



**Kenya Statement on Agenda Item 3.1: Harnessing value addition in the livestock sector for inclusive economic growth and employment generation at the Fourth Session of the COAG Sub-Committee on Livestock Rome, 3–5 June 2026**

**Distinguished Chairs,  
Excellencies,  
Colleagues,**

Kenya thanks FAO for the discussion document and agrees that current policies are overly focused on primary production, leaving the downstream livestock value chain underdeveloped.

Kenya has already taken action by prioritizing value addition in our national livestock strategy, including establishing medium-scale abattoirs, milk cooling and processing facilities, and upgrading the leather value chain.

However, Kenya faces critical needs, including limited technical capacity, lack of affordable financing for agro-processors, fragmented regulatory frameworks across levels of government, and inadequate storage, transport, and cold chain infrastructure.

Kenya, therefore, requests FAO's assistance in developing knowledge products, toolkits, and guidelines tailored to our context, supporting the design and implementation of policies and investments for inclusive value addition and employment generation, and facilitating strategic public-private partnerships and innovative financing mechanisms

Addressing these needs will enable Kenya to capture the vast employment and economic potential of livestock processing, particularly for our youth, and ensure a truly inclusive and sustainable livestock transformation.

**I Thank you.**