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The Delegation from ALLPI Academia Platform Visited Ege University-Turkey



Partial view of the visiting team to Turkey

High level University Officials and Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI) forming Academia Platform participating Universities visited Ege University, Turkey from August 25-30, 2019. The purpose of the visit was sharing of knowledge/experience, benchmarking and signing of MoU for close collaboration with Ege University in the areas of mutual interest. The delegation included Vice Chancellors, Directors, Dean, Department heads and senior academicians from six universities, namely Bahirdar University-EiTEX-Ethiopia, Dedan Kimathi University of Science and Technology-Kenya, Sudan Technological University-Sudan, Kymbogo University-Uganda, Makerere University Business School-Uganda and Copperstone University of Zambia. ALLPI in close collaboration with Prof. Bari Basaran Director, Graduate School of Natural and Applied Science of Ege University facilitated and coordinated the visit program. Prof. Mekonnen Hailemariam, Advisor to the Executive Director, ALLPI, led the visiting delegation.

Prof. Bahri Basaran, Director, Graduate School of Natural and Applied Science, Ege University welcomed the guest delegation in the morning of August 26, 2019 and gave presentation about Graduate School of Natural and Applied Science and its programs as well as the services provided by the Graduate School to students, academics and the researchers.



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Prof. (Dr^s) M. Mwinyihija, Executive Director of ALLPI

Dear esteemed readers:

Welcome back to the third quarter edition of Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI) Newsletter that provide highlights of activities accomplished during the period from July to September 2019. This edition focuses mainly on ALLPI's conducted activities which include but not limited to: visits through ALLPI's Academia Platform facilitation to Ege University-Turkey, participation by ALLPI in Academic and Practical Skills Inter-University Conference and Exhibition for Leather and Leather Products, Capacity Building of ALLPI's Member States (MS), MSMEs training workshops, and other regional, continental and global leather and leather products related news.

Under the reported quarter, I'm privileged to report that, for the strengthening of academia in the leather innovative process, ALLPI led a high ranking University Officials from Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI) Academia Platform to Ege University, Turkey. The purpose of the visit was for knowledge/experience sharing, benchmarking and signing MoU related to mutual collaboration. The delegation which included vice chancellors, Directors, Dean, Department heads and senior academicians were drawn from six ALLPI Member States as highlighted elsewhere in this Newsletter.

In line with the its Strategic objectives of enhancing staff capacity to share best practices, strengthen leather value chain networks, and meet global standards in delivering quality service, ALLPI conducted an Internal Capacity Development Training Workshop for its Experts. The training was designed in such a manner that each Expert was allocated given time to share with other Experts the experience in his or her areas of specialization under the facilitation of the Executive Director Prof. Mwinyihija who also provided lecture and discussion on clusters and evidence based curriculum and Prof. Mekonnen Ag. Programs Coordinator. Under the same period, ALLPI conducted various MSMEs training program to its Member States (MS) and Non-Member State (on request). In Eswatini and Zimbabwe (MS) 13 and 28 artisans/MSMES respectively were trained on skill development in leather processing using environmental friendly vegetable tannins as tanning agent. In Mauritius

(Non-MS) 24 MSMEs were trained on skill enhancement training in Leather goods and Footwear making technology.

Dear esteemed readers, as we align with AUC Agenda 2063 and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), ALLPI continues to work very closely with our partners, enterprises and institutions for attainment of rapid results towards value addition through knowledge Adaption, Adoption and Sharing (AAS) of appropriate technologies to make the African leather products competitive and sustainable.

Last but not the least, ALLPI appreciates and values all our esteemed Partners and Stakeholders for their valuable support and collaboration for all the successes registered during the concluded quarter. To improve further with this relationship, ALLPI continues empowering the SMEs operating in the leather sector, because it is through the SMEs that Africa can transform the leather sector to drive the socio-economic agenda to meet the aspiration of its people. Secondly, ALLPI will continue demonstrating its commitment to develop both intra and inter trade through pursuance of appropriate value addition initiatives. This is in tandem with the ALLPI's vision, mission and core values as articulated and stipulated under our Strategy (2016-2025) taking cognizance of tenets of tripartite agreement.

Kindly, accept our appreciation for taking your time to read and providing us with your valuable thoughts.

