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COMESA achievements and plans for 2025 and beyond on Animal Resources Development

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Overview of COMESA



The Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)



-Comprises 21 Member States,

-The aim is to promote regional integration through trade and the development of natural and human resources.

-Population of over 640 million, a Gross Domestic Product of \$1.0 trillion and

-A global export/import trade in goods worth US\$ 383 billion,

-9 costal, 4 ocean and 8 land linked MS

COMESA's Vision

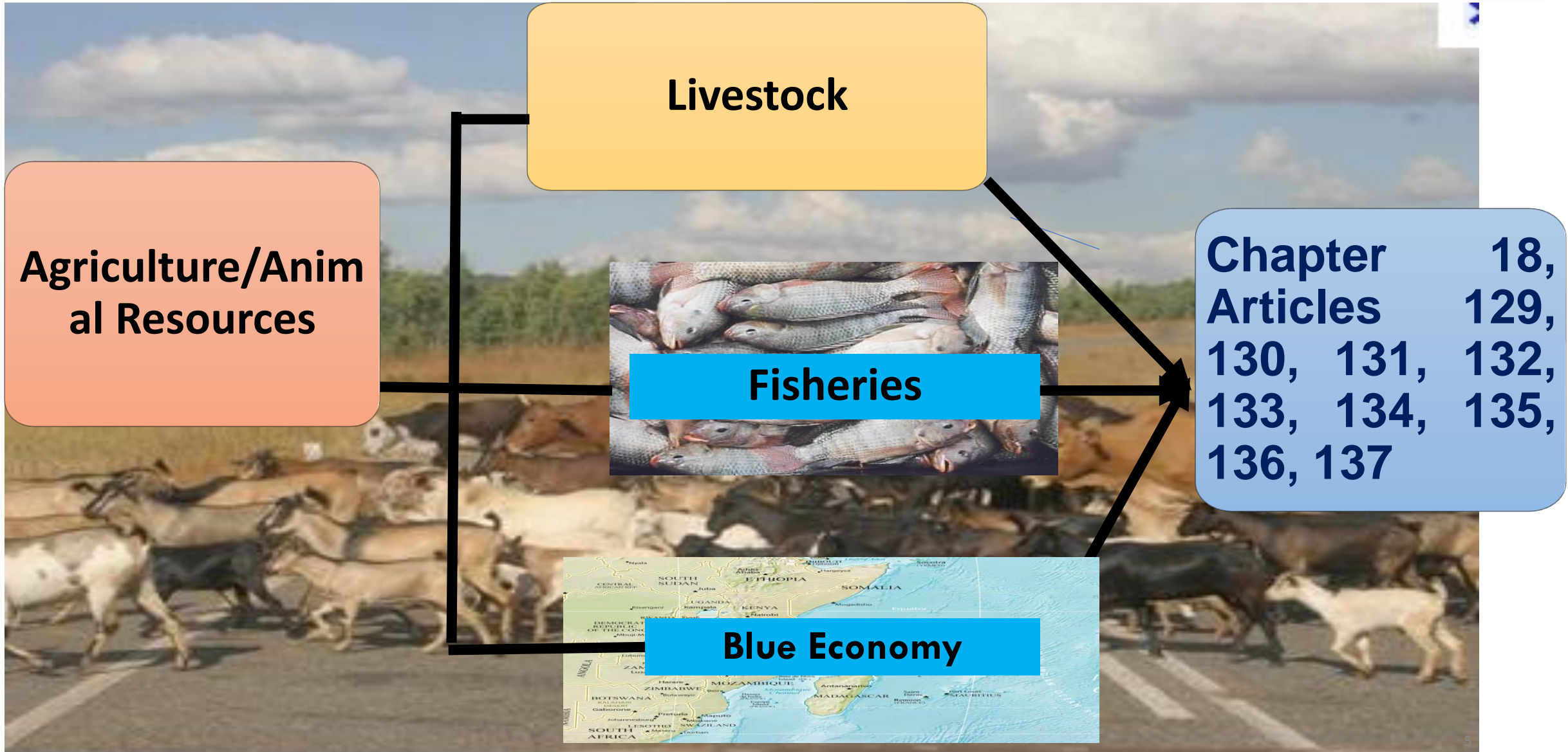
- The Vision of COMESA is, **“To have a fully integrated internationally competitive regional economic community** with high standards of living for its entire people, ready to merge into the African Economic Community”.

