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## Livestock Development Strategy in Africa

### Executive Summary

The Livestock Development Strategy for Africa (LiDeSA) 2015-2035 was adopted by the African Union (AU) in 2015 as a comprehensive strategy for developing the livestock sector in Africa in 20 years. The African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR) is the designated AU institute to oversee the development and implementation of the LiDeSA, in close collaboration with the Pan African Veterinary Vaccine Center of African Union (AU-PANVAC), the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), FAO and other intergovernmental and international organizations and development partners (for instance, the International Livestock Research Institute [ILRI] and the World Organisation for Animal Health [WOAH]).

The strategic objectives of LiDeSA are to (i) attract public and private investments along the livestock value chains; (ii) strengthen animal health and increase production, productivity and resilience of production systems; (iii) enhance innovation, generation and utilization of technologies, capacities and entrepreneurship skills of value chain actors; and (iv) improve access to market, services and value addition.

Notable progress has been made in implementing LiDeSA since its adoption; however, the visibility of LiDeSA as the guiding vision of livestock development in the continent has been inadequate and the implementation of the LiDeSA has also been slow. This is mainly due to inadequate coordination efforts and lack of a monitoring and reporting framework amongst stakeholders including African Union Commission (AUC) institutions, RECS, AU Member States, non-state actors, regional institutions, international partners (FAO, WOA, ILRI) development partners and the private sector, among others.

FAO and AU-IBAR have worked together to review progress and develop a Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) framework and results structure to better capture the LiDeSA implementation and the results in collaboration with RECs and partners.

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The objective of this special session is to provide a platform for Members to note the findings of the review of the LiDeSA, share experiences of its implementation and provide guidance to the development of the M&E and results framework.

The expected outcome is to create a better awareness of the LiDeSA implementation and appreciation of continued advocacy to use LiDeSA as the guiding instrument for the sustainable livestock sector transformation in Africa.

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## I. Background

1. The Livestock Development Strategy for Africa (LiDeSA) was adopted by the African Union in 2015 as a comprehensive strategy for developing the livestock sector in Africa in 20 years. It stems from a resolution of the 24th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council of the African Union held from 27 to 28 January 2014 in Addis Ababa (EX.CL/Dec.792[XXIV]). The African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR) led the development of the LiDeSA through a multi-stakeholder process of comprehensive sector assessments, consultations and an in-depth situation analysis covering the five official geopolitical regions of Africa.
2. The LiDeSA, being the key African Union Commission (AUC) livestock sector transformation instrument, has the goal of enhancing the livestock sector contribution to socioeconomic development and accelerated and equitable growth. Its strategic objectives are to (i) attract public and private investment along the livestock value chains; (ii) enhance animal health and increase production, productivity and resilience of production systems; (iii) enhance innovation, generation and utilization of technologies, capacities and entrepreneurship skills of value chain actors; and (iv) improve access to market, services and value addition.
3. The overall coordination for the implementation of LiDeSA is being led by AUC through AU-IBAR and the Pan African Veterinary Vaccine Center of the African Union (AU-PANVAC), in collaboration with the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), FAO and other intergovernmental and international organizations and development partners (the African Development Bank Group [AfDB], Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the European Union [EU], the International Fund for Agricultural Development [IFAD], the International Livestock Research Institute [ILRI], the United States of America [USA], the World Bank and the World Organisation for Animal Health [WOAH], for example).
4. Notable progress has been made in implementing LiDeSA since its adoption; however, the visibility of LiDeSA as the guiding vision of livestock development in the continent has been inadequate and the implementation of the LiDeSA has also been slow. This is mainly due to inadequate coordination efforts and a lack of a monitoring and reporting framework that could guide the coordination and harmonization of actions among stakeholders, including AUC institutions, RECS, AU Member States, non-state actors, regional institutions, international partners (FAO, WOA, ILRI), development partners and the private sector, among others.
5. The Session is aimed at informing Members on the results of the review of the LiDeSA, sharing experiences of its implementation and providing guidance to the development of the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) framework and the results structure.
6. As follow-up actions after the FAO Global Conference on Sustainable Livestock Transformation which requested to raise awareness of the essential contribution of the sustainable livestock sector to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, prioritizing the mobilization of scientific, technical and financial resources, sharing information and knowledge on the strategic direction and technical developments, and facilitating cooperation at all levels regional actions are being taken to achieve sustainable livestock transformation in Africa.
7. The experience-sharing session on the LiDeSA will start with an ignite presentation by the Director of AU-IBAR followed by a round table discussion. It will be a moderated session to ensure interactive and engaging participation. Ministers and higher-level stakeholder representatives will reflect on the presentation and share their experiences and visions for the successful implementation of the LiDeSA as the path for sustainable livestock sector transformation in Africa.

## II. Objectives of the experience-sharing session

8. The event aims at providing a platform for Members to note the results of the review of the LiDeSA, share experiences of their efforts for its implementation and provide guidance to the development of the M&E and results framework.

## III. Expected Outcomes

9. The event aims at creating a better understanding of the LiDeSA implementation and appreciation of continued advocacy for its uses as the guiding instrument for the sustainable livestock sector transformation in Africa.

## IV. Target audience / Participants

10. The target audience includes Members, AUC, RECs, United Nations entities as well as representatives of relevant development partners, civil society organizations, the private sector and other relevant national and regional stakeholders contributing to livestock sector development in Africa.

## V. Agenda

Activity	Who	Time
Introduction	Moderator, FAO Deputy Director--General	5 minutes
Welcome and opening	AU Commissioner, DARBE	5 minutes
Presentation of the topic	AU-IBAR/Director	10 minutes
High-Level Ministerial Roundtable sharing experiences, mobilizing partnerships to support the LiDeSA implementation	Ministers FAO Director of Animal Production and Health Division Representatives of Regional Economic Commissions (RECs) Representatives of the Development Partners (tbc)	45 minutes
Q&A and open discussion	All participants	20 minutes
Closing remarks	Moderator, FAO Deputy Director--General	5 minutes