



*Leather for Health, Wealth and Luxury!*

**10<sup>th</sup> Regional Leather Sector Core Team and  
4<sup>th</sup> Stakeholders Consultative Workshop**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**Hawassa, Ethiopia  
12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

*Theme: "Empowering the COMESA SMEs in the Leather Sector to the Next Level"*

| Time  | Activities   | Responsibility  |
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| <b>DAY ONE, MONDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2016</b> |  |   |
| 10:00 – 10:30   | Participants' Registration   | Mr. Awlachew Sintie and Mrs. Aster Shiferaw COMESA/LLPI, Event Facilitators   |
| 10:30 – 11:30   | <b>NETWORKING, COFFEE/TEA BREAK</b>  | <b>Haile Resort Hotel</b>   |
| 11:30 – 13:00   | <b><u>OPENING SESSION</u></b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mrs. Victoria S. Byoma</b>,<br/>ED, Gifts A' Curios Ltd.<br/>Chairing the Opening Session</li> </ul>    |
|   | An Overview of the Program, Agenda Introduction & Objectives of the Workshop   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Tadesse H. Mamo</b>,<br/>Master of the Ceremony</li> </ul>  |
|   | Adoption of the Agenda and Organization of Works   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Participants</b></li> </ul>   |
|   | Participants Self Introduction and Selection of Rapporteurs  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Participants</b></li> </ul>   |
|   | <b>Welcome Address:</b><br>Regional Leather Sector Core Team (RLSCT)   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Nalina I. Rupani</b><br/>Chairperson, Regional Leather Sector Core Team (RLSCT)</li> </ul>          |
|   | <b>Welcome Address:</b><br>Regional SMEs Technical Committee   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Nganga Simon Joshua</b><br/>Chairperson, SMEs Technical Committee</li> </ul>                        |
|   | <b>Welcome Address:</b><br>Regional Representative of Academia   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof. Mundia Sitwala</b>,<br/>Vice Chancellor, Copperstone University,<br/>Zambia</li> </ul>            |
|   | <b>Welcome Statement:</b><br><i>With emphasis on "LIDI Strategic Direction: Opportunities Towards Rendering Trainings to SMEs of COMESA MSs"</i>                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Wondu Legesse</b>,<br/>Director General, Leather Industries Development Institute (LIDI)</li> </ul> |
| <b>Climate Setting and Opening Statement</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof. Mwinyikione Mwinyihija</b>,<br/>Executive Director, COMESA/Leather and Leather Products Institute (COMESA/LLPI)</li> </ul> |   |
| <b>Official Opening Address:</b>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hon. Felix Elia Jumbe</b>,<br/>MP, Malawi and Board Chairperson,<br/>ACTESA,<br/>Pan African Farmers Organization</li> </ul>     |   |
| 13:00 – 14:30   | <b>LUNCH BREAK AND GROUP PHOTO</b>   | <b>Haile Resort Hotel</b>   |



