



Leather for Health, Wealth and Luxury!

Oct. - Dec. - 2022 (Issue No. 28)

ALLPI Annual Regional Consultative Forum 2022 Concluded with success



ALLPI Annual Regional Consultative Forum 2022 Concluded with success	1
EXECUTIVE Director's Message	2
ALLPI delegates Conclude a working Mission to the Republic of Sudan Leather Sector	9
H. E. Minister Marie Chantal Nijembre launched the Kamenge Leather SMEs Incubation Center/ Satellite Design Studio in Bujumbura, Burundi	11
Workshop to Enhance market access and local sourcing for SME's conducted in MTAC, Kampala Uganda	13
ALLPI bids Farewell to its Executive Director	14
Training of Trainers in Footwear and leather good Design, Craftsmanship, Export Readiness conducted at the MTAC, Kampala Uganda	17
Training of Trainers in Footwear and leather good Design, Craftsmanship, Export Readiness conducted at the cooperative college, Lusaka Zambia	18

The 15 th ALLPI Annual Regional Consultative Forum 2022 which was conducted during

13 th – 15 th December 2022 at Imperial Royal Hotel in Kampala, Uganda concluded with great success.

The Workshop was attended by the Regional Leather Sector Core Team Members, SMEs Technical Committee Members, the Representatives of Academia and Private Sector. The workshop was officially opened by Hon. Frederick Ngobi Gume, Minister of trade, industry and cooperatives, Uganda.

The Theme of the Workshop was "Enhanced Market Access of Leather Products through Integrated Application of Eco-certification, Traceability and

Standards along the Value Chain". Which was guided by the following objectives:

- » Creating opportunity to share the national and regional leather sector success
- » stories (Promote cross fertilisation of success models);
- » Sharing research undertakings by identified players at regional and global level;
- » Identifying the key challenges and interventions towards achieving sustainable
- » regional leather sector development;
- » Enhancing the leather tanning industry sustainable production processes, consumption and eco-entrepreneurship.

The 15th Regional Consultative forum was attended by a total of



Certificate Number 14079
ISO 9001 : 2008, ISO 14001: 2004

NEXT ISSUE
MARCH 2023

cont.. page 4



Prof. (Dr⁵) M. Mwinyihija, Executive Director of ALLPI

Dear Esteemed Readers,

Welcome to the fourth quarter (Oct - Dec) 2022 Newsletter (Issue No. 28) With the first three quarters of the year 2022 now behind our back, I take this opportunity to welcome you to the fourth quarter edition of ALLPI's Newsletter (Issue No. 28) that gives highlights of activities accomplished by ALLPI from October to December 2022. This edition focuses mainly on highlight of

activities undertaken by Institute during the reported period that included and not limited to: Holding one of the major activity of the year 2022, the 15th ALLPI Annual Regional Consultative Forum from 13th – 15th December 2022 in Kampala, Uganda. The Forum was attended by the Regional

Leather Sector Core Team Members, SMEs Technical Committee Members, the Representatives of Public and Private sectors and Academia platform. The Forum was attended by 66 Stakeholders and officially opened by Hon. Frederick

Ngobi Gume, Minister of Trade, industry and cooperatives, Uganda.

During the period under review, I'm privileged to report that ALLPI conducted a fact finding mission to the Republic of Sudan from 23 rd – 28 th October 2022. The aim of the mission was to discuss on how to strengthen the collaborations between ALLPI and Sudan's Leather Value Chain Actors to enhance the process of transformation of the leather sector in Sudan. The mission was planned and implemented in collaboration with the Sudan COMESA coordinating unit of the Ministry of Trade and Supplies.

In another development, a delegation composed of Mr. Ghebregziabher Ghebremedhin programmes Coordinator and Professor Mekonnen Hailemariam Advisor to the Executive Director attended the launching of the Kamenge Leather SMEs Incubation Center/ Satellite Design Studio in Bujumbura, Burundi on 4 th November 2022. The launching ceremony was graced by H.E.

Madam Marie Chantal Nijembre, Minister of Commerce, Transport, Industry and Tourism, Burundi.

It is worth noting that ALLPI also conducted training workshops for MSEs to Enhance market access and local sourcing including training of trainers in Footwear and leather good Design, Craftsmanship, Export Readiness in two Member States, Uganda and Zambia respectively.