COMESA's Mission

- The Mission of COMESA is, **“To endeavor to achieve sustainable economic and social progress in all Member States** through increased **co-operation and integration** in all fields of development particularly **in trade, customs and monetary affairs, transport, communication and information, technology, industry and energy, gender, agriculture, environment and natural resources”**.
- **The main objective of COMESA is to promote trade and investment among its Member States as well as with third countries.**

LIVESTOCK, FISHERIES AND BLUE ECONOMY

Mandate - COMESA Treaty



COMESA MTSP (2021 – 2025)



COMESA is guided by the decisions of Councils of Ministers and regional and continental programs:

MTSP: Strategic Focus

1-Market integration

- Removing barriers to trade to consolidate the internal market/FTA
- Building productive capacity to enhance global competitiveness and build regional capacity

2- Productive Integration

- Agriculture and Animal Resources
- Sanitary and Phyto-sanitary
- Blue Economy Development
- Industrialization-Value addition, Manufacturing

3- Physical Integration / Connectivity

- Digital, physical, aerial

4- Gender and Social Integration



COMESA Priorities and interventions

COMESA MS and all relevant stakeholders has Identified Key Challenges, Opportunities and Interventions

In the areas of:

- Inputs: Feeds, Breeds/GGPS, GPS/Fingerling, Veterinary services, vet drugs and vaccines, Equipment
- Husbandry and management
- Value addition, Processing and Packaging including SPS compliance
- Marketing, Trade
- Investment in the infrastructure (vet centres, Laboratories, processing plants, certified abattoirs, quarantines, feedlots etc.)

Identified Key Challenges



Pressure on indigenous Resources

- Climate induced pressure, Cross-breeding, over exploitation, over -fishing
- Decline in indigenous stock, weak governance.
- Habitat degradation and reduced biodiversity.

Weak Value Chains and value addition

- Limited infrastructure, low value addition, lack of market intelligence/ information, knowledge gap,

Low Investments In Critical Areas

- Insufficient funding for market access and trade infrastructure (storage, cooling system, appropriate transportation, processing facilities), compliance with SPS requirements, product diversification, processing, packaging – Getting genetic material Pure line GGPS – 2 countries GPS-F1

Transboundary Issues

- Managing shared resources, harmonizing regulations, and enhancing regional cooperation, TADs, uncoordinated diseases surveillance and control .

Institutional, Technical and Governance Capacity

- Need for robust institutional frameworks, skilled personnel, and effective governance mechanisms, poor implementation of agreed on protocols, multiple tariffs, poor consideration of gender and youth inclusion

Low Regional Coordination and Cooperation

- Fragmented policies, regulatory frameworks, harmonized strategies
- Weak management of shared resources

Animal Health and Climate Change Impacts

- Prevailing animal health problems (TADs), Changing environmental conditions and extreme weather events, degradation of range lands, pollution, loss of habitat and loss of biodiversity, sea level rise,

Identified Required Interventions



**Expand Sustainable
Livestock
agriculture/aquaculture**

**Enhance animal
resources Management
and Health**

**Promote Regional
Trade Integration**

One Health Approach

**Invest In Research And
Innovation**

Build Capacity

**Foster Regional
Cooperation**

**Leverage Donor
Support**

**Harness The Rising
Demand For ASF Driven
by Population Growth
and Economic
Development**

The way forward

- Processing technologies (small and large scale),
- Adoption of innovation, technologies and best practices
- Formalisation of animal resources trade business and take advantage of business associations

Investment in technologies and Innovation



- Capacity building of value chain actors
- Mainstreaming of women, youth and PWDs in sustainable value chains

Enhance Capacities in the area of value addition



- Leverage COMESA's integration framework to enhance market access and reduce trade barriers.

Promote Regional Trade Integration



- Strengthen Quality and Safety Assurance
- SPS Policy harmonization
- Develop product standards and certification system

Regional Cooperation integration



The way forward

- Develop Market Information system
- Investment in ICT, research, capacity building, and technology.

Market Intelligence



- Strengthening skills and knowledge
- Targeted training programs at institutional and community levels .

Capacity Building and Training



- Equitable opportunities
- Enhancing sectoral productivity, and driving socio-economic development

Gender and Youth Inclusion



- Developing ecotourism and culinary tourism around pastoralist communities
- Alternative income sources but also promotes conservation efforts

Sustainable Tourism

Regional Cooperation on environment





Interventions: COMESA has developed policies and strategy based on international and continental policies

- COMESA has been supporting MS in the development of policies, strategies and in updating veterinary legislation
- COMESA developed Blue Economy Strategy with the support of AU-IBAR through FISH-GOV 2. The COMESA Blue economy is one of the focus under **productive integration**
 - We have also supported countries to develop their Blue Economy Strategy
 - We conducted experience sharing with RECs as well as Member States
- We have also developed **COMESA Fisheries Policy Framework and Reform Strategy with the support of AU-IBAR**
 - The PFRS for Fisheries and Aquaculture in COMESA region is a comprehensive blueprint designed to transform and strengthen the fisheries and aquaculture sectors across the region.
 - The framework seeks to address existing challenges, capitalize on opportunities, and promote sustainable practices that will ensure the long-term viability and prosperity of these industries.

