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International Council of Tanners Executive Committee Meeting Conducted



The International Council of Tanners Executive Committee Meeting was held in a hybrid mode (both physically and virtually) at Red Lounge, Centro Servizi, Rho Fiera, Milan, Italy on 20 September 2022. The ALLPI Team, led by the Executive Director Prof. Mwinyihija, attended the meeting virtually from Ethiopia.

The ICT Executive Committee meeting is the meeting of the council for the year 2022. Nine members of the Executive Committee attended the meeting physically while three joined virtually.

The objective of the Meeting was to discuss and deliberate on the activities of the council and pressing issues of the leather sector. The meeting was officially

opened by the President of the Council, Prof. Mwinyihija Mwinyikione after welcoming the participants.

The ICT Executive Committee meeting, after thorough discussion and deliberation on Management issues, leather industry country reports, World Leather Congress 2024, Product Environmental Carbon Footprint, and on other industry strategic issues, was successfully concluded. The date and venue for the next ICT Executive Committee meeting will be 11th of March, 2022 and for the ICT Council meeting 12th of March, 2023 in Dubai at the World Trade Center which will also house the APLF 2023 during the same period.



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

Dear Esteemed Readers,

Welcome to July – September 2022 (Issue No. 27) Edition.

I feel humbled to present to you the July to September 2022 ALLPI's Newsletter Edition. With the third quarter of 2022 now behind our back, and now in the fourth and the last quarter of year 2022, I take this opportunity to welcome you to this edition (Issue No. 27) that gives highlights of activities accomplished by ALLPI from July to September 2022. This edition focuses mainly on highlight of activities undertaken by ALLPI during the reported period that included and not limited to: Virtual regional Workshops for Leather Industry Players in the following areas of E-Commerce, COMESA Ninth Annual Research Forum, Breakfast meeting with Ambassadors/Embassy Representatives, Facilitate experience sharing with visiting Member States, Physical workshop training of Training of Trainers (ToTs), Training of Artisans in vegetable tanning techniques and environmental conservancy processes and participation by ALLPI directly or indirectly to other regional and International leather and leather products related issues to mention a few.

Dear esteemed readers, during the period under review; I'm privileged to highlight some of the key

accomplishments by ALLPI within the region and beyond within the period under review despite escalating global hardship.

As the current President of International Council of Tanners (ICT), I officially and chaired the International Council of Tanners Executive Committee Meeting which was held in a hybrid mode (both physically and virtually) at Red Lounge, Centro Servizi, Rho Fiera, Milan, Italy on 20 th September 2022.

The ALLPI Team led by myself attended and participated the meeting virtually from Ethiopia. The ICT Executive Committee meeting was the 2 nd meeting of the council for the year 2022. Nine members of the Executive Committee attended the meeting physically while three joined virtually. The objective of the Meeting was to discuss and deliberate on the activities of the council and pressing issues of the leather sector.

In an effort to increase its Membership and give an update of the latest development in the Regional and Continental leather sector, I'm privileged to report that, ALLPI managed to hold a consultative

Breakfast meeting with Ambassadors/Embassy representatives from COMESA Member Countries and two non COMESA Member States based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The theme of the meeting was dubbed "ALLPI's Contribution to COMESA

Regional Leather Value Chain Development: The event took place

on the 14th September 2022 at Skylight Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The meeting was graced by the Director.

General, Manufacturing Industry Development Institute -Dr. Milkesa Jagema (guest of honor) who read the speech on behalf of H.E. Tarekegn Bululta State Minister, Ministry of Industry, and Federal Republic of Ethiopia.

On the same breath, it's my pleasure to report that the Institute hosted a high ranked delegation from

Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) who paid a courtesy call to ALLPI. The delegation was in Ethiopia from August 22 nd to 29 th , 2022 on a facts finding and experience sharing from the Ethiopian Leather Sector. The delegation was briefed of the Institute's latest development as far as regional and Continental leather sector is concerned. From their side, the delegation reiterated that their visit was an eyeopener for them and reaffirmed that the lessons learnt and skills gained during the mission period will go a long way to boost the capacity to sustainably deliver quality services to MSMEs and stakeholders in DRC.