Dear fellow Stakeholders, ALLPI appreciates and value all our esteemed Partners and Stakeholders for their continued valuable support and collaboration for all the successes registered during the period under review. It is also my sincere hope that this Newsletter will continue keeping us connected with respect to information sharing in the continental's leather sector development and other related activities in the sector within African Continent and world at large.

As I conclude, I feel humbled to inform you that, the Institute held a colourful farewell party to the outgoing Executive Director of ALLPI Prof, Mwinyikione Mwinyihija after the expiry of his contract.

**"MAY THE ALMIGHTY LORD GIVE HIM MORE WISDOM AND GOOD HEALTH
STRENGTH AS HE CONTINUES SERVING THE ENTIRE LEATHER SECTOR
REGIONALLY AND GLOBALLY"**

Prof. (Dr5.) Mwinyikione Mwinyihija,



Leather for Health, Wealth and Luxury!



cont.. page 1

66 participants representing National, Regional and International Partners in the leather sector from 10 ALLPI member state countries, namely; Burundi,, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Sudan, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

The Executive Director of ALLPI in his opening remark appreciated the Government of Uganda in general, and Ministry of trade, industry and cooperatives in particular for accepting to host the 15th Regional Leather Sector Core Team and Stakeholders Consultative Forum.

The Guest of Honour Minister of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives, Uganda- Hon.

Frederick Ngobi, thanked the executive director ALLPI and sponsors of the event for bringing the forum to Uganda, explained that Uganda government recognizes the importance of the leather sector due its enormous potential in employment and wealth creation, reiterated the government support in implementation of the leather value chain strategy, enumerated the activities of the government on the leather sector, appreciated the sharing of experiences on key issues geared at accelerating development of the leather sector, and implored all ALLPI member states to make effort to ensure that standards for consumables like leather are in place and are harmonized within the region and global scale. Hon. Minister also informed the forum participants that

development of guidelines for eco-certification is underway to mitigate greenhouse gases emission from industrial sector and emphasized the importance of exploitation of agri-business sector has opportunity for better returns and create more jobs.

During the three days' workshop, various presentations were made. Some of the presentations include but not limited to Report of the 14 Regional Leather Sector Core Team (RLSCT) Meeting and Matters arising, Report of the 8th SMEs Technical Committee Meeting and Matters Arising, Member States Leather Sector Profile presentations, ALLPI 2021/2022 Key performance and program of action plan presentation, Collaborative Research Results presentation, Progress of RECAMP Program Activities, BADEA and RDS Project activities Curriculum Harmonization

process, ALLPI digital platforms (E-Commerce, E-Learning, Online Traceability System), and focus group discussions presentations by SMEs, Tannery

and Chemicals, Academia & Member States.

Out of the focus group discussions, the following issues have clearly come out:

- » Segment operation among various players to reduce the burden of huge finance for investment;
- » Vibrant leather associations to negotiate with government for tenders to keep them
- » afloat and inject the much-needed cash;
- » Member institutions to strength interaction with SME and industry and carry out
- » research geared to solving their problems;
- » Review the national leather value addition strategies for all Member States;
- » Improve the quality of design through Satellite design studios and regional design
- » studio;
- » Implementation of an effluent waste treatment system by inviting the development
- » partners and UN environment agencies;
- » Engage stakeholders through the Triple Helix approach;
- » Profiling the MSMES in the different member countries.
- » At the end of the workshop, the following recommendations were made by participants
- » to be overseen by ALLPI:
- » Member states to allow the same SMEs officials to attend regional ALLPI
- » meetings so that it is easier for them to implement resolutions made;
- » Regarding the ban of importation of second-hand footwear, the following steps
- » should be considered first;
- » Statistics on the footwear demand in the region be mapped Phased
- » implementation of the ban be formulated as local capacity is increased;
- » be put in place to minimize the
- » quantities reaching member states;
- » Government to support the leather industry in purchasing locally made product
- » which will in turn create capacity to manufacture

- more products for the domestic
- » markets.
- » Quota system be put in place to support the ban
- » Come up with mechanisms to increase production of leather consumer goods
- » (footwear and leather goods) to increase demand for finished leather to ensure
- » tanneries survive.
- » Governments to take the initiative to provide infrastructure and financial support
- » to leather value chain activities to enable the tanneries to survive;
- » Funding models to be explored to support SMES and leather industries and be
- » specific to the sector such as SMEs development advocacy banks;
- » Invite financial institutions to the forum so that they understand the leather sector
- » and formulate financing models that fit it;
- » Government to come up with funding mechanisms for industry and SMEs with

affordable interest rate;

Issues of quality and quantity of leather be addressed to be able to supply local requirement;

Encourage benchmarking activities amongst member states and sharing of the good success stories; On the third day of the forum, the participants visited Kawumu Tannery to appreciate the Ugandan government commitment towards the development of the LeatherSector.Kawumu Tannery which is located in Luweero district is a presidential initiative aimed at enhancing value addition in Leather sector. It is a multi- million dollar investment comprising of a modern Tannery and an Influent treatment plant. The tannery is providing affordable finished leather to the SMEs in Uganda.

