



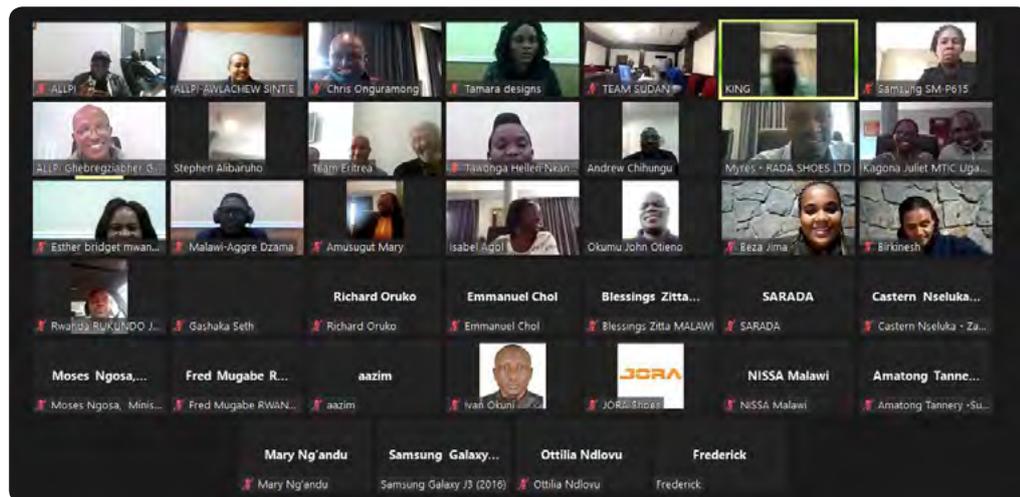
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ALLPI Conducted Regional Virtual Workshop in E-Commerce for Leather Industry Players



Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI) conducted a two days virtual capacity building workshop on E-Commerce for Leather industry players. The Workshop was conducted on 14th -15th July 2022 in a hybrid mode-arrangements were made at each member country so that participants to come together at a venue. The objectives of the Workshop were:

- » To acquaint leather-based SMEs about the basics of E-commerce technology infrastructure, business concepts, social issues, and real-world experiences;
- » To enable SMEs to realize the emerging trends of E-Commerce;
- » To integrate investment and trade promotion activities in the leather value chain at Member States level.

The training was facilitated and conducted by Mr. Awlachew Sintie, ALLPI's Information Technology and M&E Expert, Mrs Birkinesh Gonfa ALLPI's Investment, Trade and Marketing Expert and Mrs. Valerie Bowden-Director of CRADLE (E-commerce platform working with African producers).

The workshop was attended by nearly 60 participants from 10 Member states namely, Burundi, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Uganda, Sudan, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Participants were drawn from Private sector and public sector in the proportion of 4:2; i.e four from the private sector and two from investment and Marketing Government Departments.

Mr. GhebregzibherGhebremedihin, the Programs Coordinator of ALLPI in his opening remark mentioned that "The 21st century has witnessed a profound change and dramatic increase in the way business and trade takes place, with E-commerce playing and increasing role." He also highlighted that "E-commerce currently accounts for a small percentage share of total retail sales in Africa, indicating a



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

Dear Esteemed Readers,

Welcome to the mid-year (Issue No. 26) edition 2022 Newsletter

With the first half of 2022 now behind our back, and now in the second half of year 2022, I take this opportunity to welcome you to this edition of ALLPI's Newsletter (Issue No. 26) that gives highlights of activities accomplished by ALLPI from January to June 2022. This edition focuses mainly on highlight of activities undertaken by ALLPI during the reported period. Dear esteemed readers, during the period under review, I'm privileged to mention that ALLPI managed to accomplish successfully the following programs in its Member States despite meager resources and the escalating global hardship.

The Institute conducted and accomplished the following activities: two days virtual capacity building workshop on E-Commerce for Leather industry players from 14th -15th July 2022 on a hybrid mode-arrangement where 60 participants drawn from both Public and private from 10 Member states namely: Burundi, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Uganda, Sudan, Zambia and Zimbabwe participated.

The general objectives of the Workshop were to acquaint leather-based SMEs about the basics of E-commerce technology infrastructure, business concepts, social issues, and real-world experiences;

Under same reporting period, the Institute conducted training of 30 SMEs as ToTs in transformative Entrepreneurship, Footwear and Leather Goods Design, Craftsmanship, Export readiness, Costing/Pricing and Record Keeping at the Kamange Artisans Production Center, Burundi, from June 22 to July 4, 2022. The training was conducted in collaboration with the Ministry of Commerce, Transport, Industry and Tourism under the BADEA Technical Assistance grant. The purpose of the training was to enhance the productivity and competitiveness of SMEs to attain growth through shifting their mindset and embrace changes, enhance SMEs technical capacity and economies of scale to supply both Public and Private Sector institutional buyers.

This activity was followed by another 3 days Stakeholders virtual regional workshop on TVET leather sector curriculum harmonization process for Level I, II & III. 60 Stakeholders drawn from public and private in ALLPI 10 Member States were involved in the exercise.

