

PAN-SPSO Project Profile

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African Union

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Presentation Structure

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□ Title:

Participation of African Nations in Sanitary and Phytosanitary Standard-Setting Organizations (PAN-SPSO)

□ Total Fund: EURO 3,855,000

EC Contribution: EURO 3,350,000 from intra-ACP funds of the 9th EDF

IBAR & IAPSC (co-implementers) Contribution: EURO 505,000

Implementation Partners: COMESA, EAC, ECCAS, ECOWAS, CEN-SAD, IGAD, SADC

□ Implementation Period:

5/2008 to November 2010 – Extension?



Rational

- ❑ Exporting countries need to prove that the standards they are applying are science-based, equivalent, and does not constitute a barrier to trade.
- ❑ African countries have had it difficult proving that the products they export meet international standards and are equivalent to those of their developed-country trading partners.
- ❑ Most programmes that address SPS related problems have focused on technical issues of compliance



- ❑ Less work has been done on promoting participation in setting SPS standards meetings.
- ❑ Effective participation of African countries in the formulation of international SPS standards remains a fundamental problem



Consequences of Low Participation

- ❑ **On ISSOs**
 - ❑ Lack of equity
 - ❑ Lack of relevance
 - ❑ Lack of credibility of ISSOs and standards
- ❑ **On African countries**
 - ❑ African specificities not taken into account
 - ❑ Standards difficult to meet
 - ❑ Low ownership and understanding of standards
 - ❑ Inadequate implementation of standards



Reasons Behind Lack of Effective Participation in “Producing” Standards

- ❑ Access to experts who are qualified to take active part in scientific discussions at the national level is difficult.
- ❑ The high turnover among the African staff attending the OIE, IPPC and CAC technical committee meetings and the lack of follow-up mechanism on decisions reached during these meetings.



- ❑ There is the problem of inadequate technical capacity and available resources to engage in the development of new standards and in assessing the scientific justifications for particular SPS measures.
- ❑ The lack of harmonization and net-working makes it difficult to come up with common policy options.



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□ Objective:

Facilitate effective participation of African countries in the activities of the OIE, IPPC and CAC during the formulation of international standards on food safety, animal and plant health.



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❑ Beneficiary Countries:

ACP member states of the African Union that are:

- ❑ Members of the WTO
- ❑ Participating in the activities of the OIE, IPPC and CAC
- ❑ Members at any of the eight recognized Regional Economic Communities (RECs)



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❑ Stakeholders:

- ❑ African Union Directorate Of Rural Economy and Agriculture (DERA)
- ❑ AU/IBAR and AU-IAPSC
- ❑ African Nations
- ❑ African Regional Economic Communities
- ❑ STDF (Standards & Trade Development Facility)
- ❑ Private sector
- ❑ Institutions involved in setting International standards (OIE, CAC, IPPC), and WTO



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□ Expected Results:

- Result 1: **African countries strengthened to empower SPS offices for effective participation in SPS standard setting activities**

- Result 2: **Common position of African nations in SPS standards at continental and REC levels strengthened**

