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## ALLPI During the All Africa Leather Fair



## ALLPI to Host IULTCS 2021 Congress



The Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI), in its leather development agenda in Africa, Co-sponsored the 10th Edition of All Africa Leather Fair (AALF) which was held during 8th -10th June 2018.

Prof. Mwinyikione Mwinyihija, Executive Director of ALLPI, in his opening remarks of the Fair emphasized that Africa is endowed with the supply and



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**Prof. (Dr.) M. Mwinyihija, ED of ALLPI**

Dear esteemed readers:

Welcome to 2018 Second Quarter edition of ALLPI Newsletter that gives highlights of activities accomplished during the period April to June 2018. This edition focuses mainly on ALLPI's activities regarding trade fair participation, strategy development, launching and review workshops, institutional collaboration and other regional and international leather and leather products related news.

During the Quarter under review, Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute, in its leather development agenda in Africa, Co-sponsored the 10th Edition of All Africa Leather Fair (AALF) which was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 8th -10th June 2018. It also sponsored 10 export oriented leather SMEs and 6 Government representatives from 8 and 6 Member States respectively with the objective of experience sharing and networking. It also conducted series of activities that included: Training Workshop on Fashion Oriented Footwear at Bulawayo Cluster in Zimbabwe, sent a team of Experts to Mauritius with the objective of formulating leather Strategy for Mauritius. In Uganda, the

Institute conducted a Tanning Clinic (training of tannery technicians), reviewed tanneries' effluent treatment and disposal system and conducted training on Data Collection for Business Plan and Strategy development. In Malawi, the institute organized a workshop on Business Plan design for the Satellite Design Studio while the following activities were conducted in Zambia: -training of 23 artisans/ MSMEs on Vegetable Tanning Techniques using one of the ALLPI's designed curricula, training of 28 other leather SMEs in Advanced Footwear Design and holding leather value chain strategy review workshop.

Under the same Quarter which just ended, the institute registered great achievement in participating in an Intra Commonwealth SMEs Association Advisory Board Meeting as a side event of the Commonwealth Games 2018 in Gold Coast, Australia. It also hosted a high-powered delegation from the Government of Sudan which was on a mission to Ethiopia to share experience in the leather sector.

Last but not the least, ALLPI appreciate and value all our partners and stakeholders for their invaluable support and collaboration for all the successes registered during the Quarter. We hope this Newsletter will keep us connected with respect to information in the region's leather sector development and other activities in the sector within and outside the region.

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

Sincerely,

Prof. (Dr4.) Mwinyikione Mwinyihija,  
Executive Director.



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demand potential of the leather sector; and hence, we all should partner to create economic growth, gender and youth empowerment, employment and wealth creation, and poverty alleviation. He also underscored that Africa should bench mark those countries, Vietnam, Brazil, and India, who tapped the leather sector potential to an optimal level.

The 10th All African Leather Fair is aimed at creating market opportunity for leather products, link buyers and producers, promote export, and attract domestic and foreign investors.

ALLPI fully sponsored the participation of 10 leather SMEs and 6 government representatives from Burundi, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Sudan, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe with the objective of experience sharing and networking.

ALLPI also organized visits to Batu Tannery and LIDI to solidify their experiences of the AALF.

As a side event, ALLPI organized a half day workshop at the Empire Addis Hotel which brought about the experiences and challenges faced by SMEs and government representatives during the implementation of the leather sector development their respective country.



### Kenya PS Visited the All Africa Leather Fair 2018

During the last day of the AALF (June 10, 2018), the Esteemed Principal Secretary, Mrs. Betty C. Maina, Ministry of industry, Trade and cooperatives- Kenya visited the Fair and held brief meeting with ALLPI at the Fair ground. The discussion centred on leather sector development activities in Kenya and areas of focus for ALLPI assistance. Key activities areas pointed out were:

- » The finalization of a revolving fund scheme of 300,000 USD for SMEs in Kenya pledged by TDB through ALLPI facilitation;
- » The Kenya Leather Park development activities;

ALLPI, in close collaboration with KLDC, was requested to assist in reviewing the master plan of the park, in designing cluster master plan, in curriculum development for vocational trainings and facilitation of cluster formation at county levels.