Sincerely,

Prof. (Dr^s) Mwingikione Mwingihija, FRSB, FCIWEM, FCMI, FHEA
Executive Director

ALLPI to Host the following International Events in 2021, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia





Partial View of the Visiting Team activities in Turkey

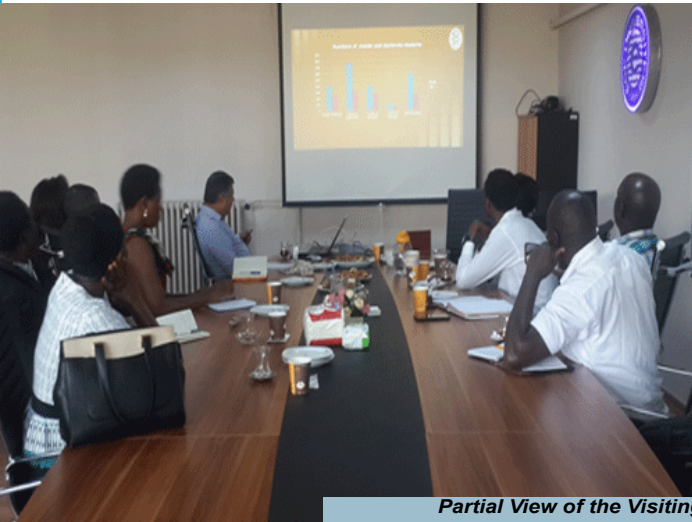
In the afternoon of the same day the delegation was given the opportunity to meet the Rector of the University, Prof. Dr. Necdet BUDAK in the presence of Vice Rectors, Deans and other senior academicians of the Ege University.

From August 27 to 29 the guest delegation visited the different faculties, departments, research and teaching labs and other facilities of the University as well as



leather processing machineries manufacturers in Izmir. The delegation was introduced to the different academic programs offered by Ege University in all levels doctorate, masters and bachelors degrees in the Leather Engineering Department and other departments of the different faculties.

Ege University has 15 faculties, 9 graduate schools, 15



Partial View of the Visiting Team activities in Turkey

vocational schools, a state Turkish Music conservatory, 6 Departments and 34 Application and Research Centers and about 60,000 undergraduate and associate degree students and 10,000 post graduate students. The University has also 3169 academicians and 3827 administrative staff.

The delegation expressed their admiration for the



university and its academic programs as well as the services provided. The delegation was also absolutely delighted of the great hospitality received, the level of experience gained from this visit and the possibility of collaboration to be established with Ege University.

Capacity Building Training workshop conducted in ALLPI



Partial View of the Capacity Development Training Workshop



Internal Capacity Building Training workshop organized by ALLPI was conducted on 1st – 2nd October 2019 at ALLPI Headquarters.

The Training was in line with the ALLPI's Strategic objective of enhancing ALLPI capacity to share best practices and strengthen leather value chain networks.

[ALLPI Internal Capacity Development Training Workshop]

The Training covered the following topics:

- » Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI) Strategy, Policy, alignment with AUC Agenda 2063, SDG, COMESA strategy and global

perspectives;

- » Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Concepts and implication to ALLPI
- » QMS (ISO 9001:2015) and EMS (ISO 14001:2015)
- » Cluster Concepts and Governance
- » Hides and skins Tanning Cycle
- » TVET and other Curricular: Principles and practices of CBET curriculum development; and
- » Trading Dynamics (AU and COMESA portfolios for trade);

ALLPI Bids Farewell to out-going Programs Coordinator



ALLPI Staff During the Farewell Program at ALLPI Headquarter



Following the resignation of the ALLPI's long served Programs Coordinator, Mr. Nicholas Mudungwe, ALLPI members of Staff organized a colorful fare-well party at its Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The Event was also attended by ALLPI's Executive Director Prof. (Dr5) Mwinykione Mwinyihija.

Prof. Mwinyihija, in his Farewell speech, said that he felt both sadness and happiness and emphasized Mr.

Nicholas's contribution for the development of the regional leather sector for more than six(6) years. His involvement was exemplary, exceptional, and wished him a bright future in his new engagement.

