



Media Advisory

ACHIEVEMENTS AND SUSTAINABILITY OF MAJOR EU-SPONSORED ANIMAL HEALTH PROGRAMME

Pan African Programme for the Control of Epizootics (PACE)

Invitation to representatives of the media

When: 6 September 2007, 9.00 am

Where: African Union offices, Museum Hill, Nairobi/Kenya

Who: African Union/Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU/IBAR)
European Commission

What: **Handover and presentation of the final results of the PACE programme**

Why: → It is the official conclusion of the programme. An overview of the achievements and further sustainability of PACE's activities in the field of livestock development in Africa is presented.

Agenda:

9.00	Tea
10.00	Arrival of HE Head of the Delegation of the EC in Kenya Welcome Director AU/IBAR Inspection of motor vehicles acquired during the programme Visit of AU/IBAR-PACE offices and equipments
11.00	Hand-over ceremony Speech Director AU/IBAR Speech Head EC Delegation Signing of hand-over booklet
11.30	End of ceremony

Participants: Head of EC Delegation, AU/IBAR Director, FAO Representative, GTZ Representative, VSF-Belgium Representative, EC Somalia Unit, Somalia Animal Health Service Project, Representative of the Ministry of Livestock & Fisheries, Terra Nuoava, VSF –AU/IBAR Staff, AMISOM, Great Lake.

Interviews: Photo and interview opportunities can be arranged with

- HE Head of EC Delegation, Eric van der Linden
- Director AU/IBAR, Dr Modibo Traoré

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Background: PACE was a major livestock development programme for the establishment of effective surveillance systems for animal diseases in 32 sub-Saharan countries. The European Commission funded the programme with Euro 77 million. The PACE programme had been uniquely designed to meet beneficiaries' requirements, country needs and global priorities in terms of control of rinderpest and other major epizootic diseases of livestock.

PACE implementation met the following objectives:

- Establishment of epidemio-surveillance systems networks in the programme countries
- Strengthened delivery of veterinary services
- Final rinderpest eradication in Africa
- Control of major animal epizootic diseases such as African swine fever, Rift Valley Fever, CBPP, FMD.

Alltogether more than two million veterinarians, vet students and community-based animal health workers were trained by the seven-year programme.

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