**COMESA LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS INSTITUTE**

**Regional Cluster Management Excellency Workshop**

**27 – 29 May 2013**

**Lusaka, Zambia**

PROGRAMME

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***27 May 2013***

0800-08:30 Registrations

08:30 – 09:00 **Opening Remarks** *by Dr M. Mwinyihija Director COMESA/LLPI*

09:00 – 0915 Selection of Two Rapporteurs

09:15 – 10:30 **COMESA/LLPI Strategic Plan and the need of strengthening collaboration with MS** : *By Dr M. Mwinyihija, Director COMESA/LLPI*

10:30 – 10.45 **The Cluster Initiative and the need for Industry Extension Support – Employing the Cluster Management Approach**

*By Mr. Nicholas Mudungwe: Cluster Development Expert- COMESA/LLPI*

10.45 – 11:00 **Coffee/Tea Break**

10.45 – 12.30 **Country Presentations: Issues, opportunities and current support interventions**

* *Eritrea*
* *Ethiopia*
* *Kenya*
* *Malawi*
* *Uganda*
* *Rwanda*
* *Sudan*
* *Zambia*
* *Zimbabwe*

12:30 – 13:00 **Plenary Discussions**

*Facilitated by Mr Nicholas Mudungwe*

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 – 15:00 **The COMESA/LLPI Leather Portal and other project development Initiatives:** *Dr Mekonnen Hailemariam- Value Chain Expert*

15.00 – 15.45  **Plenary Discussion on how the Portal can be strengthened-** *Chaired by**Dr Mekonnen Hailemariam- Value Chain Expert*

15:45 – 16:00 **Coffee/Tea Break**

16.00 – 17.30 **Homework** – Completion of the data sheet by participants

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08:30-09:00 Recap by Rapporteurs and selection of two Rapporteurs for Day Two

09:00 – 10:30 **The Cluster Management Excellency Methodology/Cycle**

*Presentation by Mr. Nicholas Mudungwe: Cluster Development Expert- COMESA/LLPI*

(10:30 - 10:45 **Coffee/Tea Break)**

10:45 – 13:00 **Simulating the defining and designing of a cluster management strategy and work plans:** *Facilitated by Nicholas Mudungwe assisted Dr Mekonnen Hailemariam- Value Chain Expert*

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**

14.00 – 16.00  **Group Work: Designing a Strategy and Work plan for a footwear cluster and a leather goods cluster**

16:00 – 16:15 **Coffee/Tea Break**

16:15 – 17.00 **Presentations of Group Strategies**

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08:30-09:00 Recap by Rapporteurs and selection of two Rapporteurs for Day Two

09:00 – 10:30 **Implementation, Monitoring and evaluation of Clusters**

*Presentation by Mr. Nicholas Mudungwe: Cluster Development Expert- COMESA/LLPI*

(10:30 - 10:45 **Coffee/Tea Break)**

10:45 – 13:00 **Group Work**

* *Group 1: Design a implementation plan for a cluster;*
* *Group 2: Design a monitoring and Evaluation framework*

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**

14.00 – 16.00  **Presentations of Group Strategies**

16:00 – 16:15 **Coffee/Tea Break**

16:15 – 17.00 **Identifying priorities for the region:** *Facilitated by Nicholas Mudungwe assisted By Dr Mekonnen Hailemariam- Value Chain Expert*

1700 – 17.30 C**reating a Framework for collaboration on implementing, monitoring and evaluation cluster initiatives:** *Facilitated by Nicholas Mudungwe assisted By Dr Mekonnen Hailemariam- Value Chain Expert*

17:30-18:00 : Closing remarks: *by Dr M. Mwinyihija Director COMESA/LLPI*