ALLPI expressed its willingness to avail the necessary



expertise for the mentioned activities. The discussion was ended with expressions of satisfaction and words of thanks voiced by both by the Esteemed PS and Prof. Mwinyihija.

## Bulawayo Cluster Transformed to the Next Level



The Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI) in collaboration with Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MIC) at Bulawayo conducted a seven-day Training Workshop with the Title “Production of Fashion Oriented Footwear: The Regional Designers Studio Intervention” at Bulawayo Cluster Workshop in Zimbabwe. The Training was held from 23rd – 29th April 2018.

The Training was conducted by Mr. Feraw Kebede who possessed very deep experience in Fashion Shoes Production from inside and outside the Region.

The Training was made inside the Workshop that was recently equipped with latest machineries supported by COMESA RISM project in Zimbabwe.

Outputs of the Training was showcased in the Bulawayo International Trade Fair which was held during the Training Period.

The Training demonstrated that SMEs can produce fashion-oriented footwear products if they are systematically supported.





#### Mauritius Leather Value Chain Strategy Formulation Process kicked-off



The Team of Experts of Africa Leather and Leather Product Institute (ALLPI) went to Mauritius from 8th – 15th April 2018.

The general objective of the mission was to formulate a leather Strategy for Mauritius: and the specific objectives were:

- » To explore the potential to establish a high-end finish line leather products,
- » To revamp and revitalize the leather sector in Mauritius, to undertake the quantum leap to enter the targeted “niche” markets,

Among the activities conducted discussion with different concerned institutions to get clear picture of the status of Leather sector in Mauritius was fully conducted. Among the institution visited and held discussion:-

- » Mauritius meat Authority,
- » Ministry of Agriculture, Veterinary Division
- » Beekun Luxor Tannery Ltd.,
- » Mauritius Standard Bureau,
- » SME's development centre workshop units
- » Caleage LTD, HEMISPHERE SUD

During the discussion with the institutions especially with government institution officials the participants raised the concern in developing the Leather Strategy for Mauritius since the country does not have enough livestock population and Leather manufacturing facilities to promote the sector. The strategy development process will put into consideration all those concerned institution concern during the preparation stage.

As per the objective of the mission, Mauritius National leather value chain strategy formulation participatory workshop was also held on April 11th and 12th 2018.



The participatory workshop Welcoming and opening was made by Mr. Peter Neubert, chairman, SME Mauritius Ltd and Keynote Address by Hon. Soomilduth Bholah, Minister of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives. The workshop opening ceremony was very colorful with full media coverage. More than 40 participants from government, private sector along the value chain and training institutions attended the workshop; and representatives are from 9 different ministries and government organizations.

ALLPI was repeatedly recognized by the Honorable Minister and the news on the national television. During this participatory workshop different ideas were generated which will be an input for the strategic Leather value chain development document preparation. Participants expressed their support and there was active participation in the workshop. The workshop was concluded with a lot of appreciation of participants to ALLPI and after workshop evaluation.

During the wrap-up debriefing to the Hon. Bholah, the ALLPI team presented the summary of activities accomplished during the participatory workshop and visits made to different enterprises and institutions. Hon. Bholah thanked the ALLPI team for the activities accomplished and expressed the government's commitment to support the sector. The Honorable Minister also assigned Mr. Puddoo Raj, CEO of SME Mauritius, to oversee the leather sector Strategy development process.

The next activity will be to draft the leather value chain strategy document and share with the concerned institution in Mauritius for a feedback. The validation, launching and unpacking of the Strategy will follow once the drafting is finalized and the document reviewed by the Ministry of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives.

#### Uganda Tanneries to Transform to the Next Level

ALLPI in its effort to develop the Africa leather sector, conducted a mission to Uganda to support the leather sector. The mission was aimed at supporting Tanneries, the Association and the Incubation Center in various forms:

- i. Training of Tannery Technicians/Key operators on Leather Processing Technical



The Tanning clinic training was conducted by an International leather expert from United chemicals ltd (one of the ALLPI Global Collaborating Partners) from Turkey assisted by Harrison Mungai ALLPI's Leather Value Chain and Tannery Expert. The Training was conducted at Leatherland Ltd at Masaka from 9th - 10th April 2018. Seven tannery technicians from Leatherland ltd 5 (host), SWT tannery 1 and 1 from Kyambogo University were trained.

