THE 7TH ANIMAL WELFARE CONFERENCE

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• Africa - Livestock-rich continent representing about one-third of the world’s livestock population
• Livestock sector contributes between 30% and 80% to countries’ agricultural GDP
• ~350 million people are directly dependent on livestock for their incomes and livelihoods
• Livestock products such as milk and meat - richest sources of protein currently contributing up to 13% of the world’s calorie intake
• Sector holds promise to alleviate food and nutritional insecurity and poverty

• 75% of emerging human infectious disease outbreaks are “zoonotic,”
• A 63% jump in diseases spread from animals to people in Africa
• Silent pandemic – AMR – causing 4.95 million deaths globally reported in 2019
World Health Organization Declares COVID-19 a ‘Pandemic.’ Here’s What That Means

New report highlights the impact of changes in environment on One Health

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Anthrax outbreak amidst the COVID-19 pandemic in Africa: Challenges and possible solutions

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ABSTRACT

Anthrax and coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) are both zoonotic diseases that have high mortality rate and morbidity, and to contain these zoonotic diseases and health outcomes in the continent they affect, Anthrax vaccines and vaccines against other diseases are needed. The impact of COVID-19 on global public health has been immense. As of January 2023, a total of 104485 cases have been reported, with 44524 deaths. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the global economy, healthcare systems, and social structures.

Ebola virus disease outbreak in Uganda

Situation update as of 11 January 2023

The fifth outbreak of Ebola virus disease (EVD) due to Sudan ebolavirus in Uganda was declared over on 11 January 2023.

On 20 September 2022, the Ministry of Health in Uganda, together with the World Health Organization - Regional Office for Africa (WHO AFRO), confirmed an outbreak of Ebola virus disease (EVD) due to Sudan ebolavirus in Mubende District, Uganda.

Overall, 142 confirmed cases of EVD caused by Sudan ebolavirus have been reported, including 87 deaths. The outbreak was declared over on 11 January 2023.
One Health High Level Expert Panel (OHHLEP) definition of One Health, 2021
PARADIGM SHIFT

COORDINATION

CAPACITY BUILDING

COMMUNICATION

COLLABORATION

DATA
AU-IBAR affirmative actions

1. Capacity building for OH implementation in AU MSs
2. Coordinating harmonized mechanisms;
   • Animal Health Strategy for Africa (AHSA),
   • Integrated National Action Plans (INAPs),
   • OH Units, AU Common Position on AMR and the AU Framework for AMR,
   • AU Task Force on AMR; food safety committees;
   • Integrated Regional Coordination Mechanism (IRCM);
   • Regional Animal Health Centres (RAHCs) and Networks (RAHNs)
   • Continental Animal Health platform (CAHP-Africa)
3. Convening OH actors and promoting dialogue on OH
4. Animal Diseases Data reporting - generate data/evidence on OH
Focusing on the Animal Health Strategy for Africa (2019-2035) which provides a common vision and goals for the African continent for the improvement of animal health delivery systems - Strategic Objective 3:2.3.1 aims to promote the One Health approach through;

- Support advocacy and awareness creation among stakeholders and policy makers and the general public on the One-Health approach in order to promote risk management actions;
- Promote the establishment, strengthening and institutionalization of the One Health Approach to foster sustainable collaboration and coordination at all levels;
- Promote joint research initiatives on disease dynamics at the animal-human-environment interface;
- Promote the integration, periodic review and strengthening of One-Health modules into the curriculum of Veterinary Education Establishments and continuous professional development programmes.
AFRICAN UNION ONE HEALTH DATA ALLIANCE AFRICA (AU-OHDAAA)

Project Duration: January 2023 – December 2024
Funded by BMZ
The lack of data sharing platforms and granularity of data has affected one health governance and management in Africa.
An Africa where the health of humans, animals, and ecosystems are viewed as interconnected and are collaboratively managed.

Build a **data-driven culture** in the animal health space across the continent where information sharing forms the bedrock of decision-making in One Health matters.
THEORY OF CHANGE

Impact: Efficient and Effective health systems contributing to reducing socio-economic effects of One Health

Outcome 1: Efficient One Health digital platform to guide multi-sectoral decision making

Outcome 2: Well trained and robust One Health Expertise to for delivery of Effective health systems

Outcome 3: Robust and enabling One Health policy environment for improved One Health Governance and management

Cross-cutting themes: Gender equality; Inclusivity; climate change
Overall objective: Digitalized One Health governance and management in Africa is improved

- **SP. Objective 01**
  Continental One health information policy and one health information architecture developed and endorsed