As part of its planned activities for year 2022, I take this opportunity to highlight that the Institute conducted two separate trainings in two of its Member States. From the first training, 20 TOTs were trained in Footwear and Goods Design, Development, Manufacturing Craftsmanship and Export Readiness. The training was conducted at Leather Institute of Zimbabwe (ZIM), Bulawayo in Zimbabwe and was officially opened by the Minister of Industry.

The second training was for Artisans/MSMEs on Vegetable Tanning Techniques and Environmental Conservancy Processes. It was conducted at Kyambogo University (KYU), Kampala, Uganda September 19 th – 28 th 2022 and 31 TOTs were

trained. The training was officially opened by Prof. Mugampora Edrisa Dean, Faculty of Science Department of Textile and Leather Technology on behalf of the Vice Chancellor of Kyambogo University. Other dignitary officials who visited the trainees during the training were Dr. Joshua Mutambi Commissioner, Processing & Marketing-Directorate of MSMEs (in front of the camera) in the Ministry of Trade, Industry & Cooperatives and Mr. A. H. Sekandi, Chairman, ALLPI Board of Directors among others.

It also goes without mention that, as an implementer of one of the RECAMP Project on leather and leather products funded by EU through the COMESA Secretariat, ALLPI attended the Regional Enterprise

Competitiveness and Access to Markets Programme (RECAMP) Project Steering Committee 2nd meeting which was held from 17th -18th August 2022 in Lusaka, Zambia, to discuss the progress of the implementation of the RECAMP and TAF activities. Prof. Mekonnen Hailemariam, participated the meeting on behalf of ALLPI.

It is my sincere hope that more highlight of the achievements will covered in this edition. Last but not the least, ALLPI appreciate and value all our esteemed Partners and Stakeholders for their valuable support and collaboration for all the successes registered during the quarter. It is my sincere hope that this Newsletter will continue keeping us connected with respect to information in the region's leather sector development and other activities in the sector within African Continent and world at large.

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

Sincerely,

Prof. (Dr 5) Mwinyikione Mwinyihija,

Executive Director

ALLPI Participated at the COMESA Ninth Annual Research Forum



Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI) Participated at the Ninth COMESA Annual Research Forum that was held on 12-15 September 2022 in Cairo, Egypt through physical and virtual formats. The main objective of the forum was to present, review and discuss research papers and selected innovations submitted under the theme of “Enhancing Business Competitiveness and Resilience to Boost Intra-COMESA Trade”.

Prof. (Dr5) Mwinyikione Mwinyihija, Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI) Executive Director accompanied by Dr. Abdel Rahim M. Ahmed, Quality Assurance, Innovation and R&D Expert have attended the forum as a response to Office of the Assistant Secretary General invitation.

The forum was attended by delegates from the following Member States: Burundi, D.R. Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Kenya, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Seychelles, Somalia, Sudan, and Zambia. Representatives from the following organizations also attended: African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF), COMESA Monetary Institute (CMI), African Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI), African Development Bank (AfDB), Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS), African Union Development Agency-New Partnership for African Development (AUDA-NEPAD), Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), European Union (EU), COMESA Regional Investment Agency (RIA), COMESA Clearing House (CCH), Brussels Liaison Office (BLO), University of Mauritius, Kenyatta University and London School of Economics.

The Theme for the Ninth Annual Research Forum is “Enhancing Business Competitiveness and Resilience to Boost Intra-COMESA Trade” with the following sub-

themes: Macroeconomic shocks and intra-COMESA Trade; Value addition product diversification and intra-COMESA Trade;

Integrating SMEs into Regional Value Chains and intra-COMESA Trade;

Digitalization and intra-COMESA Trade;

Barriers to trade and intra-COMESA Trade;

Transportation logistics and intra-COMESA Trade.

The research papers focused on five broad thematic areas namely: Macroeconomic shocks and intra-COMESA trade; Value addition, product diversification and intra-COMESA Trade; Integrating SMEs into Regional value chains and intra-COMESA trade; Digitalization and intra-COMESA trade; Barriers to trade and intra-COMESA trade; and Transport, logistics and intra-COMESA trade.

Eight papers were presented which came up with policy implications which if implemented would play a critical role in enhancing business competitiveness and resilience to boost Intra-COMESA trade.

ALLPI, by participating in the forum, has contributed on the realization of Triple Helix Model (Private, Public and Academia) to jump start the regional industrial and trade development. In addition,

ALLPI has taken away innovative ideas that can be replicated to support SMEs in the regional leather sector.

