Establishment of the Regional Focal Point for Africa and factors that affect their management
Outline

- Brief introduction of AU-IBAR
- Sub-Regional Focal Points and National Coordinators Networking
- What has initiated the decision of establishment of the ARFP?
- Who was involved in the decision?
- What is the chronological order undertaken for the establishment of the ARFP?
- Who is involved in the establishment of the Sub-Regional Focal Points?
1951  Interafrican Bureau of Epizootic Diseases (IBED) aimed at rinderpest eradication

1956  Interafrican Bureau for Animal Health (IBAH) transformed to widen the scope

1965  Part of OAU integrated as a regional technical office

1970  Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (IBAR) to reflect the expansion into livestock production issues

2003  Specialised Technical Office (STO) of the Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture (DREA) of the African Union Commission (AUC)
Mission / Mandate

Mission:
To be the vehicle of the AU for providing leadership and integrated support services for the development of animal resources in Africa

Mandate:
To support and coordinate the sustainable development and utilization of animals (livestock, fisheries and wildlife) to enhance nutrition and food security and contribute to the wellbeing and prosperity of the people in the Member States of the African Union
### ARFP & NC Networking

- Ideally the 54 AU Members States
- Built from the 5 Economic Regions/5 S-RFP

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The decision of establishment

GPA, Strategic Priority
Area 4: Policies, Institutions and Capacity-building

Strategic Priorities on AnGR Management Institutions

SP12: Establish or strengthen national institutions, including national focal points, for planning and implementing animal genetic resources measures, for livestock sector development

SP 17: Establish regional focal points and strengthen international networks
The Interlaken Declaration of the Global Plan of Action recognizes that the main responsibility for implementing the Global Plan of Action rests with national governments.

Regional coordination may be necessary as well:
- Management of trans-boundary breeds
- Capacity building

AU-IBAR supports the establishment of Sub-Regional Focal Points for the management of AnGR to help facilitate regional activities in Africa.
### The decision of establishment

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<td>Continental Inception Workshop, Abidjan, April 2013</td>
<td>The anchorage of S-RFP in RECs or other regional organizations is essential to ensure sustainability and avoid the experience of Southern Africa</td>
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<td>Partners Roundtable meeting, Kampala, March 2014</td>
<td>Agreement to establish an African Animal Genetic Resources Secretariat that will foster coordination, collaboration and coherence in the management of AnGR in Africa</td>
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<td>Meeting of the Secretariats of the S-RFP, Nairobi, July 2014</td>
<td>Agreement for AU-IBAR to be the Secretariat of the to be newly established Regional Focal Point (RFP) for Africa</td>
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Who was involved in the decision?

Very early stage / In progress using bottom-up approach

- **FAO: GPA**
- **AU-IBAR: Genetics Project**
- **REC: ECOWAS, EAC, ECCAS, COMESA, IGAD**
- **RC: ITC/WALIC, CIRDES, CEBEVIRHA**
- **RRO: ASARECA, CCARDESA, CORAF, INRAA**
- **MS: NC**
1999 - 2000: First attempt to create S-RFP for Southern AFRICA building on a Regional Project

2011: Launch Joint S-RFP for West & Central AFRICA with the support of FAO, AU-IBAR, PROGEBE, MS, ITC/WALIC, CIRDES, EISMV, ECCAS, ECOWAS

July 2013: Big signal by the Abidjan ministerial meeting with a recommendation to create the “Focal Point for AFRICA”

March 2014: Launch S-RFP for Eastern AFRICA (FAO, AU-IBAR)

April 2014: Launch S-RFP for Southern AFRICA (FAO, AU-IBAR) → Substantive S-RFP (October 2014)

June 2014: Launch S-RFP for Northern AFRICA
Who is involved in the establishment

- **FAO**: GPA
- **AU-IBAR**: Genetics Project
- **REC**: ECOWAS, EAC, ECCAS, COMESA, IGAD
- **RC**: ITC/WALIC, CIRDES, CEBEVIRHA (PRASAC)
- **RRO**: ASARECA, CARDES, CORAF, INRAA
- **MS**: NC
- **RO**: ILRI
- **CSO/NGOs**
- **Networks/Universities**: RUFORUM, University of Ghana, University of Dchang in Cameroon
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<td>• Need expressed from MS: NC/NFP</td>
<td>• Building on RECs setting</td>
<td>• Inexistence or not yet nominated NC in some countries</td>
<td>• Different FAO regional setting</td>
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<td>• Anchored S-RFP into Regional Research Institutions</td>
<td>• Building on existing institutions with Mandate to manage AnGR</td>
<td>• Donors/Project funding dependency</td>
<td>• Confusion of guidelines as “Prescription”</td>
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<td>• AU-IBAR has a Continental mandate</td>
<td>• Building on past experiences of S-RFP</td>
<td>• Weak NC will lead to weak S-RFP in turn will lead to weak ARFP</td>
<td>• Budget for running the S-RFPs</td>
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<td>• Consolidation from the bottom</td>
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Thank You

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