- **SP. Objective 02**
  Technological and institutional prerequisites for digitalized One Health governance and management operationalized

- **SP. Objective 03**
  Foundations for building human capacities for operationalization and maintenance of one health digital information established
SO1: One health information policy and one health information architecture developed and endorsed

1. Establishment of the technical working groups across the OH domains

2. Formulation and validation of the OH information policy (IP) and Information Architecture (IA).

3. Endorsement at AU level proposed OH information policy (IP) and Information Architecture (IA).

4. Develop and operationalize a maintenance model for the endorsed OH information policy (IP) and OH information Architecture (IA).
SO2: Technological and institutional prerequisites for digitalized One Health governance and management operationalized

- Develop and Operationalize the AU One Health digital Platform hosted at AU-IBAR
- Assessment of National OH digital platforms in 2 select MS
- Assessment and mapping of the OH data regulatory, data standards, ICT and governance systems at continental, regional and national
SO3. Foundations for building human capacities for operationalization and maintenance of one health digital information established

- Develop Africa Union E-training portal for OH competencies and assessment
- Develop and document standards for the competency profiles and quality standards for African specialists
- Training of trainers on the 5 Competences in the One Health digital data and information platforms
AU-ODHAA PARTNERS

- African Union African Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC),
- Regional Economic Communities
- One Health Regional Networks or networks
- OH desks, OH focal points* or OH units in national public sector institutions, such as institutions related to human, animal and environmental health as well as socio-economic development.
- RAHCs
- RCC
- AU institutions involved in environment/climate, biodiversity, water/sanitation, and economic development/trade
- The OH Research, Education and Outreach Centre in Africa (OHRECA)
- AFROHUN
- AFROHNET
• **Veterinarians and Animal Health Workers**: Better tools for surveillance, diagnostics, and disease control; evidence-based decision support; enhanced knowledge sharing across Africa’s veterinarian community.

• **Farmers and Agribusinesses**: Improved productivity and animal health through early outbreak warning; data-driven planning and supply chain management; access to veterinary expertise.

• **Policy Makers**: Integrated predictive analytics for scenario planning; holistic insights spanning animal, human and ecosystem health to guide cross-sectoral strategies and investment alignment.

• **Researchers**: Rich integrated data resources to conduct studies and close evidence gaps across One Health domains; findings can further refine policies and systems.

• **Vulnerable communities** – Women, youth and pastoralists Reduced risk from zoonotic diseases and food insecurity; livelihood protection; increased understanding of human-animal links
GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Intersectoral Collaboration

Data Scalability

Sustainability and Resilience:

Community Engagement

Equity and Inclusion

Data Standards and Interoperability:

Evidence-Based Policy and Practice

Data Sharing and Exchange:
OH-IP COG COMPONENTS

One Health Information Architecture
- Data standards
- Data analytics
- Data informatics
- Data governance
- Feedback loop
- Operational framework.

Enabling digital OH coordination environment and sustainability
- One Health Secretariat
- AU OH technical Working groups

Capacity building of Digital One Health technical competencies
- Data analytics, Data informatics, Risk communication, .

Digitalized One Health; a catalyst to efficient and effective health systems
USE CASES

- **Disease Prevention and Response**: Leveraging integrated laboratory, surveillance, and vaccination data to enable rapid and informed actions during health emergencies.

- **Evidence-Based Policy Making**: Utilizing integrated One Health data for the development and formulation of evidence-based policies, regulations, and strategies related to animal health.

- **Predictive Analytics**: Leveraging data integration to identify trends and make predictions related to One Health matters such as zoonotic diseases with pandemic potential, environmental degradation, and climate change impacts.

- **Community Awareness**: Utilizing integrated data to generate and disseminate best practices and lessons learned and drive community awareness initiatives as well as improve the delivery of One Health interventions at the community level.

- **Regulatory Compliance**: Facilitating compliance with data sharing policies, ICT regulations, and data privacy policies through the use of standardized and harmonized One Health data.

- **Competencies and Capacity Building**: Using data insights to identify gaps and needs in building digital One Health technical competencies, including data analytics/science, data management, data informatics, and risk communication.
Poor husbandry and animal management practices.

Weak animal health systems

Impacts of climate change – droughts, floods adverse impacts on animal resources - biodiversity, disease increase

HUMAN HEALTH
Weak public health delivery systems.

ANIMAL WELFARE

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

ANIMAL HEALTH

GOVERNANCE
Lack of animal-welfare sensitive policies, strategies and frameworks
Lack of inclusivity.

Digitalized One Health; a catalyst to efficient and effective health systems
Promote One Health and One Welfare
There is need to complete the puzzle