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1.0 BACKGROUND
The International Scientific Council for Trypanosomiasis Research and Control (ISCTRC) is a statutory Council of the African Union Commission with the Secretariat at African Union Intercontinental Bureau for Animal resources (AU-IBAR) in Nairobi, Kenya. It was established in the early 60s as a vehicle to promote international cooperation in the fight against trypanosomiasis which is one of Africa’s greatest constraints to socio-economic development, severely affecting human and livestock health, limiting land use, causing poverty and perpetuating underdevelopment on the continent.

The Membership of the Council includes Member States, Africa Union Pan African Tsetse and Trypanosomiasis Eradication Campaign (AU-PATTEC), International organizations, including Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), World Health Organization (WHO), International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and Programme against African Trypanosomiasis (PAAT).

To achieve its objectives, the Council facilitates information sharing and exchange on matters regarding tsetse and trypanosomiasis research and control by holding regular General scientific conferences since 1949.

The General Conference is a five day event that is normally attended by 300 participants from the 36 affected African countries and international organizations with over 100 scientific papers being presented. The meeting disseminates scientific information on tsetse, human and animal trypanosomiasis problem, reviews control strategies and recommends appropriate approaches in research and control.

The ISCTRC Executive Committee meeting that was held in Khartoum, Sudan on 6th and 7th November 2012 recommended that the 32nd ISCTRC General Conference be held in Khartoum, Sudan on 8th to 12th September 2013.

2.0 OBJECTIVE OF THE MEETING
To promote information sharing on tsetse, human and animal trypanosomiasis problem, review control strategies and recommend appropriate approaches in research and control.

3.0 SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES
• To hold the International Scientific Council for Trypanosomiasis Research and Control, Executive Committee meeting on 7th September 2013
• To hold the International Scientific Council for Trypanosomiasis Research and Control General Conference on 8th to 12th September 2013:
  » To receive country reports on tsetse and trypanosomiasis interventions;
  » To receive reports from Pan African Tsetse and Trypanosomiasis Eradication Campaign;
  » To receive reports from international organizations/institutions/donors;
  » To receive scientific presentations on tsetse and trypanosomiasis research and control;
  » To conduct relevant side meetings;
  » To propose recommendations for tsetse and trypanosomiasis research and control activities for the next two years

4.0 PROGRAMMES FOR THE MEETING
• Registration
• Opening Ceremony
• Presentations and discussions on the following subthemes; Pan African Tsetse and Trypanosomiasis Eradication Campaign; Country reports; Human African trypanosomiasis; Animal African Trypanosomiasis; Glossina Biology; Socio-economic; Land use and environment
• Adoption of recommendations by the Council to guide research and control of tsetse and trypanosomiasis for the next two years
• Closing ceremony
5.0 OUTCOMES AND OUTPUTS

- Tsetse and trypanosomiasis information shared and disseminated
- Networking amongst the tsetse and trypanosomiasis research and control workers enhanced
- Recommendations for tsetse and trypanosomiasis research and control activities for the next two years adopted and disseminated
- Conference proceedings
- Capacity for tsetse and trypanosomiasis research and control workers enhanced
- Visibility of African Union Inter-afriican Bureau for Animal Resources and the International Scientific Council for Trypanosomiasis Research and Control enhanced
- The Visibility and the role of the Government of Sudan in the fight against tsetse and trypanosomiasis in Africa enhanced

6.0 PARTICIPANTS EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE MEETING

300 participants are expected to attend the meeting comprising of:

1. African Union Commission Staff
   - Commissioner of Rural Economy and Agriculture
   - Director of the Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture
   - Director African Union Inter-afriican Bureau for Animal resources
   - Staff from African Union Inter-afriican Bureau for Animal resources
   - AU-PATTEC
   - AU-PANVAC

2. Scientists/Researchers
   - Universities in Africa and Europe
   - Research Institutes in Africa and Europe

3. ISCTRC Executive committee Members
   - Regional representatives for Western, Eastern, Central, Northern and Southern Africa regions
   - Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)
   - World Health Organization (WHO)
   - International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
   - Programme against African Trypanosomiasis (PAAT)

4. Thirty six (36) Member States where tsetse and trypanosomiasis remains a challenge

5. Ministry officials in charge of animal and human health from Sudan