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Achievements and challenges in implementing regional and national framework for boosting intra African trade

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Achievements

• Participation at continental level
• Regional training of training of trainers
• Establishment of a national Apiculture platform
• Swaziland (sharing of value addition)
• Conducted a national bee health and pollination conference
• Best practice sharing policy framework
Achievements

• Drafting of SOPs on bee keeping, honey production and processing
• Active & Passive Surveillance programs to be established to improve on sanitary assurance services for trade (mandatory reporting to DVS)
• Developmental partners pledged to assist
• Working on capacity building at the Central Veterinary Laboratory on the testing of bee diseases
Constraints

- Mindset change (Subsistence – commercial)
- Adoption of modern beekeeping technologies
- Market prices
- Residue testing (Pesticide testing) very expensive who should pay
- Coordination with other regional countries SADC / COMESA / AU
- Disease notification and control
Way Forward

• Establish Codes of practice for producers & processors
• Enforcement of regulation
• Set up comprehensive & updated register/database of bee producers/apiaries (for easy monitoring & compliance to set minimum standards)
Way Forward

• DLVS set up health & production units (train extension staff & cascade to farmers). Huge knowledge gap still exist.

• Common and harmonized Regional strategy and protocol necessary so as to co-ordinate disease management

• Improved import & border controls needed (limit exotic species & dangerous diseases)

• Intensive expansion of research, development & monitoring required throughout the region
Thank You For Listening!

Questions?