Interventions, COMESA SPS



- **Revised the COMESA SPS regulations and strategy to address the current SPS challenges at MS level. It is aligned to the AU frameworks.**
- **Developed Work Plans for the Animal Health, Food Safety and Plant Health to facilitate the implementation of the SPS Strategy**
- **Agreed on modalities for the establishment of the COMESA SPS Risk Assessment Centre**
- **COMESA has selected Reference and Satellite Laboratories:**
 - 1. *Animal Health*: Two (2) Reference and one (1) Satellite laboratory**
 - 2. *Food Safety*: Five(5) Reference and six (6) satellite laboratories**
 - 3. *Plant Health*: Three (3) Reference and five (5) satellite laboratories**

COMESA's interventions



- **COMESA has developed One Stop Boarder Posts:**
 - **refers to the legal and institutional framework, facility and associated procedures that enable goods, people and vehicles to stop in a single facility in which they undergo necessary controls following applicable regional and national laws to exit one State and enter the adjacent State.**
- **The COMESA Cross Border Trade Initiative facilitate cross border trade for small – scale traders under the COMESA Simplified Trade Regime (STR).**
 - **refers to consignments less than 2000 USD to pass through the border check without tax**
- **One of the trade facilitation Instrument is the COMESA Green Pass, which is a certification system meant to support trade in agricultural commodities. The Green Pass is a risk-based certification system – currently being tried on fisheries trade**



Enhancing livestock production and trade: main achievements:

1. Member States were supported in enhancing livestock and fisheries value chain and in the management and control of major animal diseases through Regional Enterprise Competitiveness and Access to Markets Programme (RECAMP) and other programs in partner with AU-IBAR, WOAHA, and FAO,
2. Representatives from COMESA Member States held different consultative meetings and experience sharing visits where business to business deal were held.
3. Support were given to enhance Dairy, Meat, Poultry and Live animal value chains

ANIMAL RESOURCES PROGRAM ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Enhance value addition and access to markets: achievements

- The COMESA Federation of Women in Business (COMFWB) Eswatini Chapter was assisted in value addition through fattening of beef cattle by growing yellow maize which is the main ingredient for feed.
- Through RECAMP Agro-processing (Dairy, Meat, Poultry and Fisheries) - Member States were supported in enhancing value chain, value addition and trade in animal and animal products
- Member States were supported in accessing market
- Agreement reached to strengthen the capacity of producers, producer organisations and other value chain actors to enhance competitiveness, value addition and market access.



ANIMAL RESOURCES PROGRAM ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS



1. Capacity Enhancement of Fish Traders for Effective Participation in Cross Border Trade between Kenya and Uganda - in the following areas:
 - Causes of fish spoilage, Hygiene and handling fish to the landing sites and onward transportation,
 - Assessment and maintenance of fish quality,
 - Use of approved containers for fish handling,
 - Proper waste disposal
 - Value –addition and marketing,
 - Access to credit/loans for fish trade,
 - Governance of the fish trade associations



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Busia Town, Busia County-Kenya



2. Enhancing Competitiveness and Access to Markets of Women MSME Entrepreneurs, Start-ups and Youth through Value addition of the Agriculture and Fisheries value chains – through COMFWB **Seychelles chapter**

- The project focus on providing training in the Agriculture and Fisheries value chains of women and girls in Seychelles who most often operate at informal level, with a view of
 - Regularizing their businesses.
 - Train in technical production,
 - Training of SMEs on value addition and market access
 - Benchmarking Visits to the regional centres
 - Business skills and product standardisation to allow them to be competitive and access to larger local and regional markets with scaled up and standardized goods.



Through Ocean Innovation Challenge in partner with UNDP

- **Project 1: Kenya “Enhancing Women Participation in Blue Economy Fish Value Addition for Improved Livelihoods and Trade” is being implemented along with COMRED International (NGO)**
- **Project 2: Madagascar “Empowering women and youth organization in sustainable coastal ecotourism for LMMA Funding” and is being implemented along with MIHARI (CBO) focussing in Madagascar coastal areas**



The strategic focus in the 2025 budget year and beyond

- Support private sector's participation in sustainable livestock and fisheries regional and global value chains and trade, through regional Public-Private Dialogue (PPD)
- Support in enhancing Resilience of Pastoralist Production system through facilitation of on time offtake and access to market.
- Support in enhancing regional apiculture value chain and trade in bee hives product across the region
- Support Evaluation of Veterinary Services and control of TADs and enhance compliance to SPS requirements to access export markets.
- Implementation of SPS Annex 7 of the AfCFTA Protocol on Trade in Goods with WOAHA
- Support alignment of MS policies to the COMESA livestock Policy Framework, Fisheries Policy framework and Reform Strategy for sustainable development of the Animal Resources sector.
- Support innovation, generation and utilization of technologies, capacities, and entrepreneurship skills in data management and infrastructure development
- Continue to build and maintain strategic partnerships to support the implementation of the animal resources development.

Partners



- **AU-IBAR, AUC-ARBE**
- **RECs: All RECs as well as IOC**
- **RFB: Regional Fisheries Bodies (LVFA, LTA, AWFISHNET, SWAYOFISH, SWIOFISH)**
- **COMESA MS – All Relevant Ministries, Universities, Research Institutions, Laboratories**
- **AfDB**
- **EU/EDF: Small Scale Cross Border Trade Initiative (SSCBT), Regional Enterprise Competitiveness and Access to Markets Programme (RECAMP)**
- **USAID**
- **UNDP: Partnering in different areas**
- **University of Birmingham**
- **University of Manitoba**
- **WOAH: Technical support/Animal health, biosecurity, food safety**
- **FAO: Technical support / Aquatic Animal Health and food safety**
- **IFAD: Technical**



Thank you

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