Finally, the ALLPI ED networked with some delegations from Kenya and Sudan and discussed way forwards for further collaboration for improving leather value chain at their respective countries.



Partial View of the Research Forum

ALLPI Conducted Breakfast Meeting with Ambassadors/Embassy representatives



in an effort to increase its membership, Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI) organized a meeting with Ambassadors/Embassy representatives from COMESA member countries and two non COMESA member states based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The theme of the meeting was dubbed “ALLPI’s Contribution to COMESA Regional Leather Value Chain Development: A Fight for Poverty reduction and unemployment Using Hides and Skins value addition”. The event took place on the 14th September 2022 at Skylight Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The purpose of the breakfast meeting was to highlight how ALLPI and its member states are reducing Poverty and gender Parity using Hides and Skins value addition, training and marketing that contributed to Leather products development, Job creation and regional integration.

The rationale of involving 21 COMESA Member Country Embassies is to increase interactivity and sharing of the experiences of the 10 ALLPI’s Member States and the 11 countries that have not yet joined ALLPI.

The meeting was graced by the Director General, Manufacturing Industry Development Institute -Dr. Milkesa Jagema (guest of honor) who read the speech on behalf of H.E. Tarekegn Bululta State Minister, Ministry of Industry, Federal Republic of Ethiopia. In the opening remarks, the Director General informed the distinguished Excellencies why ALLPI was established by the 17 COMESA member states and spelled out its role of supporting activities towards development of the leather value chains of its member states within the COMESA region and across the continent of Africa. He underscored the purpose of the meeting and commended ALLPI for coming up with such an innovative initiative.

In his speech, the Director General highlighted the significance of Africa Leather sector in the world’s

economy as well as the challenges the sector still faces in meeting the demands of finished leather and leather products. He therefore encouraged all COMESA and Non-COMESA member countries to unite and consolidate their efforts in the leather sector to harness the great potential for Africa to covert hides and skins in to finished leather and leather products through becoming members of ALLPI.

At the same meeting the board chairperson for ALLPI Mr. Abdul Hakiim Sekandi shared a case study with the Ambassadors highlighting how Uganda (an ALLPI member state) has benefited from the services of ALLPI and he urged other countries that are not yet members of ALLPI to consider joining.

The Programmes coordinator for ALLPI Mr. Ghebregziabher Ghebremedhin Agheba gave a full report on behalf of the ALLPI Executive Director – Professor Mwinyihija Mwinyikione what ALLPI has accomplished in its members states and appealed to the rest of the countries who are not yet members to consider joining ALLPI.

The Institutional Capacity development and Consultancy Expert Mr. Michael Kiraye also furnished the distinguished Ambassadors with empirical data on potential for the Africa Leather sector, the production and trade deficits and also highlighted the need for all African member countries to work together to foster the Africa leather sector development.

Going forward, The Programmes coordinator Mr. Ghebregziabher Ghebremedhin Agheba reiterated ALLPI’s commitment to work with all COMESA and non-COMESA countries. The coordinator assured the Distinguished Ambassadors that ALLPI will work with their respective countries in the transformation of the leather sector and requested the distinguished ambassadors to liaise with their respective countries on joining ALLPI.

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Partial View of participants during the Question and Answer Session



Partial View of participants during the Question and Answer Session



Mr. Ghebreziabher Ghebremedhin, reporting ALLPI accomplished activities



Mr. Abdul Hakiim Sekandi, ALLPI Board Chairman, Reporting ALLPI's Activities in Uganda



Partial view of ALLPI Experts making presentations during the event



Partial View of the Breakfast Meeting

ALLPI facilitates experience sharing and learning visit by DRC delegation to the Ethiopian Leather Sector



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Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI) facilitated experience sharing and learning visit to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) delegation to the Ethiopian leather sector from August 22 to 29, 2022. The delegation was led by Mr Nicolas KALIMIRA KABAGAYA, Assistant Director General, “Agence Nationale de Développement de l’Entrepreneuriat Congolais” (ANADEC) and composed of Mr Pascal BAKOLE NYIME, Advisor to the State Minister; Mr Modeste KAMBALA KALALA, head for the Design and Implementation of SMEs incubation Centers; Mr. Jeru MATUNGULU TSHIMBALANGA, Expert at ANADEC and Mr. Roger MVIDI MUKULU, Manager of SMEs Incubation Center.