Under the same Presidential initiative, a shoe factory will also be established as part of value addition for finished leather from the tannery.

The tannery is run by Engineer Roy Kathavrayan, with 40 years experience in the leather sector.

The occasion was graced by the State house Comptroller, Mrs Jane Barekye.









ALLPI delegates Conclude a working Mission to the Republic of Sudan Leather Sector

Africa Leather & Leather Products Institute (ALLPI) conducted a successful mission to the Republic of Sudan 23 – 28 October 2022.

The aim of the mission was to discuss on how to further strengthen the collaborations between the leather value chain stakeholders of Sudan and the ALLPI so that to enhance the process of transformation of the leather sector in Sudan. The mission was planned and implemented in collaboration with the Sudan COMESA coordinating unit of the Ministry of Trade and Supplies.

The ALLPI delegates in its four days mission conducted fruitful meetings with different stakeholders in the Sudanese Leather Value Chain:

The first meeting was conducted between the representatives of the Ministry of Trade & Supplies and the ALLPI in which delegates the discussion concentrated on bilateral issues concerning ALLPI's intervention in the value chain and Sudan's assessed contribution were thoroughly discussed. In the meeting the Ministry expressed its satisfaction with collaborative activities and affirmed Sudan's commitment to its membership and confirmed its commitment to fulfil its obligations.

Following the meeting with the ministry the delegates next stopover was Sudan University of Science & Technology (SUST). In this meeting the parties reviewed the ongoing collaborations between the SUST and the ALLPI. The Vice Chancellor of Sudan University Professor Eisa Bashier M. Tayeb commended the collaborations between SUST and ALLPI and thanked the institute for its continuous support to the university. The head of the ALLPI delegates Mr. Ghebregziabher Ghebremedhin in his turn joined the V/C in praising the partnership between the Sudan University and the ALLPI and confirmed ALLPI's commitment to the partnership in the future. At the end of the meeting the V/C awarded an emblem of the University to the delegates as an expression of his appreciation to activities of the institute.

The Delegates also further conducted meetings with the representatives of the Ministry of Industry, the National Leather Technology Consultancy (NLTC), the ministry of manpower and human welfare, Sudanese Chambers of Industries Association, the Sudanese Standard and Metrology Organization (SSMO) and Ministry of Animal resources.

Overall, the delegates concluded their four days mission to the Republic of Sudan successfully by

agreeing on the way forward to further strengthen the collaborations and partnership between the leather stakeholders of the Republic of Sudan and the ALLPI through concrete actions and effective implementation of jointly planned activities.

The Mission delegates were: Mr. Ghebregziabher Ghebremedhin, Programmes Coordinator and Mission head, Dr. Abdelrahim Mohamed Ahmed, Quality Assurance, Innovation and R & D expert, Professor Mekonnen Hailemariam Advisor to the Executive Director and Mrs., Tigst Hailegiorgis, Administration, Budget and Finance Head.

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia November 2, 2022,



ALLPI Delegation at Sudan Chamber of Industries Association



ALLPI Delegates and Sudan COMESA Coordinating Unit of the Ministry of Trade & Supplies (Mr. Ghebregziabher Ghebremedhin, PC ALLPI, first from left, Mrs Khediga Sadig Director of Sudan COMESA Coordinating Unit second from left, Professor Mekonnen, Advisor to the ED ALLPI, third from left, Mrs. Tigst Hailegiorgis ABF head ALLPI, fourth from left, Mr. Ishag Yagoub Sudan COMESA Coordinating Unit fourth from left, others staff members of Sudan Ministry of Trade & Supplies

ALLPI Quarterly Newsletter

Oct. - Dec. - 2022 (Issue No. 28)



ALLPI Delegates at Sudan Standard and Metrology Organization



The Vice Chancellor of Sudan University of Science and Technology Professor Eisa Bashier awarded an emblem of the University to the head of the ALLPI delegates Mr. Ghebregziabher Ghebremedhin