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On its advocacy on value addition and job creation, ALLPI conducted two separate training for Artisans/ SMEs on vegetable tanning techniques in Lilongwe, Malawi and Bahirdar in Ethiopia respectively.

Other accomplished activities within the same period under review included: training of SMEs as ToT (Training of Trainers) in transformative Entrepreneurship, Footwear and Leather Goods Design, Craftsmanship, Export readiness, Costing/ Pricing and Record Keeping which was conducted in Kenya from May 16 to 28, 2022, at the Training and Production Center for Shoe Industry (TPCSI), Thika, Kenya. The training was organized in collaboration with the Kenya Leather Development Council, under BADEA Technical Assistance grant. The aim of the training was to enhance the productivity

and competitiveness of SMEs to attain growth through shifting their mindset and embrace changes, enhance SMEs technical capacity and economies of scale to supply both Public and Private Sector institutional buyers and promote replication through knowledge sharing & dissemination.

In its continuous support of its Member States in development of leather sector in the region, ALLPI conducted a similar training like the one of Kenya in Kigali, Rwanda from 18th to 30th April 2022 at Masaka Business Center under the auspices of the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA). Earlier the year, ALLPI completed installation of equipment at Masaka Business Incubation Business Center in Rwanda and at Training and Production Center for Shoe Industry (TPCSI) Thika, Kenya

Dear esteemed readers, it's worth noting other remarkable achievements recorded by the Institute during the period under review that included hosting of a delegation of Board of Directors and staff including the CEO of the Kenya Leather Development Council (KLDC). The team which was on a one-week benchmarking mission in Ethiopia

was led by the Board's Chairman accompanied by UNIDO Ethiopia based official visited ALLPI to acquaint themselves with the development of the leather sector in the region and entire Continent at large.

Last but not the least, I would not forget to bring to your attention of another key announcement by the IULTCS Executive Committee of the winners of the 2022 IUR research grants to be awarded to two young scientists under the age of 35. The two winners are from ALLPI's Member States. Mr. Fitsum Etefa Ahmed from the Ethiopian Institute of Textile and Fashion Technology of Bahir Dar University won the award of Young Leather Scientist Grant 2022 Basic Research while Louret Atsenga Andalo from Dedan Kimathi University of Technology, Kenya won Dr. Mike Redwood Young Leather Scientist Grant 2022 Sustainability / Environmental Award

As I conclude, 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.

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

Sincerely,

Prof. (Dr^s) Mwinyikione Mwinyihija
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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major potential for future growth, most of growth comes from the rising internet penetration across all countries in Africa, bringing a higher adoption of online shopping practices by Africa's emerging consumers."

During the two days workshop, the following topics were presented and discussed:

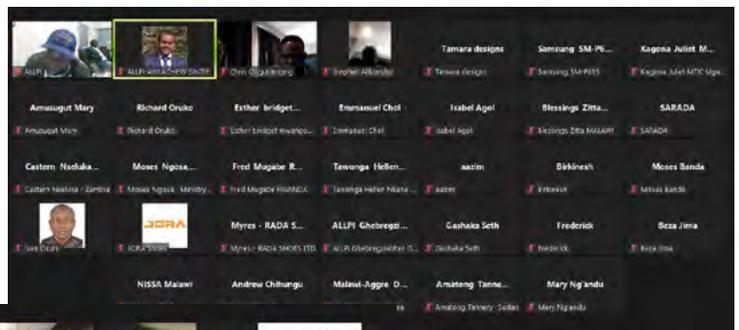
- » ALLPI's Intervention in enhancing investment and ecommerce;
- » Introduction to E-Commerce;
- » Member state intervention in enhancing investment & ecommerce and planned activities for Leather and Leather Products;
- » Best Ecommerce Tips and CRADLE activity;
- » Starting Your Own Ecommerce Store;
- » COVID-19 Pandemic and Emerging Ecommerce Trends.

Participants were actively participating during the workshop and appreciated ALLPI for organizing such an eye opener workshop with the following key recommendations to be performed by the private sector, the Government and regional organizations like ALLPI:

- » Improvement of ICT infrastructure;
- » Enforcement of Cyber laws;
- » Engage academia to include E-Commerce Concepts in the School Curriculum;