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|  | <b>PLENARY SESSION</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Abdel Rahim Mohamed</b>,<br/>Director General, VTA,<br/>Chairing the Plenary Session</li> </ul>  |
| 14:30 – 16:00  | Report of the 9 <sup>th</sup> RLSCT Meeting and Matters Arising  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Tadesse H. Mamo</b><br/>COMESA/LLPI, Secretary/Coordinator,<br/>RLSCT</li> </ul>   |
|  | “COMESA/LLPI: 2016 Financial Year key Performances and 2017 Activities and Project Dimensions”   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof. Mekonnen Hailemariam</b>,<br/>COMESA/LLPI, Leather Value Chain Expert and Personal Assistant to the ED.</li> </ul>                           |
|  | “COMESA/LLPI: 2016 Financial Year Budget Performances and 2017 Work Program”   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mrs. Tigist Hailegiorgis</b>,<br/>COMESA/LLPI, Head<br/>Administration/Budget and Finance</li> </ul>   |
|  | <sup>1</sup> Draft Clusters Development Model for the COMESA region : An Overview  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Nicholas Mudungwe</b>,<br/>COMESA/LLPI,<br/>SMEs/Cluster Development Expert,<br/>Regional MSs Strategies Coordinator</li> </ul>                |
| <b>16:00 – 16:30</b>                                   | <b>NETWORKING,COFFEE/TEA BREAK</b>   | <b>Haile Resort Hotel</b>  |
| 16:30 – 17:00  | Overview of the above deliberations, lessons learned and questions   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Abdel Rahim Mohamed</b><br/>Participants</li> </ul>  |
| <b>DAY TWO, TUESDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2016</b> |  |  |
|  | <b>PLENARY SESSION cont.</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Yassin Awale</b>,<br/>Leather Sector Advisor CS, MolIT,<br/>Director, Sagana Tanneries Ltd. Kenya,<br/>Chairing the Plenary Session</li> </ul> |
| 09:00 – 09:30  | Summary and Recap of Day One Proceedings   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rapporteurs</b></li> </ul>   |
| 09:30 – 10:15  | Country Presentations: Issues at National Perspectives, with emphasis on the Status and Implementation of the respective National Leather Value Chain Strategy: <b>Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda</b> , (maximum 10 minutes for each Country Presentation)           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Country Representatives</b></li> </ul>   |
| 10:15 – 11:00  | Country Presentations: Issues at National Perspectives, <i>with emphasis on</i> the Status and Implementation of the respective National Leather Value Chain Strategy: <b>Sudan, Swaziland, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe</b> (maximum 10 minutes for each Country Presentation) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Country Representatives</b></li> </ul>   |
| <b>11:00 – 11:30</b>                                   | <b>NETWORKING,COFFEE/TEA BREAK</b>   | <b>Haile Resort Hotel</b>  |
|  | <b>PLENARY SESSION cont.</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Abdul Hakim Sekandi</b><br/>Managing Director, Elgon Leather Co.(U)Ltd<br/>Chairing the Plenary Session</li> </ul>                             |
| 11:30 – 12:00  | Guest Country Presentations : Livestock Resources and Economic Importance of the Leather Sector in Respective Countries: <b>Djibouti, Democratic Congo Republic and Tanzania</b> (maximum 10 minutes for each Country Presentation)  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Country Representatives</b></li> </ul>   |
| 12:00 – 13:00  | Open Discussion on Country Presentations, lessons learned and questions  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Participants, (Mr. N. Mudungwe,</b><br/>Lead Discussant</li> </ul>   |
| <b>13:00 – 14:30</b>                                   | <b>LUNCH AND NETWORKING BREAK</b>  | <b>Haile Resort Hotel</b>  |

<sup>1</sup> SMEs Representatives attend separate session on Cluster Development on 13<sup>th</sup> December (Day Two) between 19:00 – 20:00 hours