The Training focussed on footwear (upper) leather production from raw hides/skins to crust putting more emphasis on process control to avoid chemical wastage and achieving the required end product (leather).

Area covered included the following: -

- a. Selection of raw material bearing in mind the type of leather to be produced,
- b. Beam house operation (Pre-soaking/soaking, liming, de-liming, bating and pickling) and corrective measures to be taken in case of troubleshooting along the production chain,
- c. Tanning operation including handling and application of chemicals during tanning as most of them are hazardous to human health if the dust fumes is inhaled,
- d. Post tanning process (Neutralization, retanning, dyeing and fatliquoring) their advantages and

disadvantages.

- e. All mechanical operations which follows after tanning upto crust stages.

- ii. A. Review of Tanneries operation and effluent Treatment Plan and disposal systems



The exercise took place from 10th – 13th April 2018. This was conducted by two international tannery waste water (effluent) treatment and disposal expert contracted by ALLPI. They were accompanied by Harrison Mungai who is ALLPI's Leather Value Chain and Tannery expert.

Six (6) tanneries 2 in Masaka, 3 in Jinja and 1 in Busia were visited and the following observations/suggestions were made for each tannery as listed hereunder: -

#### 1. Leatherland Ltd in Masaka

The Management was requested to send the following information to the consultants to enable them advice on short term solution as they prepare final report which will come with recommendations and the way forward.

- » Information concerning its installed capacity for both hides and skins.
- » A sketch of its existing ETP.

#### 2. Novelty Tannery in Masaka.

The management was requested to: -

- » Segregate lime, chrome liquors and general waste water;
- » Avail Information concerning its installed capacity both for hides and skins.
- » A sketch of its existing ETP,





Recommendation on utilization of solid wastes will be highlighted in the final report.

### 3. Skyfat Tannery in Jinja

The tannery was advised on how to improve the efficiency of its ETP. It was also requested to avail the following to the consultants: -

- » Information concerning its installed capacity for both hides and skins.
- » A sketch of its existing ETP.

### 4. SWT Tannery in Jinja

To enable the consultant to come up with a short-term and long-term solution, the Management was requested to avail the following: -

- » Information concerning its installed capacity for both hides and skins.
- » A sketch diagram of its current ETP system.

Further advice included:

- » On-site visit advice;
- » The Tannery was advised to liaise with relevant Government department to address the issue of thousands of tons of limed pelt which are heaped within tannery compound due to Government strict policy on non-value-added commodity.

### 5. Leather Industries of Uganda (LIU) in Jinja.

Although the Tannery has a modern ETP system, it was advised to put more emphasis on improvement of its ETP operational system and stepping up its housekeeping standards.

### 6. Jambo Tannery in Busia.

The Management was requested by the consultant to send the following to them to enable them come up with short term and along lasting solutions.

- » Information concerning its installed capacity for both hides and skins;
- » A sketch diagram of its current ETP system;
- » Further advice included on how to improve on its curing/preservation of hides/skins system,
- » On-site visit advice was also given.

### iii. Data Collection for Business Plan and Strategy for different Institutions

The mission was conducted in MUBS and it was attended by the following stakeholders

- » SMEs
- » Academia
- » Public sector

The mission was for collection of data to come up with business plans and strategy for the following

- a. Training Common Facility Centre ( TCFC) business plan
- b. Footwear and Leather goods Manufacturers and Exporters Association ( FLEMEA) strategy
- c. RDS / incubator Business Plan

The methodology used for data collection are as follow :

- » Objectives and mandate of the these institutes
- » SWOT analysis



Figure above shows one of the tannery's effluent treatment plant

#### Training of Artisans/MSMEs on Vegetable Tanning Techniques



Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute, in collaboration with the Zambian Ministry of Commerce, Industry and co-operative held Artisanal/MSMEs training program in Vegetable tanning at Artisanal/MSMEs level.

