



Partnership Update N° 7 – February 2009

Program Manager's Note On behalf of the Secretariat, I would like to thank all EC Members for sending their feedback and suggestions on improving the virtual EC12 documents. The Secretariat has been busy incorporating your suggestions and improving all documents. Their final versions have been sent to you for validation. Draft EC12 Resolutions – prepared by the Secretariat based on your suggestions – had also been sent to you. Your approval of the EC12 documents and suggestions on finalizing the EC 12 Resolutions are expected prior to the EC13 and GA4 meetings scheduled on March 10 - 12, 2009. The Washington-based Secretariat has been working hard to facilitate its smooth transfer to the new host, the African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources, during GA4. This transfer would be an important milestone for the ALive Partnership as it would signify the second stage of reinforcing the Partnership's mission and strengthening its programs. We are about one week away from this important milestone; and we need the support of all EC members to make the success of EC13 and GA4 a reality!

Preparation under way for EC13 and GA4

After the conclusion of the virtual EC12 meeting, the Secretariat has shifted gears to the preparation of the upcoming EC13 and GA4 meetings at the AU-IBAR office in Nairobi. You should have received the invitation to these meetings sent by our colleague Dr. Germain Bobo, coordinator at the Branch Office in Nairobi. The EC 13 meeting has a full agenda, but notable of the sessions are on (i) election of the new EC Chairperson; (ii) presentation of the TAP1 evaluation report; (iii) report on OIE's Evaluation of the Performance of the PVS (EPVS); and (iv) progress report on ALive's Avian and Human Influenza program. The agenda for GA4 includes: (i) ALive Platform: progress, accomplishments and lessons learned; (ii) transfer of the ALive Secretariat to Africa; and (iii) developments in the African livestock sector. Please send your confirmation of attendance to EC13 and GA4 to germain.bobo@au-ibar.org. We look forward to seeing all of you in Nairobi.

HPAI Regional Program

The reports on the feasibility studies on establishing Socio-economic and Biodiversity, Epidemiology and Laboratory Networks have been finalized and peer reviewed. They

will be presented to EC13 and GA4 for consideration and approval.

AHI National Program

The program has recently received and approved a few more country requests for technical assistance, bringing the total number of SSA countries with the RA mission and INAP program to 26 by the closure of the Multi-Donors Trust Fund on June 30, 2009. Endorsements of proposed INAPs have been recently received from the Governments of Sudan, Mozambique, Niger and Lesotho; while endorsements are expected from the Governments of Eritrea, Senegal, Burkina Faso and Cote d'Ivoire soon. INAPs for Ghana, Gabon, Guinea-Bissau and Zambia are in the final stage of validation and clearance. RA missions are currently ongoing in Kenya and Malawi; while missions in Ethiopia, Chad and the Democratic Republic of Congo will be launched in March-April. Stakeholders/donors workshops are also under preparation in a number of countries from March through May 2009.

World Bank Applies Tools Developed by ALive

The World Bank has been applying tools developed by ALive in its strategy and action plan to support livestock sector development in

African countries. They include: the Integrated National Action Program on Avian and Human Influenza (INAP), the Livestock Sector Investment and Policy Toolkit (LSIPT) and Policy Notes. The **INAPs** - developed after the Rapid Assessments missions conducted in the SSA countries - have been the basis for WB investments (grants and loans) through the different projects undertaken under the framework of the *Global Program on Avian Influenza* (GPAI) and the multi-donors Avian and Human Influenza (AHI) facility. Several WB-funded agricultural projects that focus on animal production and health have used some of the tools developed by ALive, e.g., **Policy Note on Dairy Sector Development, Pastoral Mobility**, and are now in the pipeline (Mali, Cameroon, Niger, and Burkina Faso). They are expected to take effect in 2009 and 2010. Finally, the **LSIPT** is being applied in developing a project to improve Livestock Production Systems in Mali.

Upcoming Events/Meetings

GF-TAD SC4 9-10 March AU-IBAR Nairobi

EC13 10-11 March AU-IBAR Nairobi

GA4 12 March Safari Club Hotel Nairobi

SPINAP SC4 13 March AU-IBAR Nairobi