On behalf of the ALLPI family, Prof. Mwinyihija presented a token to Mr. Nicholas in remembrance of his service with the ALLPI Family.

Mr. Nicholas, in his part said that that leaving an organization is like a married woman who left her family; her family used to feel sad while leaving home; at the same time they are very sure to come back after sometime and he wished the ALLPI family to meet in near future.

Through the Almighty Lord ALLPI Staff wished him all the best in his future career.

Training of Artisans/MSMEs on Vegetable Tanning Techniques conducted in Eswatini



Partial View of the Vegetable Tanning Training Workshop

Portia Dlamini, acting principal Cooperative Development College (CODEC) Madam Thoko A Masuku and the acting Principal National Handcraft Training Centre (NHTC).

The objective of the training was to Enhance skill development at cottage level to facilitate technology transfer in aspect of artisanal

tanning-based techniques in Eswatini.

The Kingdom of Eswatini is currently benefiting under the COMaid programe, which is a European Union funded program being executed through the COMESA Secretariat.

A number of activities are being implemented where Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI) has been contracted to offer technical support in the activities under the leather component. One of these activities which was training of Artisans/MSMEs on vegetable (plant based) tanning techniques. The training which was implemented by ALLPI in collaboration of Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade took place from 29th July to 9th August 2019 and was conducted by Harrison Mungai (ALLPI's Leather Value Chain and Tannery Expert) assisted by Mr. Crispin Amasi (Expert in artisanal tanning) from Malawi.

The training was officially opened Mr. Robert Dlamini on behalf of Principal Secretary. In present, was Director of MSMEs Mr.Mluleki Dlamini, the project Manager Madam

The participants were taken through the following through theory and practice:-

- » Methods of flaying and their effect on hide and skins quality;
- » Pre, peri and post- slaughter defects and their effect on hides and skins quality;
- » Types of preservation such as air drying, wet-salting, dry salting, pickling, mimosa cure, ground drying, appropriate curing salt, curing/preservation facilities, storage and transportation etc;
- » Acids and bases - indicators and neutralization;
- » Recipe percentages and calculations;
- » Introduction to tannery machines, tools and equipment;
- » Sorting, selection and grading of raw hides and skins;
- » Production of quality leather in an environmentally friendly manner in order to attain higher customer satisfaction;

Partial View of the Vegetable Tanning Training Workshop

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Pre- tanning operations: soaking, liming, de-liming, bating, pickling, tanning and basification; » Types of Tannages: Vegetable at artisanal level, Chrome, and other combination tannages; » Post tanning operations: Sammying, splitting, shaving, weighing, re-tanning, dyeing fat liquoring, various methods of leather drying, conditioning, staking, buffing, de-dusting and impregnation; » Production of different type of leathers and their end uses; » Leather specifications and their application; » Production of batik dyed leathers; » Embossing/plating, measuring, selection and grading of leathers. » At the end of the training programme participants were expected to be able to: » Comprehend and identify the technology in | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> aspects of cottage tanning based techniques; » Explain requisites needed towards conformity and compliance to national, Continental and global standards; » Do basic evaluation of hides and skins and their quality; » Recognize, explain and performing appropriate tanning of hides and skins; » Realize knowledge evolution towards productive and competitive production of products; » Adapt to requisite tanning technology relevant to cottage and MSMEs level. <p>A total of 28 participants (25 Males and 3 Females) who were drawn across the country composed of Academicians, Defence, Teachers, Leather Crafters, Artisanal Tanners, people from the Ministries (Commerce and Agriculture) and new entrants.</p> |
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Mauritius Leather SMEs' Potential Unlocked



Partial View of the Vegetable Tanning Training Workshop



The Expert from ALLPI with the consultant from Member States went to Mauritius to give training on Basic Leather Goods and Footwear making technology from 19th to 23th August 2019.

