African General Assembly for Animal Welfare will be composed of:

- i. Relevant competent authorities of the African Member States (55 Member States);
- i. Private sector and professional organizations operating at continental level in food supply chains or production systems where animals or animal products are involved as well as in the keeping of animals for other purposes;
- ii. Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) operating at continental or regional level in relation to animal welfare;
- iv. International and continental intergovernmental organizations with a mandate on animal welfare such as AU-IBAR, RECs, FAO, OIE;
- v. International and continental donors;
- v. Academic and research institutes;
- vi. Animal welfare experts from each of the 5 Africa regions (as observers).
- vii. Scientists/Organisations/Observers from other countries (outside Africa) engaged in animal welfare

The coordination committee will be composed of:

- i. Chair: AU-IBAR
- ii. Vice-Chair: FAO or OIE on a two-years rotation
- iii. Secretariat: AU-IBAR
- iv. Member States : one CVO from a MS:Kenya
- v. RECs : one representative;
- vi. OIE : Designated representative;
- vii. FAO : Designated representative;
- viii. PAFO : Designated representative;
- ix. NGOs & Other civil societies in Animal Welfare: Four Representatives
- x. Academia and Research : one representative;
- xi. Animal Welfare experts : Four from Africa regions;

**Ad-hoc groups** -The Coordination Committee may decide to form Ad hoc groups on animal welfare in Africa to study, provide advice, guidance and recommendations on specific issues, as defined in the four-year action plan in force;

### **(iii) Secretariat**

AU-IBAR will act as the secretariat of APAW. Thus, a secretariat will be established with the required equipment and staffs.



## **5.0 RECOMMENDATION/S**

### **POLITICAL GOODWILL**

- **AU-IBAR should fast track the preparation of a compelling case that will ensure Pan African parliamentarians (PAP) , policy makers and other key stakeholders mainstream animal welfare sufficiently for adequate resources to be allocated for its implementation (next PAP meeting/session October 2019).**



# **5.0 RECOMMENDATION/S conts**

## **REGIONAL AWSs**

- (i) AU-IBAR and partners should assist remaining RECs to develop Regional Animal Welfare Strategies (IGAD, SADC, ECOWAS)**

## **UNPACKING THE STRATEGIES**

- (i) AU-IBAR and partners should Assist /guide development of M&E Frameworks with smart indicators, milestones, and Baselines for the Animal welfare strategies at all levels (tracking)**

## **IMPLEMENTATION PLANS**

- **AU-IBAR and partners should Assist/guide development and operationalization of Implementation plans for the animal welfare strategies at all levels.**

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