

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Consultancy for the development of a Regional Legal Framework for a livestock identification and traceability system (LITS) in the IGAD region

Duty Station:	Home country
Deadline for the Applications:	18 May 2015
Type of Contract:	Individual
Contract post level:	Short term
Starting date:	June 01 (spread to July 31, 2015)
Duration:	30 days

Introduction

The livestock sector in the IGAD region has substantial potential to contribute to food security and general economic viability and integration within the Greater Horn of Africa (GHOA). However the sector faces production and marketing constraints, widespread endemic disease, depressing productivity and the threat of epidemic trans-boundary animal diseases (TADs) outbreaks. The latter can result in trade bans being imposed on the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) region by the major importing countries of the Middle East and Europe. This can equally have significant negative impacts on the livelihoods of livestock dependent communities and livestock-related business enterprises.

In response to these challenges, the IGAD Centre for Pastoral Areas and Livestock Development (ICPALD) had commissioned the production of regional livestock identification and traceability [LITS] guidelines whose implementation requires production and adoption of a LITS regional policy and legal framework that will underpin a sustainable and safe livestock and livestock products trade in the IGAD region. While traditional animal identification methods have been used for centuries in Africa, and especially in pastoral areas where they are still in use, they have not been formalized and integrated into official national animal identification and traceability policies.

This work forms part of the regional project entitled "*Improving animal disease surveillance in support of trade (STSDs) in IGAD Member States*" developed by the African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR) in partnership with IGAD Centre for Pastoral Areas and Livestock Development (ICPALD) and with financial support from the European Union (EU). The overall objective of the project is to reduce the impact of transboundary animal diseases (TADs) and zoonoses on food security, trade and resilience of livestock farmers. The two result areas of this project include (1) Systems for animal

identification, traceability and health certification improved, and (2) Surveillance systems and disease control strategies at national and regional levels improved.

As per the recommendations of the regional LITS and Animal Health Certification forum, the regional LITS guidelines, developed by ICPALD, in collaboration with AU-IBAR and Member states (MS), need to be complemented and enhanced by development and mainstreaming of a LITS regional legal framework. This will inform IGAD member states of the purpose and importance of LITS and the need for harmonized policies and enforcement of important elements in the legal framework. The key outputs will be to strengthen disease prevention and control efforts; protect and enhance trade and alleviate cattle rustling in the region.

Specific Objectives

The specific objectives of the consultancy are as follows:

- Review relevant and existing continental and global policies as well as legal frameworks from countries that successfully implemented and documented LITS, including good practices, lessons and challenges;
- Develop a draft regional legal framework on LITS, with inputs from the MS and the LITS Coordination Forum, and circulate to stakeholders;
- Facilitate stakeholders' validation workshop on the regional legal framework on LITS;
- Incorporate comments from the stakeholders validation workshop and submit a final regional legal framework on LITS to ICPALD.

Beneficiary Countries: Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, and Uganda.

Proposed Methodology and Approach

The consultancy is required to outline the indicative approach and methodology that shall be followed, providing a clear and elaborated outline of the approach in response to the TORs. The approach should include, among others, the following:

- Approaches for developing, enriching and validating the regional legal framework on LITS in the IGAD region;
- Schedule to review relevant documents;

- Schedule for developing of questionnaires and engaging identified stakeholders and member states;
- Schedule for drafting and submission of the draft regional legal framework on LITS;
- The assignment is expected to take 30 days and the consultant is requested to develop and submit a work plan and timetable at the commencement of his/her assignment. Once the work plan is accepted, ICPALD will facilitate the consultant to implement the work plan.

Expected Outputs and deliverables

The following are the expected outputs:

- An inception report including the methodology (e.g. questionnaires, interviews and reviews) and the work plan;
- A comprehensive draft regional legal framework on LITS in the IGAD region;
- Facilitation and presentations in the stakeholders' validation workshop;
- A final Consultancy Report.

REQUIREMENTS

Key expert

The Consultancy will have 1 Senior Expert for a total of (thirty) 30 days from June 01, 2015 and the consultancy duration will be spread over to 31th July 2015.

Qualifications and skills

- Master or PhD degree in Animal Health or Animal Production or Livestock Science with good experience in public sector disease Control and animal identification and traceability legal framework
- Knowledge and experience of using participatory approaches;
- Strong analytical skills;
- Excellent communication skills and fluency in English.

General professional experience

- A proven successful track record in writing national and regional strategies and policies;
- Proven experience in developing a LITS programme and developing a national policy and legal framework

- Experience in conducting and facilitating dialogue with national, regional and international organizations.

Specific professional experience

- At least 10 years work experience in livestock development with relevant experience in developing a legal framework for animal identification and traceability
- Documented record in supporting implementation of legal framework on animal identification and traceability in one or more countries in Africa

Payment will be at the rate of 300 USD per day for 30 days

Applications: Interested candidates should submit their applications, accompanied with detailed CVs, copies of both academic and professional certificates and testimonials, names and addresses of three reputable referees as well as contact details (e-mail, telephone), by email to: rose.tsuma@igad.int; agol.kwai@igad.int and ameha.sebsibe@igad.int. All applications should be received not later than May, 18th, 2015.

Please note that ICPLAD shall only respond to the shortlisted candidates.