The main objective of the mission was to enhance the skills of SME's in producing Leather goods and footwear in the newly established satellite Leather studio in the compound of SME Mauritius Ltd Handicraft Training Academy & Business Development and Facilitation

The Training was conducted by Moses Mwangi Footwear Technologist and consultant on leather and Leather products manufacturing and facilitated by ALLPI Investment, Trade and Marketing expert Mrs. Birkinesh Gonfa. The main Topic of the training and practical session was,

- » General Introduction to leather and leather goods manufacture
- » Elements and principles of design
- » Leather goods components and their utility
- » Styles, types and sketching of basic design of leather goods
- » measurements Pattern development and Diagrammatic Illustration of pattern cutting
- » Principles of Design and Pattern Development
- » Fabrication technology and Sketching of model design
- » • Techniques to develop ladies hand bag patterns

- » Identification, Selection of raw materials and suitability for various purposes. (practical)
- » Cutting principles, outer , inner components and quality requirement
- » Machineries and Tools Unit Operations, Machine control, Relationship between thread and needle
- » Types of skives, Types of adhesives, accessories
- » Fitting, Fasteners and Lining, Stitching samples
- » Stitching own samples and Finishing techniques
- » Leather goods care products
- » Quality Control, Inspection and packing of the sample
- » Work place hazards and safety measures

The Mauritius National Leather Value Chain Strategy that was validated and launched in May 2019 clearly indicates skilled manpower problem as one of the major constraints of the leather sector. The organization of this training workshop within such a short time of the strategy launch thus demonstrates the government's commitment for the development of the leather sector.

As per the objective of the mission, the training session was officially opened by Hon. Suni Bholah, Minister of Business, Enterprises and cooperatives, and graced by different officials from the Ministry, Senior chief Executive of the Ministry, Mr. Abdool Noorani Oozeer, CEO of SME Mauritius Mr. Roum Rawpekod, Dupty Permanent Secretary of the Ministry, Mr. Dhairaj Konbye, Senior

Advisor of the ministry Mr. Arond Joysury

The Training opening ceremony was with full media coverage and ALLPI was repeatedly recognized by the Honorable Minister and the news was on the national television and different mass media.

In this training twenty-four SME's were participated and production of Leather goods and footwear using modern

technique was applied during the training. At the end of the training the certificate was issued and handover to participants by CEO of SME Mauritius. ALLPI promised to conduct advanced training shortly based on the request of the ministry for sustainable collaboration and development of Leather sector in Mauritius.

Kymbogo University holds the Academic and Practical Skills Inter-University Conference (APSIC 2019) and Exhibition for Leather and Leather Products



Hon. Amelia Kyambadde, Minister of Trade Industry and Cooperatives of Uganda



Partial View of the APSIC Conference Participants

Kyambogo University in collaboration with Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives Uganda, and Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI) organized the first Academic and Practical Skills Inter-university conference and Exhibition for Leather and Leather Products from 7th to 9th August 2019, in Kampala Uganda.

The Conference and the leather and leather products exhibition was officially opened by the Chief Guest, Hon. Amelia Kyambadde, Minister of Trade Industry and Cooperatives. The Vice Chancellor of Kymbogo University, Prof. Dr. Eli Katunguka-Rwakishaya and the Conference Convener and Dean of Faculty of Science, Dr. Kwetegyeka Justus, also made opening remarks.

ALLPI was represented by Prof. Mekonnen Hailemariam, Advisor to the Executive Director and Mr. Michael Kiraye, Institutional Capacity Development and consultancy Expert.

The Conference aim was promoting the interaction between Academia, Industry and government (Triple Helix model) for the

promotion of the leather sector in Africa. It was attended by more than 100 participants representing academic institutions, different government ministries, enterprises and other stakeholders along the leather value chain.



Conference participants visiting the leather Exhibition

There were more than 20 papers presented in the three days conference. The APSIC 2019 forum allowed to promote interactions between the academia, industry and government; share knowledge, opportunities and challenges about the leather sector; and showcase appropriate technologies and innovations in leather processing and leather products.



Prof. Mekonnen Hailemariam giving Keynote speech

Training of Artisans on Vegetable Tanning Techniques conducted in Zimbabwe



Trainees in action by increasing the mechanical agitation to speed up the reaction



A display of the processed leather by the Trainees

Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI), in collaboration with the Zimbabwe Ministry of Women Affairs, Small and Medium Enterprises Development conducted a ten (10) day training on Vegetable (plant based) tanning at Artisanal/MSMEs at Kadoma in Zimbabwe.