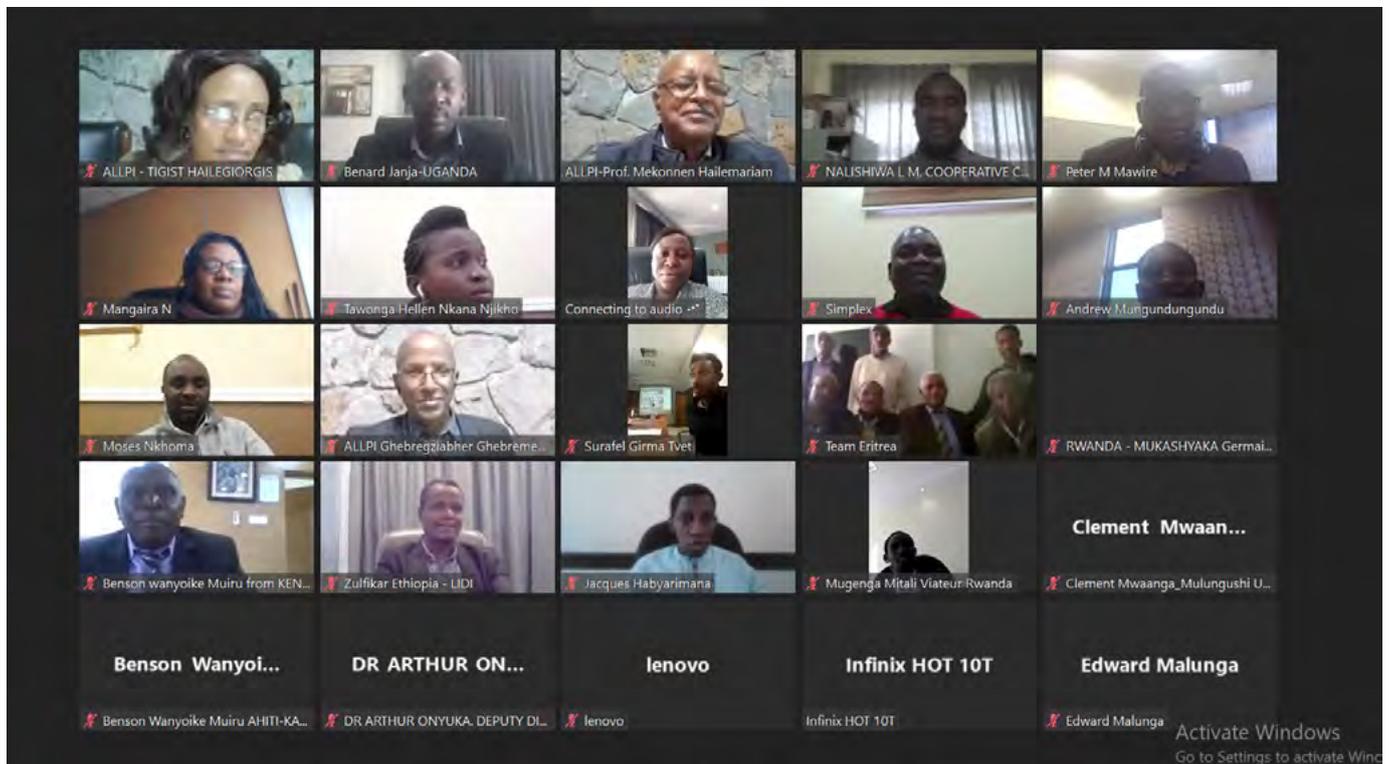
- » Continuous Training and Capacity Building on E-commerce;
- » Provision of e-commerce grants, subsidized loans and schemes
- » Sensitizing commercial banks and other money-lending institutions to adapt to the needs of e-commerce enterprises;
- » Setup efficient transport and logistics services;
- » Establish Regional E-commerce platform;
- » Formulation of regulatory framework;
- » Adoption of international standards and experiences;

In the closing session of the training workshop Mr. Ghebregziabher Ghebremedhin, ALLPI -Programs Coordinator thanked all the workshop participants for their active involvement and valuable contributions. He also expressed satisfaction and appraised the workshop as successful. He said the objectives of the Training workshop were achieved. The certificate of the participation was also handed over virtually for participants.



Partial View of the virtual meeting on E-Commerce

Regional Virtual Workshop for Leather and Leather Products TVET Program Level I to III Curriculum Harmonization



Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI), as part of its 10-year Strategic Plan (2016-2025) implementation, has conducted three days regional workshop on TVET leather sector curriculum harmonization process for Level I, II & III on July, 11th 2022. The Regional Workshop has been conducted based on the ALLPI Team prepared discussion materials aiming at harmonizing the levels 1-3 programs curricula and qualification recognitions of certificates among ALLPI Member States.

The 3 days' workshop has been conducted under the leadership of ALLPI Programs Coordinator Mr. Ghebregziabher Ghebremedhin, Prof. Mekonnen Hailemariam, Advisor to the Executive Director, Mr. Kiraye Michael, Institutional Capacity Development and Consultancy Expert, ALLP, Mr. Preston Viswamo, Regional Design Studio Project Manager, ALLPI Mr. Awlachew Sintie, Information Technology and M&E Expert and Dr. Abdel Rahim Mohamed Ahmed, Quality Assurance, Innovation and R&D Expert.

The main Topic of the Regional Workshop sessions are:

- » Objectives, (objectives, entry requirements, Time requirement, Horizontal and vertical progression)
- » Key contents, (with the learning outcomes and

competences

- » Joint curricula and qualification
- » Qualification Profile
- » Key Elements for joint curricula & qualification
- » Instruction, (ratio of theory/practical), attachment, workshops, Selection of appropriate methods and media
- » Resources required for working with others and in teams, using technology and international language
- » evaluation schemes
- » Grading system, Credit transfer system, continuous assessment, final exam, practical exam, (problem solving skills; reasoning skills; language and communication skills; knowledge of the subject matter concepts and procedures)
- » Quality Assurance Systems,
- » Curriculum review plan
- » Recognition of qualification
- » set the regional qualification recognition criteria
- » Regional Recognition of Studies, Certificates,

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Diplomas, Degrees and other academic Qualifications

