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# AU-IBAR: Championing the Animal Resources in Africa

Exploring the role of AU-IBAR in Animal  
Welfare, Climate Change, and  
Development

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# Introduction: A Catalyst for Change

- AU-IBAR is a specialized technical office of the African Union Commission (AUC)
- Headed by the Director, reporting to AUC through the Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture
- Established in 1951 to combat rinderpest
- Has evolved to take up a mandate that covers all aspects of animal resources: livestock, fisheries, wildlife, across Africa
- Collaborates at continental, regional levels with RECs and National level with Member States



# Vision, Mandate, Mission and Core values

- **Vision:** An Africa where animal resources significantly reduce poverty and hunger
- **Mandate:** Supporting and coordinating animal resource utilization
- **Specific Areas of Mandate:** Health, Resource Management, Investment, Standards, Capacity Building, Knowledge Dissemination, Emergency Support
- **Mission:** Provide leadership in developing animal resources for Africa.
- **Core Values:** Teamwork, Transformation, Transparency and Accountability, Integrity.



# AU-IBAR's Historical Impact

## Transformative History of AU-IBAR:

- Founded as IBED (Inter-African Bureau of Epizootic Diseases) in 1951
- Evolved into AU-IBAR with a broader mandate: Focus on supporting and coordinating animal resource development and utilization
- Successfully led initiatives against diseases like rinderpest
- Implemented diverse projects since 1970, contributing to Africa's development
- We have ongoing projects/Programs, some of which will be presented to you shortly

PROVIDING LEADERSHIP IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ANIMAL RESOURCES IN AFRICA

## ANIMAL WELFARE STRATEGY FOR AFRICA (AWSA)

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Integrating the Welfare Interests of Human and Animals in Africa

**Vision:** An Africa where animals are treated as sentient beings, as a leading continent in implementation of good animal welfare practices for a competitive and sustainable animal resource sector

## **STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES**

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

# Animal Health Strategy for Africa



Healthy Animals for Enhanced Livelihoods, Safe Trade, Public and Environmental Health



# A framework for delivering a sustainable animal health system in Africa

- Aligned to global, continental and regional frameworks including; AU Agenda 2063, Global Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance; (AMR), International Health Regulations (IHR) and WOAHA

**Seven Strategic objectives** – focus on Strategic Objective 3: Strengthen AH interventions to address current, emerging and re-emerging issues of public health concern - Promote the OH Approach; mitigate impacts of AMR, Strengthen safety control systems for animal feeds and foods of animal origin – all contributing to **One Welfare**



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**Acknowledged** that animal welfare can contribute to addressing environmental challenges, promoting the “One Health” approach and achieving the SDGs,

- **Noted** that the health and welfare of animals, sustainable development and the environment are connected to human health and well-being,
- **Acknowledged** the increasing need to address these connections through the OH approach, among other holistic approaches,
- **Acknowledged** also that there is a strong body of science supporting AW



# Management Structure

AU-IBAR has an efficient Management Structure:

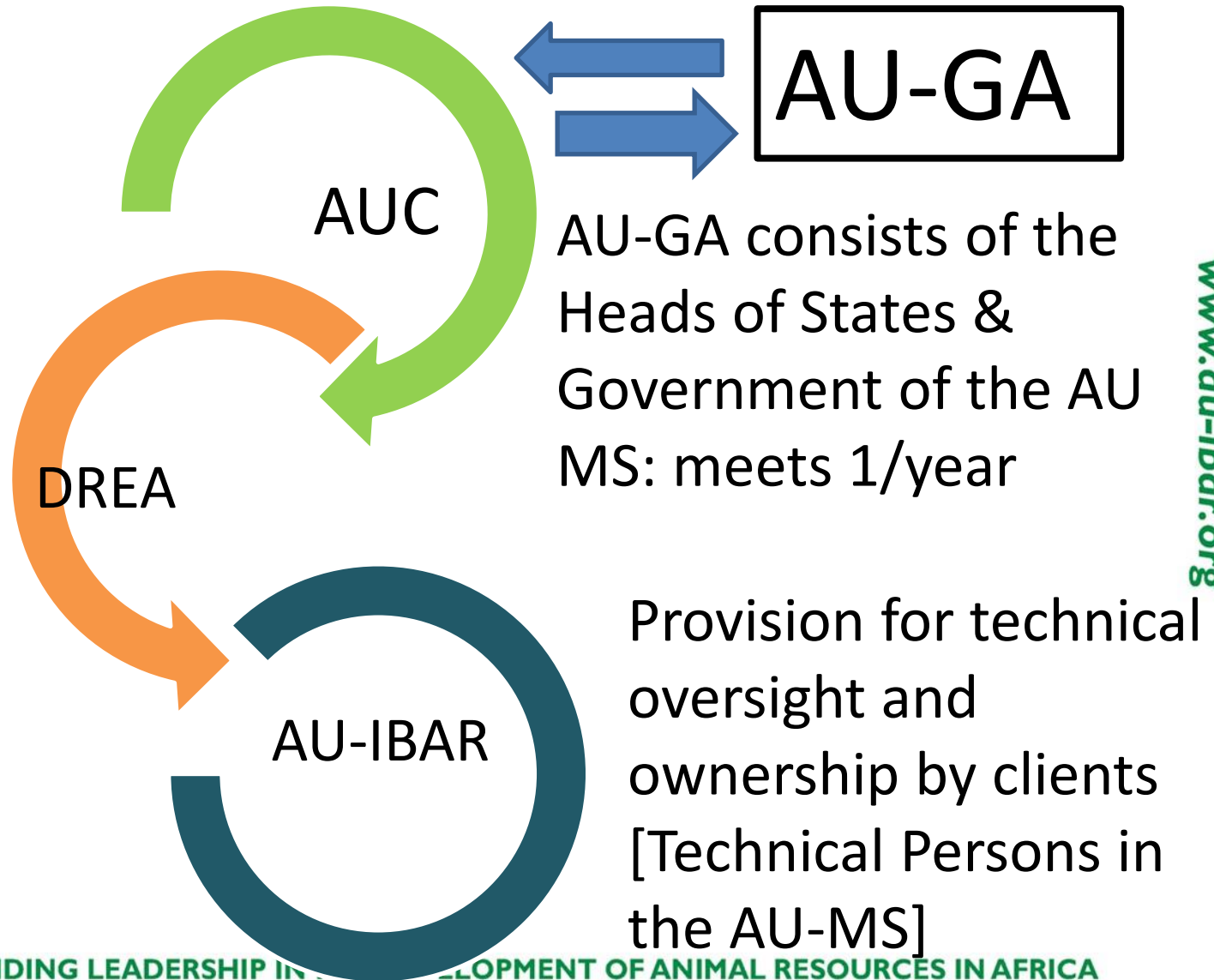
- Headed by the Director, who reports to AUC through DREA
- Responsible for strategic leadership and day-to-day management
- Coordinates with technical and funding partners
- Programs implemented through units reporting to the Director
- Human Resources and Administration Section for support

# AU-IBAR's Governance Mechanism

## Effective Governance of AU-IBAR:

- Governed through AUC organs
- Provision for technical oversight and ownership by clients
- Steering Committee composed of AU departments, RECs, Experts, and Observers
- Ensures clear distinction of roles and accountability
- Focused recruitment and induction training for Committee members

# Effective Governance mechanism





# AU-IBAR's Best Practices

## Best Practices for Excellence

- Clearer distinction between roles of management and Steering Committee.
- Clear accountability by the Steering Committee for AU-IBAR's work.
- Strong working relationships between the Committee and AU-IBAR's management.
- Proactive recruitment of Committee members with specific skills.
- Focus on governance issues by the Committee.
- Induction training and support for new Committee members.



# AU-IBAR's Client Engagement

## Engaging with Member States:

- Client Group consists of Directors of animal resources in Member States
- Meets every two years for strategic program reviews and planning
- Focus on strategic issues for AU-IBAR
- African Ministers responsible for animal resources meet every three years to approve AU-IBAR's programs



# Conclusion and Collaboration

AU-IBAR - Pioneering Change Together:

- That is AU-IBAR's journey in advancing animal resources in Africa
- We value the collaboration with stakeholders such as the AAWC, PADco, and others for a sustainable and healthy environment
- Let's work together to balance animal welfare, climate change, and development in Africa