The training was conducted from 8th – 17th July 2019 by Harrison Mungai (Leather Value Chain and Tannery Expert) on behalf of the ALLPI. The funds for the training was availed by European Union through COMESA Secretariat under the Regional Integration Implementation Project Phase Two. ALLPI also thanked the COMESA Clearing House for their role in facilitating

and supporting in the preparation of the much needed programme.

During the official opening, which was held at Tambudze Tannery in Kadoma, the Principal Secretary was represented by Mr.B. Chaderopa, Chief Economist in the Ministry and was accompanied by senior officials from COMESA Clearance House (CCH). The objective of the training was to enhance skill development at cottage level to facilitate technology transfer in aspect of artisanal tanning-based techniques in Zimbabwe.

The expected number of trainees was 15 but 13 showed up (11 Males and 2 Females).

‘Weak value-addition policies bleeding Africa’

ZIMBABWE and other African countries are losing billions of dollars in potential revenue from sale of leather products due to poor industrialisation policies and weak value-addition strategies, a leather expert in Ethiopia has said.

Mekonnen Hailemariam from the Leather Institute in Addis Ababa, on Thursday told African journalists attending an African Union media awareness on the Accelerated Industrial Development for Africa (Aida) framework and related strategies and industrial policy literacy, that 16% of global hides and skins were from the continent, but the source countries were earning very little from the leather industry.

“There is need for strong industrialisation policies because Africa holds nearly a quarter of the global resource of livestock (25%), but while 16% of hides and skins are from Africa, when we look at the value chain to see what Africa earns, it is very little,” Hailemariam said.

“As a result, a lot of opportunities are missed in massive production of leather products such as shoes, resulting in Africa actually importing shoes from European and Asian countries like China which import raw leather materials from Africa.”

Hailemariam said in the leather industry, more than 60%

of the business goes to footwear, 26% to other leather products and 6% are raw materials.

“When we check what Africa earns from leather we find that it is very little to the extent that 3% of the revenue is derived from raw materials and less than 1% from footwear because there is no value addition. It is necessary for Africa to industrialise and do value addition, because when a leather product is finished the value appreciates twelvefold,” he said.

Comesa research shows that until the year 2000, Zimbabwe produced 17 million pairs of leather shoes annually and had a vibrant leather industry comprised of highly skilled small and medium enterprises (SMEs), and the value chain included livestock farmers, hides collectors, tanners and manufacturers.

However, the regional body says by 2011, Zimbabwe’s leather industry had plummeted to a mere one million shoes annually due to ongoing economic crises, competition from lower quality imports and exports of hides and skins.

Hailemariam said if the leather industry was handled well, it had a longer value chain integrated to millions of households in Africa and can contribute to diversification of industries and creation of wealth.

Source: [NewsDay-Zimbabwe](#)

Africa-Turkey leather trading system in place

Turkish tanners, leather chemicals and tanning machinery manufacturers have built strong ties with partners in Africa.

Companies in Kenya, Uganda, Nigeria, Sudan and other parts of Africa have found willing buyers in Turkey of raw and semi-processed hides and skins.

In parallel, Turkish tanning machinery manufacturers and leather chemicals suppliers have been able to make sales among these African suppliers. “A new trading system is in operation,” industry commentators have said.

Source: <https://leatherbiz.com>

Chinese companies receive new guidelines about using the term ‘leather’

At the recent All China Leather Exhibition in Shanghai, secretary general of the China Leather Industry Association, Chen Zhanguang, announced new guidelines that the agency has distributed to member companies regarding the correct use of the English term ‘leather’.

“These are only guidelines and not yet law,” Mr Chen said, “and it will take time for regulation to come in. But the All China Leather Exhibition is the best place to start implementing this practice.”

<https://leatherbiz.com>

Ethiopian shoe manufacturer acquires tannery

Ethiopian footwear manufacturer Anbessa has emerged as the successful bidder in an auction to acquire a tannery in Bahir Dar, around 500 kilometres north of Addis Ababa.

The former Habesha tannery operated from 2011 until April 2019, making crust for export markets. When it ceased production, banks moved in and arranged the auction to recoup some of the money the previous owners owed.

Anbessa has said it plans to buy new machinery, to take production as far as finished leather, which it intends to use in its own footwear manufacturing operations. It also said it will build a new water treatment plant at the site.