The objective of the training was to enhance skill development at cottage level to facilitate technology transfer in aspect of artisanal tanning-based techniques in Zambia. The training was conducted by Harrison Mungai (ALLPI Leather Value Chain Expert and Tannery Expert) who also delivered greeting to the Ministry and the trainees on behalf of the Executive Director of ALLPI. He was assisted by Crispin Amasi (Artisanal Tanning Expert) from Malawi. The Ministry was represented by Madam Namubebo Akombaetwa who is an economist. The 10-day event was conducted at Co-operative College from 21st – 30th May 2018.



The training focussed mainly on processing of skins from raw to crust stage using vegetable, mineral and combination tannages without the use of any machine except the use of plastic containers and other hand made tools which they could use to produce various types of leathers at the backyard of their homes. This also exposed the trainees to different characteristics of various types of tannages.

Key area covered included the following: -

- Hides and Skins curing, preservation and Selection bearing in mind the type of leather to be produced,
- Beam house operation (Pre-soaking/soaking, liming, de-liming, bating and pickling) and corrective measures to be taken in case of troubleshooting along the production chain,
- Tanning operations including handling and application of chemicals during tanning as most of them are hazardous to human health if precaution measures are not adhered to.
- Production of vegetable tanned and then batik dyed leather,
- Production of Hair-on leather,
- All mechanical operations which follows after tanning and before post tanning operations,
- Post tanning process (Neutralization, retanning, dyeing and fatliquoring) their advantages and disadvantages.
- Environmental management (solid and waste water) handling and disposal system,
- Occupational Health and Safety in workplace.

23 Artisans/MSMEs (19 males and 4 females) from different segments of leather value chain and teaching profession drawn from different parts of the country benefited to this hand-on training.

The closing ceremony was presided over by Director of Industry who also handed over certificates to the trainees.

Finally, the evaluation forms were distributed to the trainees and feedbacks were very positive, confirming full attainment of the training objectives.



#### Zambian SMEs Training and Stakeholders' Leather Value Chain Strategy Review

In collaboration with Ministry of Commerce, Trade and industry of Zambia and with support of Regional Integration Support Mechanism (RISM), the Executive Director (ED) of ALLPI Prof. M. Mwinyihija accompanied by Mr. Nicholas Mudungwe and Mr. Nasir Mahmoud Talab the ALLPI's Programs Coordinator and Cluster Development Expert respectively, conducted Leather value chain strategy review workshop and advance training in footwear design in Kitwe. The two activities were held as follows:-

##### 1. SMEs Advanced training in Footwear design

The training was conducted by Moses Mwangi from Kenya who is one of highly experienced expert in footwear design in the region. The participants were drawn from a multi-spectrum of participants that included the three pillars of ALLPI's designed Stakeholders participatory of Public, Private and Academia platform. The training was conducted from 25th – 30th June 2018 and 28 SMEs benefitted from this training.



##### 2. National Leather Value Chain Strategy Review Workshop

The Executive Director led the team of expert from ALLPI in a Stakeholders' workshop which was organized to review Strategy which was developed by ALLPI and later launched and unpacked. The involvement of Stakeholders in the sector in reviewing the document was vital as it is the driver of the development of the leather sector in Zambia and required their participation in articulating and makes recommendations the emerging issues from time to time. The two day workshop was held from 29th – 30th June 2018

In another development, the ALLPI team led the ED visited Chingola leather cluster which it funded by Konkola Copper Mines with the objective of how to assist the cluster in sourcing the market of its products. After the fruitful discussion, the Konkola Copper Mines announced its readiness in procuring 8,000 pairs of leather gloves annually while ALLPI on its part, promise to help the cluster in capacity building to enable it meet this demand.



Partial View of the Training and Certificate Handing over event

#### Malawi Launches its Leather Satellite Design Studio



Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute's (ALLPI) Expert Team, composed of Prof. Mekonnen Hailemariam, Institutional Capacity Development and Consultancy Expert and Mrs Birikinesh Gonfa, Investment, Trade and Marketing Expert, was on mission to Malawi from April 23 to 29, 2018. The main objectives of the mission were to develop a Business Plan for the leather Satellite Design Studio through participatory workshop and also to discuss with the Ministry of industry, Trade and Tourism officials on areas of collaboration as part of the implementation of phase II of the "Malawi Enterprise Productivity Enhancement (MEPE)" project under the COMESA RISM financial support.



