

Management of AnGR in West and Central Africa

Meeting of the Interim Steering
Committee (ISC)
of the Regional Focal Point



Context



- Meeting took place from 20-21 October 2010 in Accra, Ghana.
- Participants: Centrafrican Republic, Gabon, Ghana, Mali, Togo, PROGEBE, UA-BIRA, FAO.
- Regional Workshop on Sustainable Management on Animal Genetic Resources (AnGR) in West and Central Africa organized from 22 - 25 March 2010 in Dakar by the Regional Project on Sustainable Management of Endemic Ruminant Livestock in West Africa (PROGEBE), in collaboration with FAO.
- Recommendation to establish a single Regional Focal Point (RFP) for animal genetic resources (AnGR) in West and Central Africa and the creation of an Interim Steering Committee (ISC) to oversee the process of establishing the Regional Focal Point.

Context



- ISC is composed of 2 members elected from West Africa (Ghana and Mali) and 2 from Central Africa (Gabon and Central African Republic).
- PROGEBE provides the Secretariat and FAO headquarters as observer/facilitator.
- Technical institutions involved: CIRAD, CIRDES, CORAF, EISMV ENMV Sidi Thabet, ILRI and ITC).
- ISC' roadmap to set up the RFP by May 2011 adopted.
- ISC will facilitate the involvement of regional economic community institutions in the establishment and operationalization of the RFP.
- ISC will prepare the selection criteria and host agreement for the RFP and inform RFP potential candidate institutions accordingly.

Context



- Electronic meetings organized on 14th and 21st of September 2010. agreed on the following:
 - a period of four years for the term of the regional coordination structure along with for monitoring and evaluation mechanisms;
 - a preference for a more collegial network style structure as regional coordination mechanism;
 - mobilization of financial resources for the operation of the ISC and the start of the regional coordination mechanism;
 - proposal of a profile of skills required for the appointment of national coordinators and the criteria within the sovereign assessment of countries.

Regional Focal Point (RFP) or Regional Network(RN) on AnGR



- ISC in favor of an Interim Steering Committee transformed into an African Consultative Group on Animal Genetic resources (ACG-AnGR).
- Adoption of ACG-AnGR will be discussed by the NC-AnGR during regional workshop scheduled to take place in Libreville in 2011.

African Consultative Group on Animal Genetic resources (ACG-AnGR)

ISC's Recommendations





Composition of ACG-AnGR

- 3 country representatives for West Africa;
- 3 country representative for Central Africa;
- AU-IBAR representative;
- ECOWAS/UEMOA representative;
- CEMAC and ECCAS representative;
- 2 of producer organizations representatives
- 2 private sector representatives
- FAO Regional Bureau for Africa representative as an observer/facilitator;
- Representatives of specialized international and regional institutions (AGRA, CORAF/WECARD, CEBEVIRHA, FARA, ILRI, etc.) as observers;
- PROGEBE representative as Interim Secretariat.



ISC's Recommendations

- Focus on the characterization, preservation and management of AnGR, as well as on coordination, advocacy and policy advice on sustainable management of AnGR.
- Interventions area of the ACG-AnGR be at first West and Central Africa, but will be extended as soon as possible to all Africa.
- Prepares the conditions and modalities of transfer of the Secretariat to AU/IBAR, which, has participated actively in the meeting of the ISC and expressed its determination to support the process of implementation and operationalization of the ACG-AnGR to gain a continental dimension.



ISC's Recommendations

- ACG-AnGR be chaired alternately by a regional economic community institution such as ECOWAS and the ECCAS.
- ACG-AnGR capitalizes the experience of similar existing networks and structures, such as the Regional Network on Biodiversity Alive Platform, etc. and relies on them.
- The first actions of the ACD-AnGR are oriented towards a baseline survey of AnGR, capacity strengthening of National Focal Points (NFP), and thus NC-AnGR, and advocacy to achieve the full involvement and commitment of countries in the sustainable management of AnGR.

Suggested Resolution to the Alive EC16



- Include AnGR management theme for the next Alive General Assembly.



Thank you