- » Intra-regional academic mobility
- » set the regional academic mobility criteria
- » Inter-country Education interventions

During the opening session of the regional workshop the program and participants introduction was addressed by Mr. Michael Kiraye Institutional Capacity Development and Consultancy Expert, ALLPI and the Workshop officially opened and climate setting presented by Mr. Ghebregziabher Gebremedhin, Programs Coordinator, ALLPI. He starts his speech by welcoming all ALLPI Member States Participants and stating the importance of the activity and wishing that all participants who are involved in the workshop to participate in the discussion materials for the levels 1-3 programs Curricula harmonization process, he mentioned that this activity is approved as within ALLPI annual plan 2022 and the real work starts for preparing the discussion material for curriculum harmonization setting criteria and guide lines and if has been validated by member states with the purpose of facilitating labor moving between member states, finally he wish to all a fruitful and successful activity.

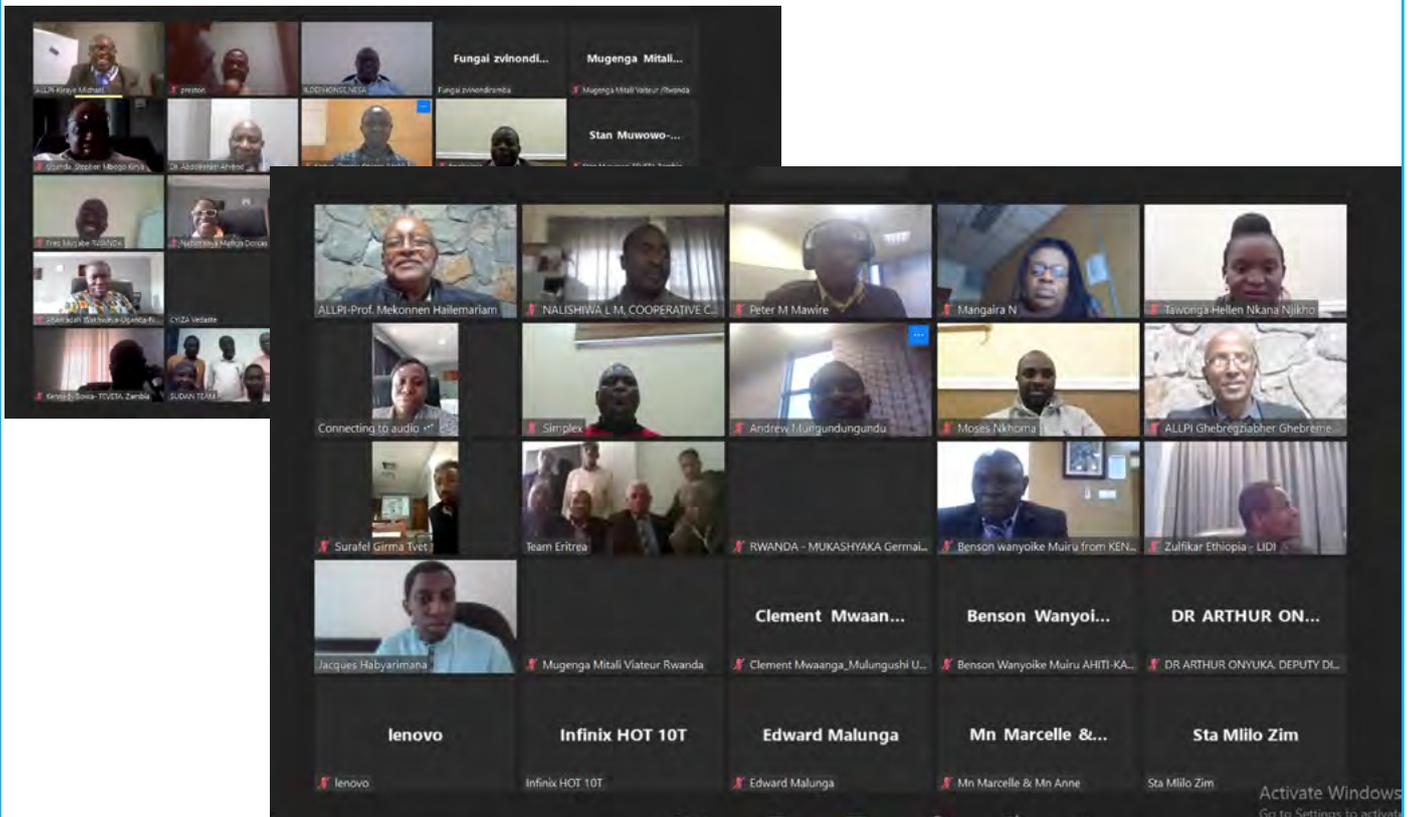
ALLPI members states 60 stakeholders who are involved in the harmonization for the levels 1-3 Curricula

and qualification recognitions of certificates include from every country:

1. **National council for Vocational Qualification (Accreditations officer)**
2. **TVET Curriculum Development Councils (Curricula development officer)**
3. **TVET institution Expert (Selected experienced lecturer from TVET institution offering leather programs)**
4. **TVET Institution Director (TVET Director of Institution offering Leather Program)**
5. **Leather Sector Industry (Entrepreneur of leather/ products industry)**
6. **Focal point ministry (ALLPI focal point officer)**

The participants discuss the presented material based on the implementation practices in their respective countries and the Template for chronological order for discussion material for the curriculum harmonization process has been submitted by all member states participants

Finally, the harmonization process way forwards will be conducted to collect censuses for the leather sector TVET curriculum in ALLPI member states.