The DRC delegation started its mission activities with courtesy call to ALLPI Executive Director at ALLPI headquarters and meeting and discussion with ALLPI Management and Experts. This was followed by activities that focused on visiting tanneries processing hides and skins to finished leather, follow-up of shoe manufacturing process and hands-on training in Shoemaking Machines handling and Maintenance. The delegation visited a total of 5 tanneries (Colba Tannery, Mojo Tannery, Awash tannery, Batu Tannery and LIDI tannery department) and 4 shoe factories (Fontanian Shoe Factory, Universal leather Products Factory, Yaha footwear manufacturing company and LIDI Footwear department) to observe and learn from the facilities reach experience. Two of the delegation members were also trained in Shoemaking Machines handling and minor Maintenance at Fonanina Shoe factory from 23 to 29 August 2022.

The mission activities were completed with a small luncheon organized by ALLPI to present certificates to the two participants that took the Shoemaking Machines handling and minor Maintenance training. The delegation members underlined the visit as an eye-opener and indicated that the lessons learnt and skills gained during the mission period will go a long way to boost the capacity to sustainably deliver quality services to SMEs and stakeholders in DRC. Finally, the DRC delegation head, Mr KABAGAYA and ALLPI Programs Coordinator, Mr. Ghebregziabher Ghebremedhin in their closing statements reiterated the importance of further strengthening the collaboration between the two institutions and called for DRC’s membership at ALLPI



Delegates Visiting the ALLPI Headquarters Building which is under major maintenance



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Group Picture After the Meeting



Group Picture After the Meeting

TOT on Footwear and Goods Design, Development, Manufacturing Craftmanship and Export Readiness kicked off at the Leather Institute of Zimbabwe (ZIM) Bulawayo

Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI) in collaboration with the Government of Zimbabwe Ministry of Trade and Industry started the TOT on Footwear and Goods Design, Development, Manufacturing Craftmanship and Export Readiness at the Leather Institute of Zimbabwe (ZIM) Bulawayo on August 29th, 2022. The Training aims at enhancing SMEs competitiveness, access of their products to the domestic and export markets, and the mindset shift of their operating attitudes through learning the fundamental dynamics and principles of:

- » Footwear design and development
- » Manufacturing Craftmanship,
- » Exports Readiness

The 8 days training will be conducted by Mr. Moses Maina Lead trainer from Member state, Mr. Preston Viswamo ALLPI's Regional Design Studio project Manager co-trainer and Mrs. Birkinesh Gonfa ALLPI's Investment, Trade and Marketing expert as a co-trainer and facilitator of the training.

During the opening session of the training key note speech was addressed by Mr. Cornelio Sunduza Executive chairman of LIZ. He mentioned the issue of market access for Africa SME's, World leather and leather products Trade, overview/historical background of leather sector of Zimbabwe, access to LWG, Demand for leather products in the country visa vi supply, need to fill the gap as sector player.

Welcome Address and official opening were addressed by the Minister Mr. Dingiswayo and he thanked ALLPI for organizing this training with the ministry. He also mentioned this workshop is at a right time since the 2nd phase of implementation of industry Development strategy (2021-2026) and the government commitment to implement it. And He officially declared the opening of the training.

In this training twenty SME's are selected from Harare and Bulawayo who worked as a cluster in the leather field and the above topics will be addressed in a participatory and team work platforms based on the

consensus reached during the opening of the Training session.

The main Topics of the training and practical session are:

- » Mind-set Change
- » The Design Studio Concept.
- » Team work/Joint Actions.
- » Footwear Product Design and Development including Fashion trend forecast, product design and development
- » Research & Inspiration
- » Practical exercise on pattern making: Last taping, Drawing design lines.
- » Designed product Pattern developing.
- » Quality management (quality control Quality assurance)
- » Common defects in leather footwear Manufacturing.
- » Common Defects on Materials used in shoe making.
- » Major bonding problems in shoe manufacturing.
- » Footwear quality user complaints.
- » An overview of the tools, equipment machines used in footwear manufacturing
- » Manufacturing premises Fitness.
- » Practical exercise on shoe product making. Upper stitching operation
- » Practical exercise on shoe product making. Lasting and finishing operation.
- » The importance of Proper Material Calculation and Costing.
- » SMEs Footwear Export readiness
- » SMEs footwear/ internationalization/Export readiness.
- » Practical evaluation of product in terms of product export readiness.