ALLPI Delegates at the Sudanese Standard and Metrology Organization (SSMO)



ALLPI Delegates at the Ministry of Industry (Representative of the undersecretary Mrs Limyaa Elnnur (third from left) representing the under secretary



ALLPI Delegates at the Supreme Council for Human Development and Labor – Khartoum State



ALLPI Delegates at National Leather Technology Centre



ALLPI Delegates at the Sudan University for Science and Technology – Leather Incubator



ALLPI Delegates at the Sudan University for Science and Technology – Leather Incubator

H. E. Minister Marie Chantal Nijembre launched the Kamenge Leather SMEs Incubation Center/ Satellite Design Studio in Bujumbura, Burundi

A Small and Medium Enterprises service providing center established at Kamenge Artisans Production Center was launched by H.E. Madam Marie Chantal Nijembre, Minister of Commerce, Transport, Industry and Tourism on the 4th of November 2022. In the Launching ceremony, ALLPI delegation composed of Mr. Ghebregziabher Ghebremedhin programmes Coordinator and Professor Mekonnen Hailemariam Advisor to the Executive Director attended the launching ceremony following the invitation of the honorable Minister Madam Marie Chantal Nijembre.

H.E. in her speech hailed the establishment of the center which is expected to contribute to the transformation process of the leather sector in Burundi. She reiterated government's commitment to support the leather sector in general and in making the incubation center workable in particular. She gave her guidance on how the incubation center will be managed. She commended ALLPI's support to the leather sector in Burundi citing the facilitation of the establishment of the Kamenge Incubation center as one of the collaborations between Burundi and the ALLPI. She thanked ALLPI for all the support to the leather sector in general and coming to attend the launching of the incubation center in particular. She assured the delegates that her ministry will work to strengthen further the partnership with the ALLPI. Further she assured that the government of Burundi

will honor its commitment to ALLPI.

Mr. Ghebregziabher Ghebremedhin representing the Executive Director of ALLPI in his speech thanked the government of Burundi in general and the Ministry in particular for the continuous support rendered to ALLPI activities. He also expressed ALLPI's gratitude for the ministry for inviting ALLPI to attend the launching ceremony. He reminded the participants that Burundi is one of the founding countries who established ALLPI and joined ALLPI in the year 2006. He mentioned some of the intervention made by ALLPI geared towards supporting the leather sector in Burundi. In concluding his speech, Mr. Ghebremedhin assured to H.E. and the stakeholders that ALLPI will work continue to work closely to strengthen further ALLPI's collaboration with Burundi. He also assured the SMEs that ALLPI's commitment to work with the ministry and all the stakeholders to make the center, a center of excellence that supports the SMEs to flourish.

After the welcome speeches, H.E cut the ribbon and toured the facility accompanied by the representatives of the mayor of Bujumbura, ALLPI and the other guests.

The launching ceremony attracted large Media coverages and broadcasting that included: Tv, Radio and Newspapers.



Figure 1 H.E. Madam Marie Chantal Nijimbire Minister of Commerce, Transport, Industry and Tourism(Middle), Mr. Ghebregziabher Ghebremedhin Programs Coordinator (right) and Madam Antitha Nimbona representative of the mayor of Bujumbura during the launching



Figure 4: guests at the launching ceremony



Figure 2. H.E. touring the facility



Figure 5; Burundi Cultural troupe showing different cultural shows during the launching ceremony



Figure 3 H.E. touring the facility



Workshop to Enhance market access and local sourcing for SME's conducted in MTAC, Kampala Uganda

Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI) with the Government of Uganda Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives conducted a one day workshop to selected SME's from Uganda on 5th December 2022 at MTAC Hall Kampala, Uganda.

The overall objective of the program is to give information regarding the supplier of input and main institutional buyers along the leather value chain to in hence the marketing activities of SME's domestically as well as globally.

The one day workshop was conducted based on the field visit arranged with different input suppliers along the LVC and institutional buyers during 28th November - 4th December 2022 in Kampala. The detail activities were:

- » Collect data on finished leather and accessories importers and institutional buyers of finished leather products,
- » Organize meeting between micro enterprises and importers of raw materials and
- » Train SME's on how to approach potential institutional buyers

During the workshop the opening remark was conducted by ALLPI's program Coordinator Mr. Ghebregziabher Ghebremedhin and he addressed the importance of this session to enhance marketing Linkages of SME's. He also addressed ALLPI's readiness to continue supporting Africa leather sector in general and Uganda in particular so that the sector players get the required share in Leather sector trade dynamics globally.

