

A Modified Questionnaire Using Both Quantitative and Qualitative Approach to the 12th Consultative Forum for ALLPI – 2018

Part I. General Information (Do not include any self identification on this form) (to conform to Confidentiality)

This Survey exercise has been approved by the Ethical Committee of ALLPI for the purpose of attaining the following objectives:

1. Improving higher education access to specialized skills development,
2. Providing recommendations towards the adequacy of the skilled workers,
3. Depict the stratum similarities to coalesce synergies and identify differences along the value chain on production trends to mitigate through interventional strategies,
4. Identifying the basis of low technological adaption (facilitate changing to aspired condition) and adoption (legitimizing the change).

Your participation will, therefore, be of a great value to the development of the leather sector by identifying critical gaps that impede the initiative to transform commodity dependence to product development. As such we kindly request your participation and consent. Any report that emanates from this exercise will be shared with your good selves.

Can we kindly have your consent to proceed with this survey*?

Yes No

1.1. Your Background (Under Triple Helix Participation Approach):

Public Sector , Private Sector , Academia ,

Others (Specify) _____

1.2. Country of Representation: _____

1.3. Gender: Male Female

1.4. Age Group (the one filling the form):

1. Under 18
2. 19-35
3. 36-45
4. 46-55
5. 56-65
6. 66 or above

1.5. Indicate your Highest Level of Education:

- 1 Illiterate
- 2 Elementary/Primary Education (7-8 Years)
- 3 High School/Secondary Level (4-6 Years)
- 4 Post High School/Secondary Certificate Training

* Whatever decision please surrender the form to Mr. Awlachew Sintie

- 5 College Graduate (Diploma)
- 6 Undergraduate Degree
- 7 Post Graduate Degree
- 8 Other (Specify) _____

1.6. Indicate your field of specialization:

1.7. Employment Status:

- 1 Self Employed
- 2 Employed (Salaried/Waged Engagement)
- 3 Unemployed
- 4 Retired
- 5 Other (Specify) _____

Part II. Awareness About the Leather Sector in Africa

2.1. Are you familiar with any aspect(s) related to hides and skins, leather processing, leather products, and/or leather accessories?

Yes No

2.1.1. If Yes, describe the products you are familiar with (eg. Belt, wallets, etc.)

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2.2. Are you familiar with any aspect(s) related to Environmental management and conservancy in the leather sector?

Yes No

2.2.1. If Yes, describe the aspects you are familiar with (eg. Waste management, remediation, recycling, etc.)

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2.3. Do you have access to information on hides and skins, leather processing, leather products, leather accessories, and/or environmental management of leather development?

Yes No

2.3.1. If Yes, describe the source and type of information (by identifying the specific aspect indicated in 2.1.1 and 2.2.1.

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2.4. Are you able to distinguish between genuine leather and synthetic materials?

Yes

No

2.4.1. If Yes, describe the difference and how you can possibly differentiate between leather and synthetic material?

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2.4.2. If No, indicate why you are not able to differentiate between leather and synthetic material?

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2.5. Statement 1: Leather and leather products are more preferable than any other types of materials related to clothing, footwear and goods.

Strongly Agree

Agree

I don't Know

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

2.6. Statement 2: There is keen interest in leather and leather products in Africa because the associated benefits (eg. comfort, health, wealth creation, etc.) are known.

Strongly Agree

Agree

I don't Know

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

2.7. Statement 3: The growth of ICT at the global level has improved access to knowledge related to the leather sector (eg. Internet, smart phone, social media, etc).

Strongly Agree Agree I don't Know Disagree Strongly Disagree

2.8. **Statement 4:** Consumption of leather is experiencing an upward trend globally and regionally when compared to synthetic products.

Strongly Agree Agree I don't Know Disagree Strongly Disagree

2.8.1. If your response to 2.8 above is Strongly Agree or Agree on increased consumption of leather products, indicate the reasons behind the observed trends?