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Group Photo during the opening session



LLPI program and participants Introduction



Partial view Official opening of the Program



ALLPI program and participants Introduction

ALLPI at the Second Project Steering Committee Meeting of RECAMP



ALLPI attended the Regional Enterprise Competitiveness and Access to Markets Programme (RECAMP) Project Steering Committee 2nd meeting that was held from 17th -18th August 2022 at Hilton Garden Inn Hotel, Lusaka, Zambia, that discussed the progress to date of the implementation of the RECAMP and TAF activities and the 2022 Annual Work plan.

More than 30 participants from COMESA Secretariat, Implementing Partner institutions and COMESA member States attended the meeting. ALLPI was represented by Prof. Mekonnen Hailemariam, Advisor to the Executive Director.

The meeting started with Dr Dev Haman's, (Assistant Secretary General -Admin and Finance, COMESA) welcome address and opening statements given by the European Union Representative and Mr. Ali Daoud, the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Tourism, Republic of Djibouti (the Guest of Honour). During the two days meeting, progress reports and 2022 planned activities were presented by each implementing partner and Technical Assistance Facility (TAF) beneficiary member States that were followed by question-and-answer sessions and general discussion. The ALLPI representative, Prof. Mekonnen Hailemariam presented the ALLPI progress report on the implementation status of the here below indicated four RECAMP activities that are facilitated by ALLPI, in which fourteen COMESA countries (Burundi, DR Congo, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar,

Malawi, Mauritius, Rwanda, Sudan, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe) took part.

RECAMP Activity 1.1.1.4: Strengthening the human and institutional capacity of Member States in certification of eco-friendly leather products in line with global development

RECAMP Activity 1.1.1.5: Building the capacity of participating Member States and regional focal persons on application of standards for leather value chains including the designing of leather finishing processes and Leather Products, which meet regulatory and safety standards of the markets.

RECAMP Activity 1.1.1.6 : Capacity building of member States on Hides and skins traceability systems in line with global developments

RECAMP Activity 2.2.1.3: Review of the Regional Leather Value Chain Strategy (2012-2016) with the aim of developing the new Strategy

The meeting was concluded with seven key recommendations that will constitute the next plan of action to successfully complete the planned RECAMP activities before end of December 2024 (end of the project period).

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ALLPI Conducted Training for Artisans/ MSMEs on Vegetable Tanning Techniques and environmental Conservancy Processes in Kampala Uganda.

The Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives on behalf of government recommended to Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI), Kyambogo University as the lead leather training institution in the country offering a bachelor's degree in Leather technology, and thus the best suited to collaborate with, in the implementation of activities along the leather value chain in Uganda. Consequently, in the year 2018, Kyambogo University (KYU) through the department of Textile and Leather technology signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI) as a main framework that established a formal collaboration between the two institutions to undertake collaborative activities for the development of the leather industry (value chain) in Uganda.

The Ministry of Trade, Industry and Co-operatives (MTIC) as a focal point of COMESA in the country thus plays a pivotal role of overseeing the implementation of the MOU. Among many other activities, the two parties agreed to conduct joint activities in the leather sector that encompass but not limited to training, research, consultancy services, Artisans/MSMEs and cluster capacity building

Before the official opening, Mr Kiraye on behalf of the ALLPI Executive Director went ahead to highlight the paramount importance of the training in the growth of the leather sector in Uganda. He reminded the participants in attendance the genesis of Leather tanning course was introduced at Kyambogo which is the only course that admits Craft students to degree courses in the country. He further noted that in the Triple Helix arrangement, Kyambogo University was chosen as the hub for Leather development with an MOU that was signed between ALLPI and the Government of Uganda.

On his part, Prof Aaron Wanyama who is the Head of Department (HOD) Textile and Leather Technology appreciated the partnership between Kyambogo University (KYU) and ALLPI and zeroing down on KYU as the country hub center for leather skills enhancement. At this juncture, Prof. Wanyama invited Prof. Mugampora Edrisa Dean, Faculty of Science Department of Textile and Leather Technology on behalf of the chief guest the Vice Chancellor of

Kyambogo University who was away on other official assignments to to give his official opening remark.



