



Kenya Leather Development Council



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Sector institutions pool synergies to improve productivity

At the forum held in Eastland Hotel Nairobi on 19th June 2013, participants unanimously agreed to form strategic linkages between the Kenya Leather Development Council (KLDC), Kenya Meat Commission (KMC) and Kenya Livestock Marketing Council (KLMC) to create a competitive edge for Kenyan livestock and livestock products.

William Clapham and Randall Dickey, Research Scientist and Financial Advisor, respectively from the USA, emphasized on the need to harmonize legislations governing the function of livestock development and also take advantage of the new dispensation to make gains in the sector.

The restructuring currently being undertaken by the Government was seen as an opportunity for the three Councils to devise strategies that will be able to fit into the shifting market trends and raise the quality of livestock development standards especially leather, leather goods, meat and meat products.

The inter-dependence nature of the three Councils puts them in a good spot to work in harmony and address the underlying challenges in the sector. Mr. John Muriuki, the Ag. Secretary/CEO, KLDC noted the importance his Council has attached to these linkages and further relayed that the quality of finished leather is determined by the animal husbandry practices employed at farm level. "KLMC and KMC are critical components in the leather sub-sector. We rely on KLMC in training farmers on production of good quality hides and skins. On the other hand, KMC is important in slaughter aspects." He said. These sentiments were echoed by Abdullahi Gulleid and Stella Muhoro, programme officer and Corporate Communications Officer for KLMC and KMC respectively who felt the need for the three Councils to work together to address accrued barriers with a common voice.

During the meeting organized courtesy of The Citizen's Network for Foreign Affairs (CNFA)'s Farmer-to-Farmer Programme, with 26 participants drawn from the leather, meat and livestock value chains; it was consented that a team be formed to look into possible policies to steer operations in the sector and in turn facilitate access of Kenyan products to the international markets.

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