

# Upcoming Workshop and Meeting Announcement

We are pleased to announce two critical events that will contribute to the advancement of veterinary vaccine regulation and manufacturing in Africa to be held back-to-back from **16 to 20 June 2025** in **Dar es Salaam, Tanzania**.

## **1. Workshop on Socialization of the African Union Harmonized Guideline for the Registration of PPR Vaccine in Africa**

The African Union Pan-African Veterinary Vaccine Centre (AU-PANVAC), in collaboration with the Global Alliance for Livestock Veterinary Medicines (GALVmed) and the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), will organize a workshop from **16 to 18 June 2025** in **Dar es Salaam, Tanzania**. This workshop will focus on the newly developed African Union Harmonized Guideline for the Registration of Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) Vaccine, a significant step toward unified vaccine regulatory frameworks across the continent. The event will bring together key stakeholders including regulators, vaccine manufacturers, regional bodies, and international partners to familiarize harmonized standards. Topics will include:

- Updates from AU-PANVAC, AU-IBAR, WOAH, African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), and African Medicine Agency (AMA)
- Overview of the African PPR Eradication Programme
- Governance Structure for Veterinary Medicine Regulation in Africa: Establishing a Network of Regulatory Authorities
- African Union Harmonized Guideline for PPR Vaccine Registration
- Guidelines on vaccine manufacturer audit and certification, and post-vaccination monitoring
- Combatting substandard and falsified veterinary products

## **2. 13<sup>th</sup> Pan-African Meeting of Directors of Veterinary Vaccine Manufacturing Facilities**

The **Meeting of Directors of Veterinary Vaccine Manufacturing Facilities** will be held back-to-back with the PPR guideline workshop. This high-level meeting will convene directors of veterinary vaccine production facilities to discuss strategies to strengthen vaccine quality, safety, and innovation. Key agenda items include:

- Updates on AU-PANVAC's activities
- Characterization of Vaccine and Vaccine Seed at AU-PANVAC Repository
- Revised WOAH technical standards
- Initiatives for improving CBPP, FMD, and LSD vaccine production and quality control
- New tools and molecular techniques for vaccine quality control
- Development of irradiated veterinary vaccines

### **Expected Outcomes:**

- Strengthened collaboration among African regulatory authorities for veterinary medicine

- Socialization of the guideline and harmonized standard PPR vaccine registration in Africa
- Roadmap for development of guidelines for Audit and Certification of Vaccine Manufacturers, and post-vaccination monitoring
- Enhanced strategies to address substandard and falsified veterinary products
- Improved CBPP, FMD and LSD vaccines production, safety and quality control
- Update on the initiative on development of irradiated veterinary vaccines

**Target Participants:**

- Vaccine Manufacturers
- National veterinary regulatory authorities (NRAs)
- Regional Economic Communities (RECs)
- African Union Department and Agencies (ARD, AU-PANVAC, AU-IBAR, AMA, AfCFTA)
- International organizations (WOAH, FAO, Joint Division FAO/IAEA, ILRI, GALVmed)

These events mark a pivotal advancement in Africa's animal health strategy and commitment to sustainable livestock development and public health through improved vaccine regulation and production.