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|  | <b>PLENARY SESSION cont.</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Wondu Legesse,</b><br/>Director General, Leather Industries Development Institute (LIDI)<br/>Chairing the Plenary Session</li> </ul>                                       |
| 14:30-14:45  | Brief Presentation of the Regional Design Studio (RDS) activities and the way forward  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mrs. Beatrice Kemunto,</b><br/>Chairperson, RDS Panel Consultative Body</li> </ul>   |
| 14:45 – 15:00  | “The Status of the Regional Design Studio (RDS) and Future Interventions: Mandate of ComSec.”  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Agnes Gitau,</b><br/>Partner, GBS Africa &amp; East Africa Business Network, LABFA</li> </ul>  |
| 15:00 – 15:30  | “AALF Event Planning, Organization & Implementation: Past Experiences and Future Strategic Interventions ”   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Abdissa Adugna,</b><br/>Secretary General, Ethiopian Leather Industries Association (ELIA)</li> </ul>  |
| <b>15:30 – 16:00</b>                                       | <b>NETWORKING, COFFEE/TEA BREAK</b>  | <b>Haile Resort Hotel</b>  |
| 16:00 – 17:00  | Overview of the above deliberations, lessons learned and questions   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Participants</b></li> </ul>  |
| <b>DAY THREE, WEDNESDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2016</b> |  |  |
|  | <b>PLENARY SESSION cont</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Michael Zwane,</b><br/>Director, MSMEs, Ministry of Commerce, Trade &amp; Industry, Swaziland<br/>Chairing the Plenary Session</li> </ul>                                  |
| 09:00 – 09:30  | Summary of Discussion and Recap of Day Two Proceedings   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rapporteurs</b></li> </ul>   |
| 09:30-10:00  | New Perspectives towards Compliance, Conformity and Standards in the Region.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. John Avery Director,</b> FSLTC, and<br/><b>Mr. John Hubbard,</b> SATRA<br/>Technology</li> </ul>   |
| 10:00 – 11:00  | “Role of Higher Learning Institutions (Academia) in the Innovation and Transformation of Leather Technology : The Experiences of Respective Universities ” | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>All Representatives of Academia,</b></li> <li>• <b>Lead Discussant Prof. Dr. Bahri Basaran,</b> Ege University, Engineering Faculty, Leather Engineering Department</li> </ul> |
| <b>11:00 – 11:30</b>                                       | <b>NETWORKING, COFFEE/TEA BREAK</b>  | <b>Haile Resort Hotel</b>  |
| 11:30 – 12:00  | Projects Evaluation of COMESA/LLPI and Further Interventions   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Nicholas Mudungwe,</b><br/>COMESA/LLPI,</li> </ul>   |
| 12:00 – 12:30  | Exploration of New Dimensions towards Leather Development in the Region  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Professor Mwinyikione Mwinyihija</b></li> </ul>  |
| 12:30 – 13:30  | Open Panel Discussion Forum  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lead Discussants: Eng. Martin Nzomo, Mr. Wilson Mazimba and Dr. Charles Moturi,</b><br/>(Former LLPI Board of Directors Chairpersons)</li> </ul>                               |
| <b>13:30 – 15:00</b>                                       | <b>LUNCH BREAK</b>   | <b>Haile Resort Hotel</b>  |
| 15:00 – 17:00  | Report Writing by Rapporteurs (Networking break for the remaining participants)  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rapporteurs/Participants</b></li> </ul>  |
| <b>17:00 – 17:30</b>                                       | <b>NETWORKING, COFFEE/TEA BREAK</b>  | <b>Haile Resort Hotel</b>  |
| <b>DAY FOUR, THURSDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2016</b>   |  |  |
| 09:00 – 09:30  | Summary of Discussion and Recap of Day Three Proceeding  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rapporteurs</b></li> </ul>   |
| 09:30 – 10:00  | Brief Session for Success Stories  | <b>Mr. Gizaw Molla., Mr. Nasser Hashim, Ms. Stabile Miilo, Mrs. Beatrice Kemunto, Mr. George Onyango, Dr. Douglas Onyacha</b>  |

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| 10:00 – 10:30        | <b>CLOSING SESSION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any Other Business</li> <li>• Workshop Evaluation</li> <li>• Adoption of the Report</li> <li>• Date and Venue of the next Stakeholders Consultative Workshop</li> </ul> | <b>Prof. Mwinyikione Mwinyihija,</b><br>Chairing the Closing Session |
| <b>10:30 – 11:00</b> | <b>NETWORKING, COFFEE/TEA BREAK</b>   | <b>Haile Resort Hotel</b>  |
| 11:00 – 11:30        | • Award and Recognition Ceremony  | • COMESA/LLPI  |
|                      | • Vote of thanks  | • Mrs. Beatrice Kemunto  |
|                      | • Closing Statement   | • Hon. Felix Jumbe   |
| 11:30 – 14:00        | • Open/site visits  | • Participants   |
| <b>14:00 – 18:30</b> | <b>LUNCH, NETWORKING BREAK &amp; SITE VISITS</b>  | <b>Haile Resort Hotel/Participants</b>                               |
| <b>18:30 -</b>       | <b>DINNER RECEPTION</b>   | <b>Haile Resort Hotel/All Participants</b>                           |



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