On 24 April 2018, the Expert Team paid a courtesy call on Dr. Ken Ndala, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism. Mr Clement Phangaphanga, Deputy Director for Industry, and Mr. Mayeso Msokera, Industrial Development Officer, Department of Industry, both from the Ministry of Industry, Trade & Tourism attended the meeting. The Expert team conveyed the greetings and appreciations of the Executive Director of ALLPI, Prof. Mwinyihija to Dr. Ndala for all the support and continued collaboration in the implementation of ALLPI activities at

regional (COMESA) as well as country (Malawi) levels. Dr. Ndala was also briefed on the planned activities of the Expert Team in Lilongwe and Blantyre.

ALLPI- MEPE (Malawi Enterprise Productivity Enhancement) collaboration meeting, to discuss on the implementation of leather and leather products activities under MEPE project was held in the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism Gemini conference room. The meeting was attended by 14 officials representing different institutions (Ministry, SMEDI, MEPE, etc.). During the discussion briefings were made on policy direction and implementation of leather value chain strategy, MEPE project and ALLPI Expert Team planned activities.



ALLPI WORKSHOP, BLANTYRE-MALAWI  
Venue: Hotel Victoria Date: 26th April, 2018

The Expert Team also met and discussed with SME owners and visited their respective production units situated in Lilongwe and Blantyre Towns. The Team also visited the Leather Satellite Design Studio and held brief discussion with different representatives (12 in number) of institutions and organizations (Ministry, Leather Association, SMEDI), on a number of issues with respect to the operationalization of the center (satellite Design Studio).

The visits were culminated by a one-day participatory workshop for the Satellite Design Studio business plan development that was held at Hotel Victoria in Blantyre on April 26, 2018. A total of 22 participants including the CEO of SMEDI, Leather Association Chair and Vice Chair persons, SMEs, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism officials, "Buy Malawian, Build Malawi" project manager, and others took part in the workshop that centered on SWOT analysis of SMEs; organizational structure of the Satellite Design Studio, expected potential services and products from, and fees and charges payable to the Satellite Design Studio.



#### Experience Sharing Mission between ALLPI member states: Mission from Sudan to Ethiopia

Sudan is considered as one of the biggest among the African countries in livestock population thus ALLPI has a number of activities in Sudan among these activities but not limited to are :

- » Formulation and unpacked of leather value chain strategy
- » Conducting traceability training
- » Supporting Khartoum leather fair
- » MoUs with different stakeholders
- » Preparation the leather sector activities under RISM
- » Curriculum Development for some academic institutes

In collaboration with ALLPI the above mentioned mission

was conducting during 9th – 14 May 2018

The delegates visited the following :

- » Leather Industries Development Institute ( LIDI)
- » Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI)
- » Peacock Shoe Factory
- » Ethio– International Footwear Cluster Co-operative Society Limited (EIFCCOS )

The delegates were representing a number of Sudanese States and government institutes which it include :

- » West Darfur
- » South Darfur
- » Sinar



- » Gadarif
- » White Nile
- » Khartoum
- » Ministry of Trade
- » Sudan University of Science and Technology Leather Incubator

The main purpose of the mission is to share experience with their counterpart in the leather sector in Ethiopia and that is due to the successful stories in this sector achieved by the Ethiopian (Public and Private sectors ).

As a result of good policies and the government support, the leather sector in Ethiopian registered appreciable growth and became one of industrial sector contributed to the development goals of the country and source of



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foreign currencies earning, poverty alleviation and jobs creation therefore the delegates was impressed by these results.

ALLPI Executive Director in his meeting with the Sudanese delegates insist on the important of the Sudan's leather sector.