During the implementation of the training, the trainees were visited by A Senior Government official the Commissioner, Processing & Marketing- Directorate of MSMEs Dr. Joshua Mutambi who stressed the importance of Artisans/MSMEs in the development of leather sector in the region, and a pivotal role in employment creation and rural development. The participants were also blessed by the presence of Mr. Abdul H.Sekandi Chairman, ALLPI Board of Directors who visited the group during the training where he was overwhelmed by the way the training was being conducted.





The Ten days training on vegetable tanning techniques and environmental conservancy processes which was conducted to selected Artisans/MSMEs was successfully completed in Kampala Uganda. The training was conducted by Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI) in collaboration with the Government of Uganda Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives from 19th to 28th September 2022 at Kyambogo University open Compound in Kampala Uganda. 31 trainees {25 males (81%) and 6 women (19%)} were selected from various stakeholders which included the triple helix (Public, Private and the Academia platform). The training aim was to produce quality vegetable and Chrome tanned leather using Vegetable tannin extract as a key tanning agent. The equipments used were home based plastic containers which were used as vessels for tanning instead of 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 training aimed to provide skills development to the trainees at cottage and MSME level to facilitate the transfer of technology in aspects of cottage tanning based techniques. The training coverage assisted in comprehending requisites needed towards conformity and compliance to national and global standards of their products. The target was to take cognizance of existing techniques already in application and in tandem propagate new knowledge to the trainees through an up-gradation exercise. Efficient and effective use of cottage based leather processing material and equipment was fundamental in the instructional material.

The 10 days training was conducted by Mr. Harrison Mungai, Leather value chain Expert as the principal trainer assisted by Mr. Michael Kiraye Institutional

Capacity Development and Consultancy Expert. The theory session (10%) and practical session (90%) covered the whole process of leather manufacturing and 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 Ugandan Broadcasting Corporation (UBC) visited the training venue and interviewed ALLPI Team, representative of Kyambogo University (Department of Leather Technology and Textile) and a cross section of the trainees.



Objective

The objective of the training was to:

1. Enhance skill development at cottage level to facilitate technology transfer in aspect of traditional /artisanal tanning-based techniques in Uganda.
2. Introducing the 9-step environmental conservation planning process during artisanal vegetable tanning processes.
3. Make trainees become familiar with the requirements for conservation planning related to artisanal vegetable tanning development and conservation practices.

Expected outcome

At the end of training, the trainees were expected to demonstrate basic knowledge, skill, understanding and attitude of:

- » Comprehending and identification of the technology in aspects of cottage tanning based techniques; Explaining requisites needed towards conformity and compliance to national and global standards; Basic evaluation of hides and skins and their quality;
- » Recognizing, explaining and performing appropriate tanning of hides and skins;
- » Capability towards knowledge evolution towards productive and competitive production of products; and

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- » Adapt to requisite tanning technology relevant to cottage and MSMEs level.
- » Introducing the 9-step environmental conservation planning process during artisanal vegetable tanning processes.
- » Becoming familiar with the requirements for conservation planning related to artisanal vegetable tanning development and conservation practices.
- » The training covered the following topical areas:
 - » 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,
 - » Information Collection and Analysis for environmental conservation planning process
 - » Acids and base - indicators and neutralization,
 - » Recipe percentages and calculations,
 - » Introduction to tannery machines, tools and equipment,
 - » Production of quality leather in an environmentally friendly manner in order to attain higher customer satisfaction,
 - » environmental conservation Decision Support techniques
 - » 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: dyeing, fat liquoring, various methods of leather drying, conditioning and staking.
 - » Production of different type of leathers and their end uses
 - » Leather specifications and their application,
 - » Production of batik dyed leathers, Measuring, selection and grading of leathers.
 - » Application and Evaluation of Environmental conservation techniques
 - » At the end of training, the trainees were able to produce different type of leathers (For example: Chrome tanned leather retanned with mimosa, Veg tanned leather retanned with Syntan and full Veg. tanned leather and batik dyed).
 - » Below, the leathers are being dried using air drying method..



the leathers are being dried using air drying method



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FAO figures show hide production remains close to 300 million

The latest available figures from the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)

say that livestock farming around the world generated an estimated 293 million cattle hides in 2020. FAO's figure for sheepskin in 2020 is 590 million pieces, while the estimate for goatskins is 495 million.