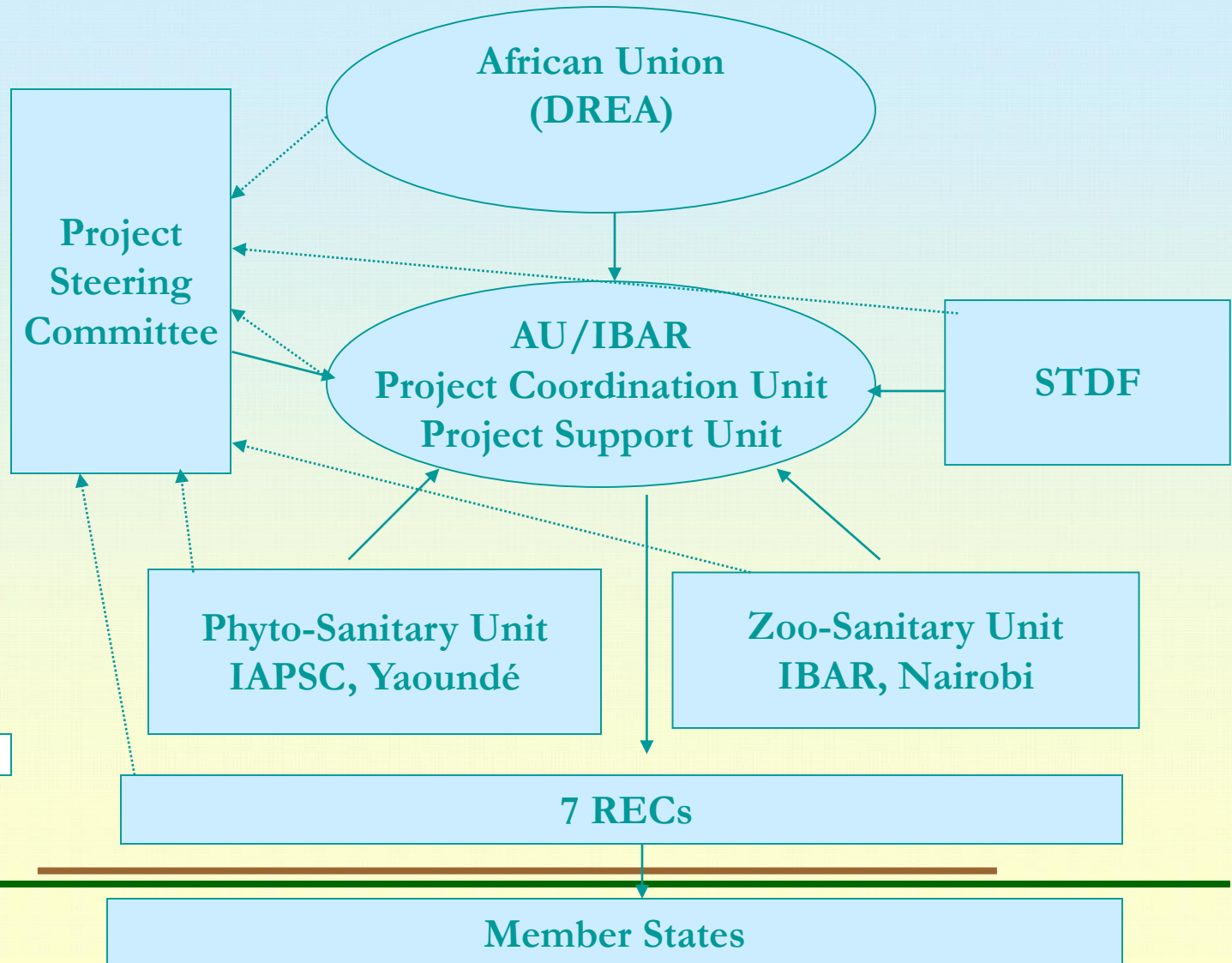


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- **Result 3: Technical capacity of African countries to draft standards and to develop arguments strengthened**
- **Result 4: Relevant SPS-related data and information are acquired and disseminated to African countries through established accessible information sharing platform**



Project Organizational Structure





Activities accomplished or in progress

- ❑ Capacity Assessment study undertaken
- ❑ Panafrican CVOs meeting on Africa's coordinated position on animal health standards – Done in May 2009 before the OIE GS (GS/OIE 2009 is a good starting point for Africa)
- ❑ Training of experts and RECs staff: two trainings done in July 2009 in Nairobi and in Bamako
- ❑ PanAfrican NPPOs Meeting on the Review of Drafts International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures - Done July 28 – 30, 2009 – IBAR Premises
- ❑ Contracts with RECs: signature in progress
- ❑ Amendment to the PAN-SPSO Financing Agreement in progress



Futures Activities 2009/2010

- ☐ **Coordination of positions on animal health standards (2 meetings per year and setting-up of the CVOs Secretariat at IBAR)**
- ☐ **Coordination of position on plant health standards/IPPC (one continental annual meeting)**
- ☐ **Coordination of position on Codex standards (choice of committees of common interest): process in progress.**
- ☐ **Regional training of SPS Experts - RECs**
- ☐ **National trainings of SPS Experts – RECs & Countries**



Futures Activities 2009/2010 – Cont'

- ❑ Promotion of Regional & National SPS Committees (study, regional workshops, follow-up and support to committees) – STDF**
- ❑ Assistance to RECs to obtain observer status and participate in ISSOs and WTO-SPS Committee meetings – STDF**
- ❑ Extend the ARIS II to include data on SPS matters**



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