ALLPI – ED point out the role of ALLPI in developing this sector in Sudan and in this regard he requested the members of this mission to make baseline surveys in

their respective states so as ALLPI will come- up with strategies for these states according to their needs in relation to the value chain of the leather sector taking in consideration the segments of the value chain in these states since they are different in their level of the development as far as leather sector concern

ED noted the importance of supporting SMEs in this sector, which it consider as Nucleus for the development of this sector as well as its socio-economic impact

## ALLPI During the Commonwealth Games



For developing and least developed countries in Commonwealth, SMEs represent an opportunity of wider economic development and poverty alleviation. Linking these SMEs to each other as well as to the SMEs in the developed members of the Commonwealth can provide huge opportunities to export and invest for all member states.

To actualize the existing potential of trade and investments and link the Commonwealth countries, which share the same language and similar legal institutions, the Intra-Commonwealth SME Association was launched by the Commonwealth Secretariat in June 2016 in New Delhi, India. It was established as "India-Commonwealth SMEs Association"; however, to give the association a global face, it was eventually transformed into Intra-commonwealth SMEs Association (ICSA).

The main objective of the Association was to:

- » provide a sustainable platform for

exporters and importers to regularly meet;

- » Build awareness of existing global standards as well as to encourage regional and extra regional investments in areas where the countries have competitiveness but lacks capacity.

The initiative of the establishing the ICSA was spearheaded by the Trade Competitiveness Section of the Commonwealth Secretariat.

ALLPI was represented in the Advisory Board Member of ICSA by its Executive Director, Prof. M. Mwinyihija. The Advisory Board had come up with a recommendation to build an ICSA B2B portal that is geared to facilitate the linkages of Commonwealth SMEs. In the meantime, it had been agreed to twin ALLPI Portal with the ICSA Portal.

The Commonwealth Secretariat decided to hold the Intra Commonwealth SMEs Association Advisory





Board Meeting as a side event of the Commonwealth Games 2018 in Gold Coast Australia.

During the Event, ALLPI was represented by its Executive Director Prof. M. Mwinyihija and its IT Expert Mr. Awlachew Sintie.

The objective of the Mission was to launch the ICSA B2B Portal and to create strong relationship with the Commonwealth countries.

Trade 2018 – the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Trade and Investment Program – provided the perfect opportunity for government and business leaders to build relationships, strengthen trade and investment ties, and explore opportunities across the Commonwealth.

ALLPI with respect to the development, twining, and launching of the ICSA B2B Portal was represented at different session of the event.

The Event launched two initiatives to boost intra-Commonwealth trade and investment:- The launching of the ICSA B2B Portal ([www.icsab2b.com](http://www.icsab2b.com)) and the Commonwealth Alliance for Young Entrepreneurs (CAYE) in Asia-Pacific countries.

Business leaders from Asia and the Pacific attended the launch and heard how strengthened intra-Commonwealth trade and investment cooperation had the potential to support and sustain the recovery in global trade growth.

“The launch of these associations is taking place at an auspicious time in the face of profound changes to the global trade landscape where the world economy continues to experience an un precededent slowdown and new challenges are confronting small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) and the traditional way of doing business.” Said Commonwealth Secretary General Patricia Scotland, as she opened the event.

“We have 300,000 new emerging youth. These people did not have a platform for innovation and the commonwealth has come out strongly to support us to develop a regional Design Studio where this youth could come in and develop their products, so they could go



*Prof. Mwinkione Mwinyihija, Executive Director of ALLPI, making an Address during the Event*



*Patricia Scotland, Secretary General of the Commonwealth Secretariat, Launching the ICSA B2B Platform*

into the global markets. What it means is now Africa is preparing itself to become productive and competitive in the same time.” Said Prof. Mwinyihija, Executive Director of ALLPI.

In general, the mission was successful in terms of increasing the visibility of ALLPI. The Pacific and Asian countries have shown much interest for possible collaboration with ALLPI.



## ABOUT ALLPI

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 Swaziland, Egypt, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) 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

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accessible and convenient for our regional and international partners and clients.

### **ALLPI Vision:**

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

### **ALLPI Mission:**

To facilitate MSs and connect partners, enterprises and institutions for value addition and competitiveness in the leather sector through Sharing of Knowledge, Adaption and Adoption of innovations at various value chain levels.

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