During the workshop the presentation was delivered by ALLPI's Investment, Trade and Marketing expert Mrs. Birkinesh Gonfa based on the field work conducted to identify potential suppliers of input and potential buyers. Also The Africa business directory website developed by ALLPI to support Leather business actors to Search information regarding input output linkages, to register themselves and promote their products and updated their company information based on the updated history of the company was presented.

This workshop was delivered for Leather actors TOT in Footwear and leather good design, Craftsmanship, export readiness conducted from

28th November- 4th December 2022.

Input suppliers challenges and buyers requirements discussion was also conducted during the workshop to plan the support activity with the ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives of Uganda.

At the conclusion session ALLPI program's coordinator expressed his happiness by discussion and feedback from the participants and wished a successful activities in their business.



One of the state art tannery visited during the field visit

ALLPI bids Farewell to its Executive Director

On the event organized on December 23rd 2022 at Ambassador Hotel, ALLPI Staff Members bids Farewell to Prof. (Dr5) Mwinyikione Mwinyihija, who severed ALLPI from 2013-2022 as Executive Director. On the same event Farewell was also bided to a long serving driver and liaison officer. Mr. Wondwesen Ayele.



The Farewell Event was attended by Mr. Abdul Hakiim Sekandi, the current Chairperson of the ALLPI Board of Directors and all ALLPI Staff Members.

During the Event, Staff Members expressed their deep feeling about the great contributions of Prof. Mwinyihija and Mr. Wondwesen to the Organization.



During the occasion, the ALLPI welfare association, on behalf of all Staff Members, has given a token for the two retired Staff Members as to remember their stay in ALLPI.



Prof. Mwinyihija in his speech during the Event expressed his feeling to all the Staff Members that 'You are all in my heart, I don't forget your contribution to ALLPI. Together we have brought ALLPI to this level; I need you to work hard to sustain ALLPI's growth and contribution to Member States.'

Mr. Abdul Hakiim Sekandi on his farewell message pointed out that he we have seen tears rolling from most of you, emotional tears and tears of joy. We have seen the kind of team work Prof. Mwinyihija developed in this Institute. He hasn't seen such an event speaker after speaker talks of the kindness of a man who is leaving office. He iterated that by the time Prof. Joins ALLPI little was known about ALLPI. Prof. has spearheaded the formation of Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute; from COMESA Regional level to Africa Continental Level, the Executive Director established the formation of the Public, private and academia (Triple-Helix) in the leather sector. Mr. Sekandi again emphasized that Prof. Mwinyihija's efforts are not only in COMESA, or not only in Africa, but also known globally; he brought the IULTCS Congress and the World Leather Congress to Addis Ababa and Africa in 2021 where all scientists and policy advocates in the world came together to discuss

leather issues. Mr. Sekandi concluded that we are not saying goodbye to Prof. Mwinyihija but to let him take a leave and monitor from a remote quarter.

ALLPI community wished long and healthy life to Prof. Mwinyihija and Mr. Wondwesen for his future.



Training of Trainers in Footwear and leather good Design, Craftsmanship, Export Readiness conducted at the MTAC, Kampala Uganda



Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI) carried out a mission in Kampala, Uganda. This is in efforts to boost its member states Leather sector SMEs Productivity and Competitiveness.

This intervention was made possible through the grant funding Technical support provided by the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA).

The support comprises provision of "basic equipment for footwear production" and "capacity building Training in Footwear and leather good Design, Craftsmanship, Export Readiness, Transformative Entrepreneurship, Costing and Record Keeping"

Earlier in 2022, ALLPI completed installation of equipment at MTAC in Kampala. The installation of the equipment was followed with the capacity building training which commenced on the 28th November, 2022 at MTAC and ended on the 4th Dec, 2022.

The objective of the training was to boost productivity and competitiveness of the SMEs to attain growth through learning the fundamental dynamics and principles of, Leather Footwear and Goods, Design, Product Development, Manufacturing, Craftsmanship, Exports Readiness, Transformative Entrepreneurship, Record Keeping, ,and Costing and pricing. This is with the purpose of shifting the mindset to embrace changes and promote replication through knowledge sharing.