After securing ownership of the tannery, Bamlaku Demissie, general manager of Anbessa, said: "We've been buying finished leather from the different tanneries. Now we'll make our own."

Source : <https://leatherbiz.com>

First African winner of LVMH Prize for Young Fashion Designers

The final of the sixth edition of LVMH Prize for Young Fashion Designers took place in Paris on September 4, with South African designer Thebe Magugu taking the top prize. He will receive a €300,000 grant and will spend a year on a mentoring programme with a dedicated LVMH team.

The panel of judges was made up of the artistic directors of five LVMH brands: Kris Van Assche from Berluti, Maria Grazia Chiuri from Dior, Nicolas Ghesquière from Louis Vuitton and Clare Waight Keller from Givenchy, as well as other senior executives from the group.

They gave another award, called the Karl Lagerfeld Prize in tribute to the designer, who died in February 2019 and had played a role in the LVMH Prize for Young Fashion Designers since its launch, to Israeli designer, Hed Mayner. He wins €150,000 and enjoy a one-year mentorship programme.

In comments at the final, Delphine Arnault, vice president of Louis Vuitton, said: "I am delighted that, for the first time, an African candidate has won the prize, all the more so since Thebe Magugu, aged 26, is the youngest designer of the 2019 selection."

Source: <https://leatherbiz.com>

Farmers in Botswana asked to plan ahead for leather park

The authorities in Botswana have said construction will start soon on a new leather park at Lobatse and could be ready to start production within 18 months.

At a recent seminar on the project, Lesitamang Paya, who is co-ordinating work on the leather park for the local authority, said that Botswana's current cattle population of 1.8 million head would be unable to supply the volume of hides the site will need to operate efficiently.

He said his calculations show that 75 tonnes of hides per day will be needed as raw material for the leather park to operate well. He called on livestock farmers in Botswana to improve their herd management, starting immediately, to supply the hides required.

Around 60% of the raw material the new leather park will process will be bovine hides, he explained, with exotic skins, including ostrich and crocodile, making up the rest.

Mr Paya added that the leather park is also likely to consume two million litres of water per day. He said the project's solution to this was to build the park close to an existing water resource, a sewerage treatment facility close to Lobatse. He explained that the plan was to extract water from here, treat it and use it in leather production. Wastewater from tanning operations will then be used at a nearby farm.

In addition, there will be a dedicated, secure landfill site for disposing of solid waste from the park.

Source: <https://leatherbiz.com/>

Tanzania: Hides have more value as food than leather

Only two of Tanzania's eight tanneries are now operating, as they are unable to make a profit on leather, according to specialist local press.

S&V Africa Leather quotes Niaz Hirani, head of leather at tannery operator Industrial Promotion Services, who said the situation is so bad that most hides are now being dried and sold to West Africa as food, a local delicacy.

Tanners in East Africa have warehouses of hides they are unable to process, and might soon have to sell them for less than they paid to liquidate stock, he added.

Source: <https://leatherbiz.com>

Greening the Leather Value chain



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ABOUT ALLPI

Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI) was chartered in 1990, with the endorsement of 17 COMESA Heads of State. ALLPI's main Mandate is to support the development of the leather sector in the Region. Over the years the Institute has created strong strategic linkages with Public and Private Sector Institutions in member countries. In addition to this, ALLPI has signed several Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with global institutions, in its pursuit to improve competitiveness of the leather sector in Africa in line with global dynamics.

ALLPI is headquartered in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; and currently its membership encompasses ten countries, namely Burundi, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Uganda, Sudan, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The Institute has short term plans to expand its operations to Swaziland, Egypt, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Madagascar.

The location of its office is strategic, as Addis Ababa is the capital city of Africa, where the African Union and other International Development Partners are located. Furthermore, Addis Ababa is the African gateway to any global destination, which makes ALLPI highly accessible and convenient for our regional and international partners and clients.

ALLPI Vision:

To be Africa's premier centre of excellence for a competitive leather sector in the global arena.

ALLPI Mission:

To facilitate Member States and link partners, enterprises and institutions for value addition, sustainability and competitiveness in the leather sector through Sharing of Knowledge.

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