

**MINUTES OF THE 2ND BEE HEALTH PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
(VIRTUAL) HELD ON TUESDAY 15TH APRIL, 2014, AT icipe VESPARIUM MEETING
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Attendance

1. Robin Moritz- Germany (Chair, TAC)
2. Ingemar Fries- Uppsala, Sweden
3. Patrick Bastiaesen- OIE, Kenya
4. Joseph Anderson- Liberia
5. Jean Joseph Randriamananoro- Madagascar
6. Amssalu Bezabeh- Ethiopia
7. Suresh Raina- *icipé*
8. Baba Soumare- AU-IBAR (Chair)
9. Everlyn Nguku- *icipé*
10. Wilber Lwande- *icipé*
11. Janet Irungu- *icipé*
12. Juliette Ongus- *icipé*
13. Kiatoko Nkoba- *icipé*
14. Tobias Landmann- *icipé*
15. Norber Mbahin- AU-IBAR
16. Sospeter Makau- *icipé*
17. Phyllis Mwanzi- *icipé*
18. Gladys Mose- *icipé*
19. Boniface Ngoka- *icipé*
20. Everlyne Khamala- *icipé*

Absent

1. Baldwin Torto- *icipé*
2. Dan Masiga- *icipé*
3. Simplicie Nouala- AU-IBAR
4. Shi Wei- China
5. Heli Havukainen- Norway
6. Frank van Langevelde- Netherlands
7. Barbara Gemmill- Herren- Italy
8. Gebregziabher Gebreyohannes- Ethiopia

9. Moussa Bashirou Demsa- ECCAS
- 10.H.E. Kadre Desire Ouedraogo- ECOWAS
- 11.Ameha Sebsibe- IGAD
- 12.Some M. Jocelyne Rolande- Burkina Faso
- 13.Lassina Ouattara- Burkina Faso
- 14.Daaloume Theophile- Cameroon
- 15.Seklau Wiles- Liberia
- 16.Stephen Muchiri- EAFF
- 17.Desire- Marie Yameogo- Burkina Faso
- 18.Fina Opio- ASARECA
- 19.Harold Roy- Macauley- CORAF/WECAD
- 20.Yoseph Shiferaw Mamo- COMESA

Agenda

1. Reading and adoption of minutes of previous meeting
2. Overall progress of the bee health project
3. Presentations by bee health scientists
4. Comments by Technical Advisory Committee
5. Report by country coordinators
6. Recommendations
7. AOB

The Bee Health Project steering committee meeting was called to order at 1410hrs by Everlyne Khamala, Project Manager, *icipe*.

Welcome and opening addresses

Baba Soumare, AU-IBAR who chaired the meeting on behalf of H.E Mrs. Rhoda Peace Tumusiime welcomed the delegates to the meeting. He said there are many expectations from the Bee Health Project due to its importance.

He then presented the proposed agenda, which was adopted by the delegates.

Min 1: Reading and adoption of minutes of previous meeting

Suresh Raina, the Bee Health Project Team Leader read the minutes of the previous meeting. Under minute 2 ii c, it had been agreed during the inception meeting that there was need to identify an African Bee Health Expert for possible inclusion in the Technical Advisory Committee. Suresh Raina informed the meeting that Aliye Hussien, Director General of the Oromia Agricultural Research Institute (OARI) in Ethiopia had been appointed as a member of the Technical Advisory Committee.

Under minute 6 iii, Suresh Raina gave an update that Liberia and Ethiopia had signed the agreements and *icipe* is waiting for the agreements from Burkina Faso and Cameroon.

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

Min 2: Overall progress of the bee health project

Suresh Raina gave a presentation highlighting the overall progress of the project and specifically progress made on activities 1, 2 and 4.

Min 3: Presentations by bee health scientist

The bee health scientists gave presentations and updates as follows:

- Juliette Ongus- Surveillance of honey bee pests and diseases
- Kiatoko Nkoba- Pollination ecology
- Janet Irungu- Pesticide residue analysis and quality control analysis of honey and other hive products
- Evelyn Nguku- Bee health project development
- Tobias Landmann- Mapping of bee diseases and pest distribution in modern, traditional and feral bee colonies, pollen source and spatial analysis of land use and other environmental factors
- Wilber Lwande- an update on bioprospecting
- Norber Mbahin- AU-IBAR achievements

Min 4: Comments by Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

The Technical Advisory Committee members advised the scientists to align their presentations to the project design.

Min 5: Report by country coordinators

The progress of activities in Ethiopia and Liberia was given by the country coordinators Amssalu Bezabeh and Joseph Anderson respectively. The progress report for Burkina Faso was read on behalf of the country coordinator, Lassina Ouattara who was not able to join the meeting.

There was no progress report for Cameroon, which was not represented in the meeting and Madagascar which was represented in the meeting by Jean Joseph Randriamananoro.

Min 6: Recommendations

- The presentations and other preparatory materials should be circulated in advance
- The presentations should be listed in the agenda
- The presentations should be prepared as per the activities in the project document
- The TAC requested that financial reports be shared and discussed in the next meeting

Min 7: AOB

As per the steering committee regulations, the chair, Baba Soumare asked members to suggest a venue and date of the next meeting. Members agreed that the next meeting should be held in Ethiopia in the 1st or 2nd week of November, 2014 tentatively.

[Action point: AU-IBAR to circulate to members possible dates within the suggested time frame to allow members to choose the most suitable one]

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 16:50pm.

Signed:

H.E Rhoda Peace Tumusiime

Chair, Steering Committee

African Union Commission

Signed:

Suresh Raina

Secretariat and Team Leader

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