Another aspect of this intervention was to enhance

SMEs technical capacity and economies of scale to supply both Public and Private Sector institutional buyers by carrying out the assimilation of the Cluster, Incubation center and Design Studio concept in the SMEs Business Strategy, identification of the Public and Private Institutional buyers, identification of the products demanded by the Public and Private Institutional buyers (fashion or non- fashion orientation products, identification of SMEs footwear products for defects against the institutional buyers technical and quality specifications.

The Training was conducted by an external Consultant/Trainer Mr. Feraw

Kabede from Ethiopia. The ALLPI team comprising of the Regional Design Studio Manager, Mr Preston Viswamo, and the Quality Assurance, Innovation and R&D Expert- Dr. Abdel Rahim Mohamed Ahmed facilitated the training activity.

The training was graced by Mr. Cleapas Ndorere- Assistant Commissioner, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperative- Processing and marketing department. In his speech, he welcomed the ALLPI Experts Team that had come to Uganda to conduct the training.

He explained to the participants that the training activity was a good opportunity for them to build their skills as future instructors in the cluster. He encouraged the participants to pay attention to the

trainer and ensure that they gain the knowledge that would be shared during the training. The Assistant commissioner concluded by appreciating Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) for providing funding for the equipment and capacity building training, and thanked ALLPI for organizing the training. She also thanked the Trainees for accepting to participate in the training.



Training of Trainers in Footwear and leather good Design, Craftsmanship, Export Readiness conducted at the cooperative college, Lusaka Zambia

Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI) carried out a mission in Lusaka, Zambia. This is in efforts to boost its member states Leather sector SMEs Productivity and Competitiveness.

This intervention is made possible through the grant funding Technical support provided by the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA).

The support comprised the provision of “basic equipment for footwear production” and “capacity building Training in Footwear and leather good Design, Craftsmanship, Export Readiness, Transformative Entrepreneurship, Costing and Record Keeping”

Earlier in 2022, ALLPI completed installation of equipment at the Cooperative College in Lusaka. The installation of the equipment was followed with the capacity building training which commenced on the 31st October, 2022 at the Cooperative College and ended on the 6th November, 2022.

The objective of the training was to boost productivity and competitiveness of the SMEs to attain growth through learning the fundamental dynamics and principles of, Leather Footwear and Goods, Design, Product Development, Manufacturing, Craftsmanship, Exports Readiness, Transformative Entrepreneurship, Record Keeping, and Costing and pricing. This is with the purpose of shifting the mindset to embrace changes and promote replication through knowledge sharing.

Another aspect of this intervention was to enhance SMEs technical capacity and economies of scale to supply both Public and Private Sector institutional buyers by carrying out the assimilation of the Cluster, Incubation center and Design Studio concept in the SMEs Business Strategy, identification of the Public and Private Institutional buyers, identification of the products demanded by the Public and Private Institutional buyers (fashion or non- fashion orientation products, identification of SMEs footwear products for defects against the institutional buyers technical and quality specifications.

The Training was conducted by an external Consultant/Trainer Mr. Feraw

Kabede from Ethiopia. The ALLPI team comprising

of the Regional Design Studio Manager, Mr Preston Viswamo, and the Institutional Capacity Development and Consultancy Expert – Mr. Michael Kiraye facilitated the training activity.

The training was graced by the Mrs. Yvonne Mpundu, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Small and Medium Enterprise. In her speech, she explained to the participants the importance and role ALLPI is playing as an organization that is mandated by the Government of Zambia to help develop the leather sector for Zambia. She urged the participants to embrace the training program to ensure that the resources involved to conduct this training are well utilized. She also admonished the participants to gain the knowledge and skills to train others and not keep everything to them, because it is Training of Trainers (ToTs). In addition, she emphasized that the knowledge and skills learned from the training should be put into practice because a lot of training is being offered to SMEs but there is little transformation taking place.

She concluded her speech by appreciating BADEA for providing funding for the equipment and capacity building training, and thanked ALLPI for organizing the training.

The Footwear and leather good Design, Craftsmanship, Export Readiness, Transformative Entrepreneurship, Costing and Record Keeping Training was very much needed and appreciated by the SMEs in Zambia and the government at large.



ABOUT ALLPI



Leather for Health, Wealth and Luxury!

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 Eswatini, Egypt, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Mauritius 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.

Contact Address

For more information about ALLPI, please contact:
Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI)
P.O. Box 2358 Code 1110
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Phone: 251-11-4390228/4391319/4390327/4390928
Fax: 251-11-4390900
E-mail: executive.director@allpi.int
Website: www.allpi.int