ALLPI held Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop for SMEs in Bujumbura, Burundi



Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI) organized a training of 30 SMEs as ToT in transformative Entrepreneurship, Footwear and Leather Goods Design, Craftmanship, Export readiness, Costing/Pricing and Record Keeping at the Kamange Artisans Production Center, Burundi, from June 22 to July 4, 2022. The training workshop was conducted in collaboration with the Ministry of Commerce, Transport, Industry and Tourism, Burundi, under the BADEA Technical Assistance grant. The purpose of the training workshop was to enhance the productivity and competitiveness of SMEs to attain growth through shifting their mindset and embrace changes, enhance SMEs technical capacity and economies of scale to supply both Public and Private Sector institutional buyers.

An SMEs while Stitching leather products during the practical training.



Hon Marie Chantal NIJIMBERE, Minister, Ministry of Commerce, Transport, Industry and Tourism visited the trainees while the training workshop was in progress and reiterated her Government's commitment to support the leather sector SMEs in Burundi. Her Excellency also thanked ALLPI and BADEA for organizing this important training workshop that will provide the SMEs with a solid foundation to be competitive and more productive.

At the end of the training workshop, certificates were presented to participants by Eng. Anitha Nshimirimana, Director General of Industry, who also gave a speech, represented the Honorable Minister at the graduation ceremony. Other officials who gave speech at the graduation ceremony were Mr. Ghebregziabher Ghebremedhin, ALLPI Programs Coordinator,



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representing the Executive Director Prof. Mwinyihija Mwinyikione, and Mr. Seth Gashaka, Director of Industry. One representative of the trainees also gave feedback on knowledge and skills gained from the training. All the speakers thanked ALLPI and BADEA for organizing the ToT training and urged participants to apply and replicate the knowledge and skills gained for the transformation of the leather sector in Burundi from commodity dependence to finished product basis.



Partial View of the Graduation and Certification Event of the Training

Training Of Artisans/MSMEs On Vegetable Tanning Techniques Successfully Concluded in Malawi

The Tendency training on VEGETABLE TANNING TECHNIQUES to selected Artisans/MSME's was conducted and successfully completed in Lilongwe, Malawi. The training was conducted by Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI) in collaboration with the Government of Malawi Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism from 6th to 15th June 2022 at Capital City Motel open Compound in Lilongwe, Malawi. The 25 trainees (11 males (44%) and 14 women (56%)) were selected from Mzuzu Leather Cooperative (Northern Region of Malawi) Blantyre Leather Cooperative (Southern Region) and Lilongwe Leather Cooperative (Central Region).

The training aim was to produce quality vegetable and



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Chrome tanned leather using Vegetable tannin extract and home based equipments (plastic containers) as vessels for tanning replacing the tanning drums which are used in modern tanning process. During the training, the trainees were able to process different types of leathers including hair on leather from raw stock to crust stage using vegetable tannins (Mimosa - plant based), mineral tannin (chrome tan powder) and Syntan (Man-made synthetic tannin) as tanning agents.

The 10 days training was conducted by Mr. Harrison Mungai, Leather value chain Expert, a resource person from Member State Mr. Crispin Amasi and facilitated by ALLPI Investment, Trade and Marketing expert Mrs. Birkinsh Gonfa. The theory and practical sessions covered the whole process of leather manufacturing by using home based tools and equipments. The Training was conducted in a participatory and team work platform based on the consensus reached during the opening of the Training session. During the training program the Malawian Broadcasting Corporation (MBC) visited the training venue (group) and interviewed the Mr. Mungai (ALLPI), Mr. Mayeso (Ministry) and Mr. Aggrey Dzama and M/s Sibongile Chilenga on behalf of the trainees.

During the closing ceremony, the program was coordinated by Mrs. Tawonga Hellen Nkana Njikho Industrial Development Officer, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism of Malawi Government. From ALLPI side Mrs Birkinsh Gonfa gave a vote of thanks to the ministry, the trainers and the trainees while Mr Aggrey Dzama one of the trainees gave a general remark of the training on behalf of the whole team. Mr Dzama thanked ALLPI and the Ministry for organizing the much waited training which he said they (trainees) are going to form a unified group, have it be registered to cater for the interest of cottage tanners of Malawi. The conclusive remark of the training workshop was given Mr. Clement Phangaphanga the Director of Industry who hailed ALLPI for conducting the much needed artisanal vegetable tanning programme in Malawi. The Director then handed over certificate of participation to the trainees and requested them to join him for a group photograph before they leave for their respective destinations. At this juncture, the Director declared the training officially closed.



