

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE WORLD ANIMAL HEALTH ORGANIZATION
AND
THE AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION



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Preamble

The World Organization for Animal Health, hereinafter referred to as "OIE"

And

The Commission of the African Union, hereinafter "the Commission";
Hereinafter referred to collectively as "the Parties"

Recalling that the Pan-African Campaign for Tsetse and Trypanosomosis Eradication (AU-PATTEC) is a structure of the Commission of the African Union whose objectives are to develop coordinated strategies to create sustainable Tsetse and Trypanosomosis free areas,

Recalling also that the main objectives of the OIE are to inform governments of the occurrence and evolution of animal diseases in the world and means to control these diseases, coordinate international studies on monitoring and control of animal diseases, harmonize regulations for trade in animals and products within the Member Countries with international health standards recognized by the World Trade Organization and to promote international solidarity in the field of animal health;

Desiring to strengthen their cooperation;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article – 1 Fields of cooperation

1. Both organizations recognize the need and importance of establishing a mutual regional cooperation in the interest of African countries in members of the OIE and AUC and the international community.
2. The Parties agree to cooperate in the following areas:
 - a) Technical Cooperation in the control and Eradication of Trypanosomosis and other vector-borne diseases.
 - b) Exchange of scientific information, publications and programs on vector-borne diseases;
 - c) Strengthening of veterinary services and disease surveillance systems in the region;
 - d) Dissemination of information on outbreaks of animal disease vectors;
 - e) Organization of meetings and seminars on the analysis of epidemiological information and methods of risk analysis;



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- f) Organization of meetings and seminars on the harmonization of registration and control methods of trypanocidal drugs and insecticides;
- g) Dissemination and promotion of the use of the International Animal Health Code of the OIE standards for the recognition of areas free of Trypanosomosis.
- h) Training, retraining and strengthening technical, institutional capacity and human resources;
- i) Assistance in mobilizing resources, including from the international community and potential partners;
- J) Any other area of common interest for the fight against Tsetse Flies and Trypanosomiasis.

Article – 2 Representation

1. The Commission will be represented in the implementation and monitoring of this Agreement by the AU-PATTEC Coordination Office.
2. The Director General of the OIE may put the OIE Regional Representation for Africa in charge of part or entire responsibility for this cooperation.

Article – 3 Invitations to meetings

1. The Coordinator of AU-PATTEC undertakes to invite the Director General of the OIE to participate or to be represented as observer at relevant meetings of the Advisory Committee and Technical/ Scientific Committee of the Ministers in charge of animal resources in Africa, as well as other events of mutual interest.
2. The Director General of the OIE agrees to invite the Coordinator of AU-PATTEC to participate or to be represented as an observer at the general sessions of the International Committee of the OIE, meetings of the OIE Regional Commission for Africa, international meetings as well as other events of mutual interest organized by the OIE's Regional Representation for Africa.
3. The two institutions agree also to keep each other informed of any news or events which would strengthen the solidarity and cooperation referred to in this agreement.



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Article – 4 Disputes settlement

Any dispute arising from the application or interpretation of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through direct negotiations between the Parties.

Article – 5 Amendment

The joint agreement may be amended by mutual agreement in writing.

Article – 6 Entry into force, duration and termination of the Agreement

1. This Agreement shall enter into force upon its signature by both parties for an indefinite period.
2. Without prejudice to paragraph 1 of this Article, either party may terminate this Agreement by means of an official note with three (3) months' notice and citing the reasons for the termination.

For the Commission of the African
Union (AUC)




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