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Part III. Response towards Pursuing Higher Education in Aspects of Specialized Training in the Leather Sector in Africa

3.1. **Statement 5:** It is important to undertake specialized training related to the leather stratum along the value chain for the development of the leather sector.

Strongly Agree Agree I don't Know Disagree Strongly Disagree

3.1.1. If your response to 3.1 above is Strongly Agree or Agree, indicate the most important areas of specialization required for the leather development.

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3.2. **Statement 6:** There are challenges to pursue specialized trainings in the leather sector.

Strongly Agree Agree I don't Know Disagree Strongly Disagree

3.2.1. If your response to 3.2 above is Strongly Agree or Agree, identify the challenges hindering the pursuance of specialized training in the leather sector.

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3.3. **Statement 7: Availability of different modes of studies (eg. distance education, sandwich programs, online training, etc) in the leather sector could facilitate pursuance of specialized training.**

Strongly Agree Agree I don't Know Disagree Strongly Disagree

3.3.1. If your response to 3.3 above is **Strongly Agree** or **Agree**, indicate your three most preferred modes of study towards attaining specialization.

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Part IV: Information on Training and Research Opportunities in the Leather Sector in Africa

4.1. **Statement 8: Adequate research and training facilities related to the leather sector are available.**

Strongly Agree Agree I don't Know Disagree Strongly Disagree

4.1.1. If your response to 4.1 above is **Strongly disagree** or **disagree**, indicate the reasons why?

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4.1.2. If your response to 4.1 above is **Strongly Agree** or **Agree**, list the research and training institutions you are aware of.

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4.2. **Statement 9: Leather sector stratum along the value chain are closely linked with training and research institutions.**

Strongly Agree Agree I don't Know Disagree Strongly Disagree

4.2.1. If your response to 4.2 above is **Strongly Agree** or **Agree**, indicate the value chain stratum which are closely linked with training and research institutions.

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4.2.2. If your response to 4.2 above is **Strongly disagree** or **disagree**, list the constraining factors that hinder the linkages between the leather value chain stratum and, training and research institutions.

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4.3. **Statement 10:** There are adequate discussion platforms for training and research institutions to articulate leather value chain stratum issues.

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Part V: Information on Leather Processing and Manufacturing of Leather Products (Technology Adoption & Innovation) in Africa

5.1. **Statement 11:** The leather sector is adapting and adopting appropriate technology towards pursuance of innovation for leather processing and leather product development.

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| Strongly Agree | Agree | I don't Know | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
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5.1.1. If your response to 5.1 above is **Strongly disagree** or **disagree**, list the constraining factors that hinders adoption of technology and innovation towards leather development.

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5.2 **Statement 12:** The leather sector has unexplored potential that could be addressed through technology transfer.

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5.2.1 If your response to 5.2 above is Strongly agree or agree, suggest by listing the most practical approaches to explore the potential of the leather sector.

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5.3 **Statement 13:** Lack of expertise and supporting infrastructure in the leather sector is a key barrier to technology transfer and adoption.

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5.3.1 If your response to 5.3 above is Strongly agree or agree, provide the possible reasons for lack of expertise and supporting infrastructure.

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5.4 **Statement 14:** The inadequacy of youth* involvement in the technological adoption process is a key barrier to the leather value addition initiative.

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5.4.1 If your response to 5.4 above is Strongly agree or agree, provide the possible reasons for the inadequacy of youth involvement in creating value in the leather sector.

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5.5 **Statement 15:** Financial support mechanism is a necessity to technological adoption and innovation towards incentivization of skills development of the leather value creation activities.

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* 18- 35 years (According to AUC definition)

5.5.1 If your response to 5.5 above is Strongly agree or agree, provide the practical approaches in securing financial support mechanisms that can incentivize the development of skills along the leather value chain.

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6. **General Comments:** Please provide three important aspects that will lead to tangible results towards building skills through specialized training in the leather sector in Africa.

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- ii. _____
- iii. _____

Thank You for Your Cooperation!!!