Partial View of the Graduation and Certification Event of the Vegetable Tanning Training Workshop

ALLPI Facilitated ToT Training Successfully Completed in Kenya



Partial View of the Graduation and Certification Event of the Training Workshop

Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI) facilitated training of SMEs as ToT (Training of Trainers) in transformative Entrepreneurship, Footwear and Leather Goods Design, Craftsmanship, Export readiness, Costing/Pricing and Record Keeping, was successfully conducted from May 16 to 28, 2022, at the Training and Production Center for Shoe Industry (TPCSI), Thika, Kenya. The training was organized in collaboration with the Kenya Leather Development Council, under BADEA Technical Assistance grant.

The aim of the training was to enhance the productivity and competitiveness of SMEs to attain growth through shifting their mindset and embrace changes, enhance SMEs technical capacity and economies of scale to supply both Public and Private Sector institutional buyers and promote replication through knowledge sharing & dissemination. A total of 30 participants, thirteen females and 17 male, with the majority from small and medium enterprises attended the training.

The training, primarily, focused on hands-on training that is expected to enhance the skills of participants and provides them with a solid foundation to be competitive and more productive. The footwear and leather goods samples that were made during the training were exhibited at the graduation ceremony.

At the Graduation ceremony, the Guest of honour, Dr. Isack Noor, CEO, KLDC, presented certificates to trainees and made a speech in which he thanked ALLPI and BADEA for organizing such an important ToT training. He also urged trainees to apply and widely disseminate the knowledge and skills gained from the training so that the training to have great contribution for the leather industry development and SMEs growth.

Mr. Ghebregziabher Ghebremedhin, Programs

Coordinator, representing the ALLPI Executive Director Prof. Mwinyihija Mwinyikione, made a welcoming speech, in which he thanked the government of Kenya in general and KLDC in particular, for the support and exemplary collaborative activities with ALLPI. He also thanked: BADEA for the technical Assistance by funding the training, the resource persons from the region and ALLPI Experts for sharing important knowledge and skills. Further, he congratulated the graduates for their dedication and active engagement in the learning experience and their successful completion of the training program. Mr. Ghebremedhin reiterated ALLPI's continued commitment to contribute to the capacity building activities for the transformation of the leather sector in Kenya.

Other Officials that made speech during the graduation ceremony included, Mr. Paul Mutegi- the TPCSI Center Manager, Mr. Charles N. Mwangi Director of Technical Services, KLDC, Prof. Tesfay Haile, resource person from the region, and two representatives of trainees. All the speakers expressed their appreciation for the ToT training and thanked ALLPI and BADEA for the opportunity.



Rwanda Leather Sector SMEs Receive Technical Support to Boost Productivity and Competitiveness



Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI) continues to intensify efforts to boost its member states Leather sector SMEs Productivity and Competitiveness.

This intervention is made possible through the grant funding 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”



Partial View of the Graduation and Certification Event of the ToT Workshop



Earlier this year ALLPI completed installation of equipment at Masaka Business Incubation Business Center in Rwanda. The installation of the equipment is proceeded with the capacity building training which

commenced on the 18th April, 2022 at Masaka Business Center and it is running up to the 30th April, 2022.

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The training was graced by Mr. Mulindankaka Evalde, the Acting Director General of Industry Promotion and Entrepreneurship Development. In his key note speech, Mr. Mulindankaka Evalde explained that ALLPI is a very important institution that is helping to develop the leather sector in Rwanda, and he urged training participants to embrace the training program. He informed the SMEs that the equipment and machines installed at the center are meant to transform

their lives and Rwanda at large. He encouraged the trainees to work together and enhance the “Made in Rwanda leather shoes and goods”. He further stated that “made in Rwanda leather shoes and goods” will subsequently create market for the hides and skins as well.

In conclusion the Acting Director thanked ALLPI and BADEA the generous support to leather sector and the Rwandan government at large.

ALLPI Gap analysis Activity

Collecting information regarding premier institution with similar mandate with ALLPI and undertaking gap analysis with such premier institutions was ALLPI's much needed intervention method for sourcing data upon which the institution can anchor its agenda for improving service delivery and service delivery mechanism for enabling it achieve its goal of being Knowledge based Institution and serving at continental level.

To this respect, IUCEA was identified as the premier institution with similar mandate with ALLPI. The general objective for undertaking gap analysis was to assess the ALLPI's ability to fulfil its vision of becoming an African Premier Leather Sector institutional Centre of Excellence, however the specific sub-objectives were To Identify the Gaps on institute's mandate requirements; to compare the mechanism of service delivery performance by ALLPI with other continental bodies of similar mandate and to devise means of closing the gaps in ALLPI to operate as continental body.

The benchmarking workshop was done as follows: Inception meetings were conducted with the staff and stakeholders of both IUCEA and ALLPI in which evidence-based engagement through administering questionnaires were successfully completed, providing results on the following grounds: General observations at the level of Membership Status, Organogram and delivery Mechanism as well as analytical rating looking at rating the institution by Staff and stakeholders on various issues on Area to Focus on, Targets/Goals of the institution, Current State of affairs, Future State of affairs and Gaps between the two States.

it was observed that REC: Institution Member States ratio is 7:7 at EAC level for IUCEA and it is 10:21 at COMESA level for ALLPI. ALLPI does not have tertiary



institutions as subscribing members, on contrary, IUCEA has 134 tertiary institutions as subscribing members. ALLPI has fewer expert staff as compared to general staff while IUCEA has more expert staff than general staff.