These figures are close to those the Rome-based FAO has given for 2019. For cattle hides, there is a decline of 1.3% compared to the year before. However, its estimates for sheepskin and goatskin suggest growth. The 2020 numbers represent increases of, respectively, 2.4% and 1.8%.

This means the potential availability of hides and skins to tanners remains high, although everyone in the leather industry knows that millions of these hides and skins never enter the

leather value chain.

Source: <https://leatherbiz.com/News/163050>

Machakos leather park idea keeps Kenyan government hopeful

A senior figure in the Kenyan government's planning department, Saitoti Torome, has calculated that the country's leather industry has the capacity to create 50,000 jobs and put more than \$800 million per year in the country's economy.

Mr Torome said in recent comments that the sector was suffering from a lack of raw materials and a shortage of skills, but he said a new leather manufacturing cluster in Machakos County in the south of the country could help give the leather industry a much needed boost.

The government has been working on the Machakos leather park idea since at least 2016. Its plan is to site 15 tanneries, waste treatment facilities and a substantial number (it has said as many as 200) footwear and leathersgoods factories there. It will be jointly run by the Kenya Leather Development Council and the Export Processing Zones Authority.

He said Kenya currently is exporting 90% of its hides at the moment, either as raw hides or as wet blue.

Source: <https://leatherbiz.com/News/162979>

LWG to launch its Leather Chain of Custody project

Consumers of articles made from leather are increasingly demanding information on the traceability of the products they purchase. Labelling is key to facilitating information on the origin and supply chain of leathersgoods, as it provides visibility and indicates how they were made and where they came from.

It is precisely with this objective in mind that multi-stakeholder body Leather Working Group (LWG) will launch a project called Chain of Custody project on September 22, during the members' conference in Milan.

Specifically designed for the leather industry, this initiative aims to provide consumers with solid guarantees when purchasing leather products.

"Being able to make verified sustainability claims, backed by evidence, is a crucial priority. We are excited to launch the LWG Chain of Custody project at the September member conference," said Christina Trautmann, director of LWF.

Source : <https://leatherbiz.com/News/162818>

IULTCS warns of "serious effect" of new EU restrictions

The International Union of Leather Technologists and Chemists Societies (IULTCS) has submitted a formal document to the European Commission to warn it of the serious impact on the leather industry that proposed new restrictions on certain chemicals will have.

In the document, which IULTCS prepared with the help of research and testing organization FILK and of leather chemicals manufacturers Stahl and TFL, the organisation said new restrictions on chromium VI and bisphenols would "seriously impact the leather industry, particularly in the European Union". IULTCS said in the submission that the leather industry needed more time to implement the new bisphenol restrictions. And in relation to chrome VI, it said a more detailed study of data and testing methodology was required.

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ICT: leather production in Europe could become 'impossible'

The International Council of Tanners (ICT) has warned that leather production in the European Union would become "nearly impossible" if proposed changes to regulations on the use of key chemicals come into effect.

Regulatory compliance with regard to environmental, worker and consumer protection and the promotion of best practice, are of paramount importance to the international leather community, ICT said. It added that its member associations fully support rigorous regulation to ensure that leather is manufactured to best science-based standards.

However, it said new restrictions currently under consideration on chromium VI, glutaraldehyde and bisphenol S and F would come with collateral damage to industrial sectors such as leather.

Material made from leather waste catches OEMs' attention

Mercedes, BMW and Volkswagen are among automotive original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) to have begun testing textile materials that contain a new coating developed from leather waste.

Called Phoenix, the coating comes from Portugal and is the result of a project run by textile research body Citeve with the support of Alcanena-based leather research and testing centre, CTIC, and technical textile manufacturer ERT Têxtil Portugal.

Director of innovation at ERT, David Macário, said the challenge will be to make Phoenix at a competitive price to make the project economically viable.

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It said the proposed restrictions would mean that, globally, the manufacture of leather for the EU market would be seriously impacted, and in the EU, producing leather would become nearly

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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.

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

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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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