# NEXT STEPS

## Promote One Health and One Welfare

- Establish **Inclusive, Integrated and harmonized** continental One Health data and information systems – Inform One Welfare
- Foster **strategic partnerships and alliances** for targeted Investment to implement OH & OW
- Promote an **inclusive and community-centric** OH & OW strategies to enhance awareness creation and advocacy
- Build **technical and infrastructural capacities** to support OH & OW



# TRANSFORMATIONS

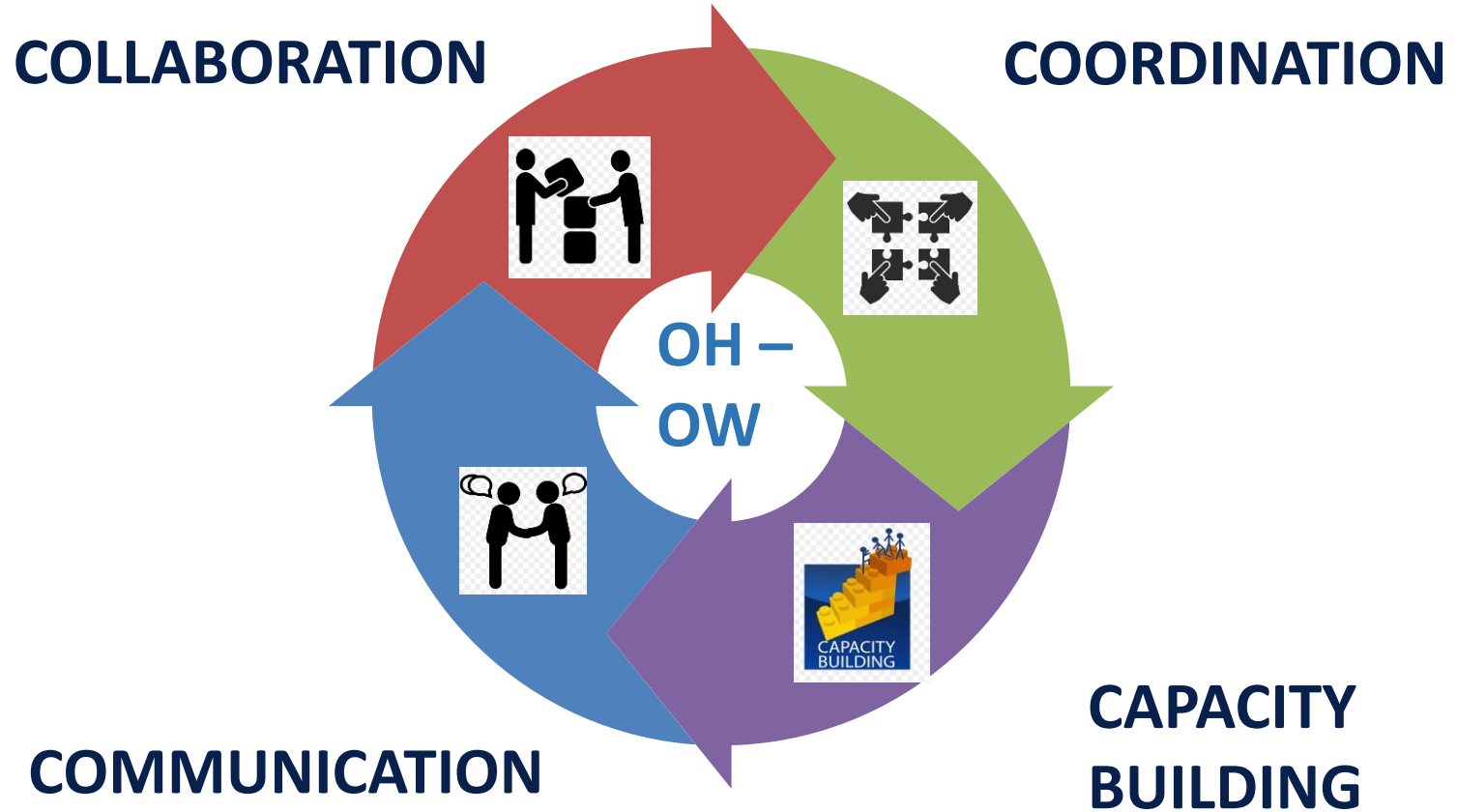
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creation and Advocacy

Improved governance

Improved welfare of animals,  
well-being of people and  
environment

# TAKE HOME MESSAGE

## PARADIGM SHIFT





# Thank you

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