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Updates on the Current Status of the Operationalization of the APAW and the Establishment and Operationalization of the Regional Animal Welfare Network

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APAW's priorities for the implementation of AWSA

- Spearheading and Coordination of interventions for AW in Africa
- Research – **Gaps? Lessons? Opportunities?**
- Training, education and awareness
- Policy and Legislation – **sustainability & quality assurance**
- Communication and advocacy – **common goal: benefits for people, animal and planet – an inextricable nexus between P,A&P**
- Monitoring and evaluation – **continual improvement**
- Resource mobilization – **justification – One Planet, One People, One Welfare**

The AU-IBAR has developed the Action Plan to implement the APAW's mandate to coordinate the implementation of AWSA, but the Action Plan is not fully implemented due to lack of resources



Area of Focus	Status
Establishment of the current status of animal welfare in Africa	Achieved
Linkage of social economic and animal resources development to the principles of One Health and One Welfare	Ongoing
Institutionalization of animal welfare in policies, legislation, education, development strategies programs and projects	Ongoing
Strengthening of capacities for animal welfare at all levels on animal welfare at national, regional and continental levels	Ongoing
Development of a continental, regional and national communication strategy on animal welfare	Not yet
Establishment of a monitoring and evaluation system	Not yet



Functions of the APAW through CCAWA

APAW's Mandate: - "supporting, coordinating and guiding the implementation of the Animal welfare strategy for Africa"

Functions:

- To champion animal welfare and support voices on animal welfare agenda in Africa – AAWC, PADCo, UNEA Process, Vision 2030 for Rabies eradication
- To support initiatives and programs at continental, regional and national levels to strengthen AW through sustainable and efficient involvement of the **public sector** (continental, regional, national), **civil societies** (NGOs, producers' organizations, AWOs), **research & training institutions**; and **private sector** (owners, input providers, equipment suppliers)
 - Established RAWs in IGAD & ECOWAS; ongoing ECCAS
 - RAWNs will be established in IGAD [November 29-30]
 - A Resolution to establish the RAWN in ECOWAS was endorsed in Sep 2022



Key Ongoing Events –with an impact on AWSA

- Annual process to the annual AAWC
- Process to the PADCo
- Process to COP27
- Process to the Next stage of the Resolution on the Nexus between Animal Welfare, the Environment & Sustainable Development
 - CCAWA, through APAW, has the agency to advance the interests of AU-MS [APAW has the 54 MS, RECs and AU-IBAR as members]

One of the elements of AWSA is APAW's coordination of international partnerships for desirable AW outcomes in the MS



Challenges / Gaps

1. Covid-19 restrictions to mobility
2. Financial resources
3. Human resources
4. Silo approaches – risk of duplication and imprudent use of resources?

Recommended Interventions

1. Virtual engagements [Impact?]
2. Support from partners [COVID / Russia / Ukraine conflict impacts?]
3. **Animal Welfare Expert [Secretariat]**
4. Harmonization of interventions [CCAWA]



Thank You!