Training of Artisans/MSMEs on Vegetable Tanning Techniques Successfully Concluded in Bahirdar, Ethiopia



The Ten days training on VEGETABLE TANNING TECHNIQUES to selected Traditional Tanners/Artisans in Bahirdar city was successfully completed. The Training was conducted from 11th -20th April 2021. The Experts from Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI) , Ethiopian Leather Industry Development Institute (LIDI) and a resource person from Member state played a great role for the successful accomplishment of the training. The Training met its aim of developing the Artisans/Traditional Tanners products to the quality front.

The training was planned based on the need assessment mission conducted and the identified gap during June 2019. One of the recommendation during the assessment were to train the traditional tanners on Skill development of Tanning techniques to produce quality products to the intended market with collaboration of LIDI and Bahirdar city Government Trade Bureau.

The 10 days training was conducted by Mr. Harrison Mungai, Leather value chain Expert, a resource person from Member State Mr. Habtamu Shiferaw and co-Trainer from Ethiopia Leather Industry Development

Institute (LIDI) Mr Tarekegn Jida Lead researcher(Leather Technology) and facilitated by ALLPI Investment, Trade and Marketing expert Mrs. Birkinesh Gonfa. The main Topic Covered during the training were:

- » Methods of flaying and their effect on hides and skins quality and sections of Hides/Skins for use;
- » Tanyard operation – pickling, tanning and fixation
- » Vegetable tanning and acidification ;
- » Production of hair-on leather and non hair leather ;
- » Post tanning operations (mechanical – sammying, splitting and shaving Neutralization, Process retaining, dyeing;
- » Methods of drying various type of leathers:
- » leather finishing Process- Embossing/ plating (By using the nearby modern Tannery);
- » Leather specifications for leather products;
- » Practical Visit to modern Tannery (Bahirdar Tannery).

Since Bahirdar City is a tourist city, the training was

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focused on the products produced for the hospitality industry like cultural hotels and Tourists. The tanning techniques training were to get quality products in a shorter time period that took long time to process before for traditional tanners.

In this training twenty five Artisans/MSME's were trained and the above topics had been addressed in a participatory platforms based on the consensus reached during the opening of the Training session.

During the training the representative of Bahirdar University Mr. Fitsum Etefa

Director, Leather Processing and Product Research and Innovation Center

held a discussion with the trainees and visited the products they produced during the training to strengthen the Triple Helix platform for Leather sector development in Ethiopia. He also planned to have next training session for trainees specially in leather products production techniques.

At the end of the training the certificate were issued and handover to participants by Bahirdar City administration Trade Department Vice Department Head Mrs. Genet Assefa and accompanied by ALLPI's program

Coordinator Mr. Ghebregziabher Ghebremedhin and Director General of LIDI Mr. Dagnachew Shiferaw.



Partial View of the Graduation and Certification Event of the Vegetable Tanning Training Workshop in Bahirdar

Kenyan Delegates Pay courtesy call to ALLPI



Kenyan Delegates having brief meeting with ALLPI Staff Members

A team of delegates from Kenya composed of the Kenya Leather Development Council (KLDC) staff and Board Members visited ALLPI. The Team was facilitated by UNIDO to visit the leather-based enterprises and industrial parks in Ethiopia. In Addition, visiting ALLPI was part of their mission plan. The Team of visitors was led by the Board Chairman of KLDC and was assisted by the CEO of KLDC.

The objectives of the Kenyan Delegates visit to ALLPI were to pay courtesy call to the Executive Director of ALLPI Prof. Mwinyikione Mwinyihija, who has recovered from serious illness and to get briefing about the activities of ALLPI in the Member States and specifically in Kenya.

them was the outstanding legacy left by Prof. Mwinyihija at KLDC, including the contributions made to KLDC by Mr. Harrison Mungai (currently working for ALLPI) and Mr. Charles Mwangi who was part of KLDC entourage. Finally, the delegates visited the ALLPI building which is undergoing major building maintenance.

The second activity was discussing the activities of ALLPI at Member States level and particularly in Kenya. This activity was organized at Ambassador Hotel in town by ALLPI. Delegates were welcomed by Mr. Ghebregziabher Gebremedhin, the Programs Coordinator (PC) of ALLPI, and briefed them about the ALLPI activities in Member States. The PC highlighted he potential of the leather sector in Africa in terms of



Delegates Visiting the ALLPI Building which is under major maintenance

Delegates were welcomed at ALLPI premises and met they with Prof. Mwinyihija, Executive Director of ALLPI and the ALLPI Team The meeting was held in an open-air space. The KLDC team appreciated the recovery of the ALLPI Executive Director from the serious illness. Various issues were discussed in the meeting, among

employment and wealth creation, and ALLPI's Mandate and Strategic Focus.

The PC then appreciated the unreserved support and commitment of the Government of Kenya in general and KLDC in particular to the Kenya leather sector

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development towards integrated regional leather sector development.

