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INTRODUCTION

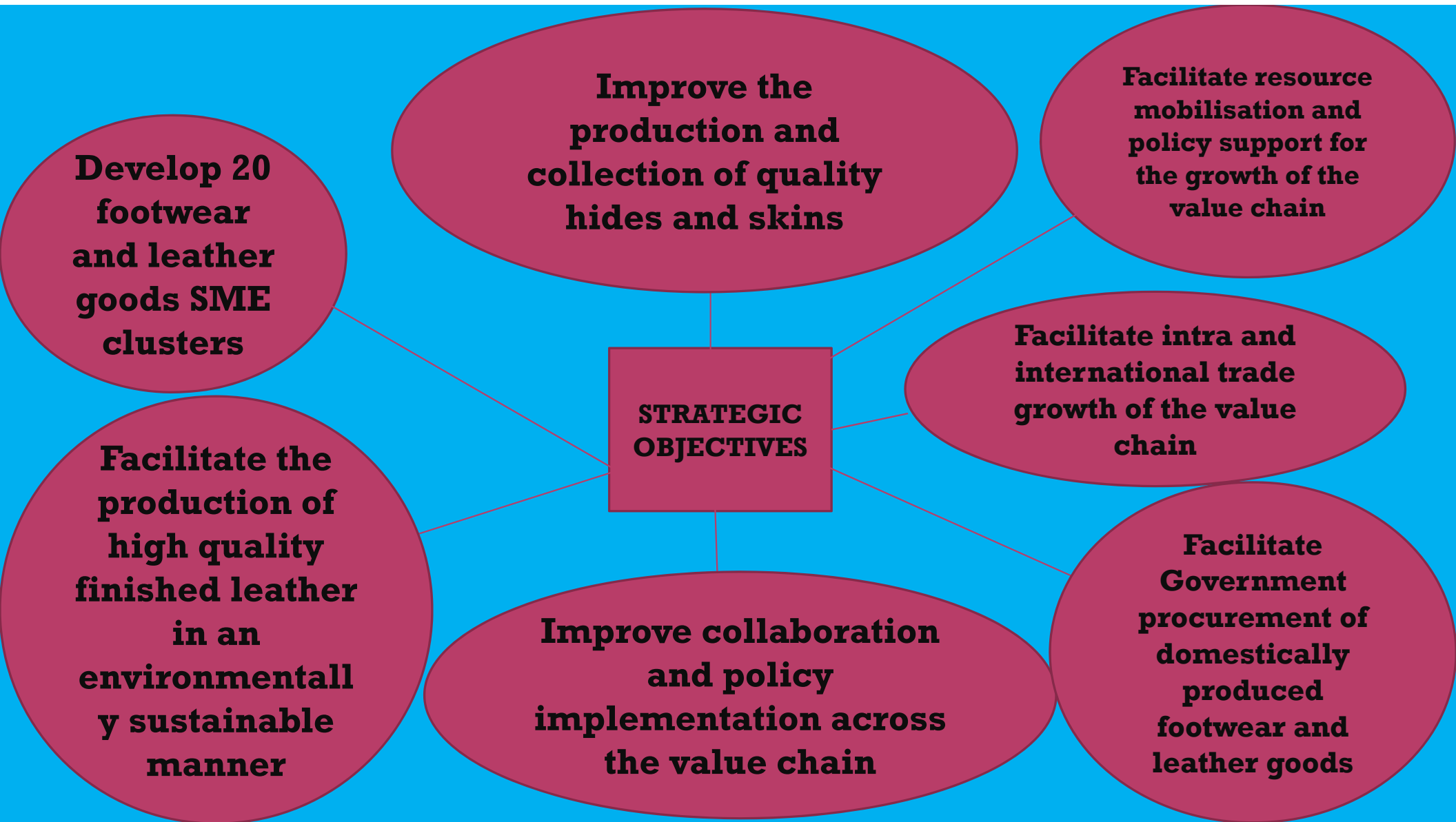


The Government of the Republic of Zambia, through the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry and with support from the Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute as well as the Regional Integration Support Mechanism developed and launched the Zambia Leather Value Chain Strategy in 2015.



OVERALL OBJECTIVE OF THE LEATHER STRATEGY

To transform Zambia's leather value chain from the production and export of raw materials and partly processed products to the production and export of high quality value added products such as finished leather, footwear and leather garments which are traded competitively in niche markets.





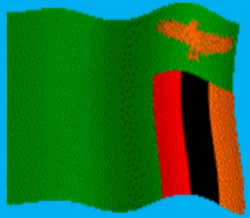
ACTIVITIES IN 2018

- Approval of the leather products technology curriculum by the TEVETA Committee for use in trades and vocational training institutions
- 22 artisans trained in vegetable tanning with the objective to build capacity in the artisans to process their own leather so as to ease their access to the major raw material for footwear and leather goods



ACITIVITIES IN 2018 CONT'D

- Launch of the National Industrial Policy that highlights the leather and leather products sector as one of the key drivers of industrialisation.
- 20 SMEs trained in footwear design and pattern cutting
- Mid-term review of the Zambia Leather Value Chain Strategy
- Participation in the AALF and other national fairs
- 20 SMEs from the leather and textile sectors trained in design, pattern cutting and leather goods construction, i.e handbags, wallets, purses etc.



ACITIVITIES IN 2018 CONT'D

- Industrial glove making with the objective to build capacity in SMEs on the Copperbelt Province and link them Konkola Copper Mines
- 15 cluster coordinators trained in cluster management and incubation
- Standards Needs Assessment stakeholders consultation (1 Province done so far)
- Lifting of the export of raw hides and skins

ACTIVITIES FOR 2019

- Assessment of trades and vocational institutions to roll out the leather products technology curriculum
- Get standards certification of the industrial gloves to ensure SMEs trained in industrial glove making favourably compete for bids to supply the mines
- Training for SMEs in the production of safety boots
- Launch the Chingola leather cluster as a satellite studio for the Copperbelt Province
- Procure, deliver and install equipment for 2 incubators under the RISM Project
- Undertake benchmarking tours to Kenya and Sudan/Ethiopia to learn best practices
- Participate in national and regional trade fairs

CONCLUSION

- With the recently launched National Industrial Policy designed to accelerate industrialisation through growth of the manufacturing sector and increase its contribution to Gross Domestic Product, the Government of the Republic of Zambia will continue to create an enabling environment for the leather sector to thrive.

HIGHLIGHTS



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