



**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE WORLD ORGANISATION FOR ANIMAL HEALTH (OIE)
AND
THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY ON DEVELOPMENT (IGAD)**

The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), a regional intergovernmental organization of Eight Eastern African countries (Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan, Sudan, Somalia and Uganda) created in 1986, with its headquarters located at Avenue Georges Clemenceau, P.O. Box 2653 Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti, represented by its Executive Secretary, H.E. Eng. Mahboub M. Maalim,
(hereinafter referred to as "IGAD"),

and

The World Organisation for animal Health (OIE), an intergovernmental organization, created by the International Agreement for the creation of the Office International des Epizooties, done in Paris, 25 January 1924, with its headquarters located at 12 rue de Prony, 75017 Paris, France, represented by its Director General, Dr Bernard Vallat,
(hereinafter referred to as "OIE"),

PREAMBLE

Whereas the development of animal production and trade in animals and animal products requires a situation with a high sanitary level,

Whereas strengthening of the Veterinary Services is a key element in ensuring the correct application of measures to protect animal health and public health,

Mindful of their common interest in supporting the efforts of their respective members in promoting regional cooperation,

Wishing to broaden, rationalize and where practical harmonize their efforts for reciprocal information, consultation and cooperation in the field of animal health in the IGAD region;

In view of the respective mandates of the OIE and the IGAD,

NOW THEREFORE the IGAD and the OIE (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties") have agreed as follows:

Article 1 - Reciprocal information

- 1.1. The OIE and the IGAD will keep each other informed of its activities of mutual interest in relation to animal health in the IGAD region.
- 1.2. The OIE will forward to IGAD Secretariat and IGAD Member states its catalogue of available publications to enable it to request OIE publications on activities related to the work of IGAD in animal health management in the region.

1.3. IGAD Secretariat and IGAD Member states will benefit from the concessional rates offered by OIE in the same way as other organizations affiliated to it.

1.4. OIE and IGAD Secretariat will exchange documents on subjects of mutual interest in relation to the management of animal health in the IGAD region.

Article 2 - Consultation

2.1. The Parties will endeavor to develop further cooperation through both formal and informal consultations on issues of common interest.

2.2. Either Party will invite the other to participate as observer in its meetings where matters of mutual interest arise and will exchange reports in matters of animal health in the IGAD region, including sharing results of joint meetings.

Article 3 - Areas of Cooperation

The Parties will cooperate in the following areas:

- (a) technical cooperation in animal health;
- (b) strengthening of the veterinary services in IGAD Member States and the region's epidemiological surveillance networking;
- (c) dissemination of animal diseases information;
- (d) promotion of the use of the International Animal Health Code and the standards for veterinary diagnostic tests and vaccines;
- (e) exchange of information and working programmes;
- (f) organization of workshops, meetings and seminars on animal diseases intelligence and risk analysis methods;
- (g) organization of workshops, meetings and seminars on the harmonization procedures for registration and control of veterinary medicines and pesticides; and
- (h) elaboration of an annex of this Agreement which will deal with issues of coordinating common regional activities of IGAD and the OIE Regional Representation or Sub-Regional Representation within special programmes, implemented with the support of extra budgetary resources, such as:
 - validation of the non-official information on animal diseases, and support to IGAD Member States for the official diseases notification, to facilitate incorporation in the OIE World Animal Health Information System;
 - providing support to IGAD Member States in the preparation of the relevant applications for free status of specific diseases on national territories or particular zones, in order to facilitate regional and international market access for animals and animal products; and
 - support to existing OIE Reference laboratories and Collaborating Centers of Excellence in IGAD Member States and if possible official recognition of other new reference Laboratories, in order to sustain the scientific veterinary community to negotiate standard setting activities under World Trade Organization/Sanitary Phytosanitary (WTO/SPS) Agreement.

Article 4 - Duration and Validity

- 4.1. This agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature by both Parties and shall remain valid until termination.
- 4.2. Each Party may propose termination of this Agreement by giving the other Party three (3) months written notice of its intention to terminate this Agreement. The termination shall however not interfere with any ongoing activities

Article 5 - Amendments

- 5.1. Any amendment to this Agreement shall be effected only on the basis of written mutual consent by the Parties.
- 5.2. Agreement on proposed amendments shall be reached through Exchange of Letters.

Article 6 - Dispute Resolution


The parties hereto shall endeavor to resolve any dispute arising by mutual negotiations before resorting to any civil litigation.

IN WITNESS WHEREFORE, the Parties have signed this Agreement.

Done in two original texts in the English language.

Paris,




Dr Bernard Vallat
Director General OIE