



Press Release

A group of animal resource experts, with interest in the socio-economic development of Africa is proud to announce the launch of the **Forum for African Animal Resources (FAAR)**.

FAAR is a think tank established to facilitate progressive transformation of animal resources in Africa into a modern, productive and thriving sector. Achieving this goal will require extensive open dialogue and engagement with a diverse range of stakeholders, including the scientific community, policy makers, national governments and communities, regional and global institutions, private sector, and development partners. FAAR is committed to fostering collaboration and knowledge-sharing among these stakeholders, with the aim of transforming animal resources in Africa into a thriving and sustainable industry accelerating wealth creation, economic growth, enhancing nutrition, health and food security, while preserving the environment and genetic diversity.

FAAR will:

- Create a broad and inclusive continental knowledge dissemination platform that promotes dialogue and strategic guidance on sustainable management of African animal resources.
- Monitor trends and raise awareness of intractable, pending, persisting and emerging issues related to Africa's animal resources, stimulate and facilitate discussions among African and global players.
- Support and contribute to ongoing initiatives by the global, continental, regional and national agencies on livestock production, animal health and welfare and trade related issues of live animals, their products and the environment.
- Assist and provide advice to AU-IBAR, AU-PANVAC, AUC technical agencies, Regional Economic Communities and AU Member States on the development and implementation of programmes and projects to ensure that they reflect the needs and aspirations of the continent.
- Assist, guide and support producers especially women, the youth and the upcoming generation of professionals in Africa on quality management of animal resources.
- Advocate the One Health agenda, as defined by the quadripartite organisations: FAO, WOAH, WHO and UNEP and collaborate with African CDC and other agencies to address Africa centric One Health issues.
- Collaborate with African and Africa-based institutions of learning and research as well as with those involved in the development agenda to which the animal resource play a key role.

The launch of FAAR represents a major milestone in the ongoing efforts to transform Africa's animal resources sector. With its focus on collaboration, knowledge, innovation and sustainability, FAAR is posed to make a significant impact on the lives of millions of people across the continent. More information about FAAR and founders in the FAAR Constitution.

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