After the presentation, delegates also appreciated the ALLPI's effort to develop the regional leather sector in general and specifically commendable activities in Kenya. They also mentioned of Ethiopia's effort to develop the sector and will commit themselves to the Kenya leather sector too. Finally, they thanked ALLPI for the hospitality and welcome reception to the delegates

and wished ALLPI to have great role in the leather sector development agenda in Africa.

The delegates commended the activities of ALLPI and hoped for enhanced future collaboration for better leather sector development in Kenya. The PC also emphasized ALLPI's commitment to collaborate and support the Kenya leather sector. Delegates were invited for lunch and the meeting was concluded.



Partial View of Discussion Meeting at Ambassador Hotel

ALLPI Staff Trained in QMS and EMS

To build the technical and professional capacity of ALLPI staff and enhance ALLPI's institutional capacity in delivering the services efficiently, effectively and professionally Dr. Abdel Rahim Mohamed Ahmed, ALLPI Quality Assurance and Innovation R&D Expert has attended a Training on Management System Audit conducted by Ethiopian Standard Agency, the attained certificate qualify Dr. Ahmed as a QMS/EMS Auditor based on ES ISO 19011: 2018, the training program was in the period May 16 – 20 /2022.



IULTCS Announced Winners of Two Young Leather Scientist Grants for Research

The Executive Committee of the IULTCS has announced the winners of the 2022 IUR research grants to be awarded to two young scientists, under the age of 35. The monetary awards help support the work of young talent in the leather sector.

This is the eighth year of the grants which have been generously supported by industry and IULTCS alike. The Selection Committee of the IULTCS Research Commission (IUR), chaired by Dr Michael Meyer, is pleased to announce the following recipients:



Fitsum Etefa Ahmed from the Ethiopian Institute of Textile and Fashion Technology of Bahir Dar University

Young Leather Scientist Grant 2022 Basic Research

Fitsum Etefa Ahmed from the Ethiopian Institute of Textile and Fashion Technology of Bahir Dar University. IULTCS has provided the monetary sponsorship for a single sum of €1,500 grant to Basic Research. The title of the project is 'Study of anti-ectoparasitic activity of medicinal plant extracts in terms of reducing cackle damage on sheep and goat skin'.

Dr Mike Redwood Young Leather Scientist Grant 2022 Sustainability / Environmental Award

Louret Atsenga Andalo, from Dedan Kimathi University

of Technology, Kenya will be the beneficiary of the generosity of Leather Naturally who have sponsored the €1,000 grant for the project entitled 'Extraction of natural dye (batalain) from beetroot peel (*Beta Vulgaris*) and application in leather dyeing using bio-mordant'. The grants have been very successful and well received by industry. Referring to the awardees of the 2021 grants Dr Meyer said "We are very happy that the research results of last year's two awardees were presented at the perfectly organised IULTCS Congress



Louret Atsenga Andalo, Dedan Kimathi University of Technology, Kenya

in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia last November. Although the number of physical participants was limited, due to the pandemic, we had the chance to attend the remote presentations delivered by Dr Caroline Agustini (Brazil) and Dr Nilay Ork (Turkey).

This year we again received some strong new proposals and two of them have been selected. IULTCS is looking forward to seeing the research outcomes from Fitsum and Louret of the projects we are supporting and wish them every success as they contribute to expanding our industry knowledge."

Upcoming Leather Events

No	Event Name	Event Information
1	<i>Africa's Biggest Event for the Sourcing & Fashion Industry</i>	<i>4-7 November 2022 Congress Center, Skylight Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia https://www.asfw-online.com</i>
2	<i>Gateway to Africa: READY to WEAR SHOES & LEATHER EXHIBITION</i>	<i>18 - 20 August 2022 Kigali Convention Centre Rwanda</i>
3	<i>All fashion sourcing</i>	<i>26 - 28 Sep 2022 CTICC (Cape Town International Convention Centre), Cape Town, South Africa</i>
4	<i>Uganda Expo</i>	<i>Oct. 04 - 08, 2022 UMA Exhibition Centre Lugogo Uganda Manufacturers Association (UMA)</i>
5	<i>ALL CHINA LEATHER EXHIBITION - ACLE</i>	<i>08/31/2022 3 days Shanghai (China) Shanghai New International Expo Centre ALL CHINA LEATHER EXHIBITION (ACLE) is a specialized in Raw Materials, Process Chemicals, Tanning Machinery, Shoe Machinery, Components and Synthetic Materials</i>
6	<i>LINEAPELLE 2022</i>	<i>20 - 22 September 2022 Milan (Italy) Fiera Milano, Rho International Exhibition of Leathers, Accessories, Components, Synthetic Products and Models for Footwear, Leather Goods, Leatherwear and Furnishing</i>
7	<i>SHOES & LEATHER VIETNAM International Exhibition</i>	<i>Nov 16-Nov 18, 2022 Ho Chi Minh City, VIETNAM Shoes & Leather Vietnam is the absolute place where companies who are known as the leader in manufacturing the raw materials and accessories for the shoe and leather industries</i>
8	<i>III IULTCS EuroCongress Vicenza 2022</i>	<i>18th - 20th September 2022 Rinascimento: The Next Leather Generation, Vicenza https://www.iultcs2022italy.org/</i>





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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.

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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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