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New Secretary General (SG) of COMESA Visited ALLPI



Secretary General of COMESA with Executive Director of ALLPI

The New Secretary General of COMESA, H.E CHILESHE KAPWEPWE, Visited Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI) Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 17th September 2018. The Secretary General was accompanied by Mr. Simal Amore, Chief – Strategic Planning and Research, and Mr. Salvator Matata, Head of COMESA Liaison Office to the AU. The SG was

welcomed by the Executive Director - Prof. Mwinyikione Mwinyihija and ALLPI staff.

The objective of her visit was to have an overview of the activities and future plans



SG having Brief Meeting with ALLPI Team and Ethiopia's Stakeholders



SG Visiting the ALLPI Garden

of ALLPI with respect to the development of the leather sector in Member States and at Regional level. The visit also created a good opportunity for ALLPI family and stakeholders from Ethiopia to meet and introduce themselves to the SG.

During the visit, a short meeting was held during which brief presentations were made on ALLPI's major activities, achievements and future plans at country, region and continental levels. The Meeting was also attended by Stakeholders from Ethiopia Leather Industry Development Institute (LIDI), Oliberte Footwear Factory, and Ethio-Footwear Cluster Cooperative Society (EIFCCOS), who also briefed the SG on the Ethiopian leather sector performance and the existing excellent working relationship with ALLPI.

H.E. SG, expressed her appreciation for ALLPI activities and achievements on capacity development, Technology Transfer, Inter-regional trade, curriculum harmonization, Certification, Triple Helix approach, SMEs development, Waste Management and others



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Prof. (Dr⁵) M. Mwinyihija, ED of ALLPI

Dear esteemed readers:

Welcome back to the third quarter edition of Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI) Newsletter that gives highlights of activities accomplished during the period from July to September 2018. This edition focuses mainly on ALLPI's activities regarding visit to the Institute by the Secretary General of COMESA, Board of Directors' meeting, Capacity Building of ALLPI's Member States (MS), Scientific research meeting with ALLPI's collaborating Universities, training workshop, trade fair participation and ALLPI's Participation in African Organization for Standardization (ARSO) workshop and other regional and international leather and leather products related news.

Under the reported quarter, the Institute was graced with the visit of Her Excellency (H.E) CHILESHE KAPWEPWE the incoming Secretary General of COMESA. During her visit, she was accompanied by Mr. Simal Amore, Chief Strategic Planning and Research, COMESA Secretariat and the Head of COMESA Liaison to the Africa Union (AU) Amb. Salvator Matata. While addressing ALLPI'S Senior Staff, Her Excellency hailed the entire ALLPI community for the excellent performance the Institute has shown. She took note of the recognition of the Institute's success registered in the Continent during the implementation of the agenda on development of the leather Sector. As part of its mandate, ALLPI's Board of Directors held its first meeting this year (2018) and the thirty-fourth meeting in ALLPI's calendar in Mombasa which also elected

Mr. Abdul Hakiim Sekandi of Uganda as the new Chairperson of BoD. During its transaction, the Board expressed its satisfaction on the performance of the Institute as evidenced by the January to July 30th 2018 progress report and as a result of this conspicuous progress approved the Institute's proposed budget and work plan for 2019.

It also goes without mention that, the Institute registered a great stride in: holding its second scientific meeting in Mombasa with the collaborating Universities drawn from the five Member State, organized and conducted training workshop on Business Plan Designing and Implementation with participants selected from 12 African Countries, carried out training of 20 MSMEs in advanced footwear design and finishing in Malawi, coordinated participation of 20 MSMEs drawn from five ALLPI's Member States to a Regional Trade Fair "Origin Africa 2018" funded by USAID in Nairobi. The main objective of the Fair was to expose the MSMEs in Leather products Design, Craftsmanship and Export Readiness. The Institute, being a member of Technical Harmonization Committee (THC) of the African Organization for Standardization was represented by its Leather Value Chain and Tannery Expert during the Committee's 5th meeting which was held in Nairobi. The meeting was attended by 37 delegates drawn from 19 African Countries with the objective of deliberating on comments received from African Member States on the previous draft documents.

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. At this juncture, we would like to invite our esteemed readers to join our whatsapp group platform on SMEs which is an experience sharing, educative and informative platform.

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

Sincerely,

Prof. (Dr⁵) Mwinyikione Mwinyihija, Executive Director.

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that are inline with COMESA mission and objectives. She commended for the progress so far recorded in the leather sector and requested to keep up with the

momentum. The SG reiterated COMESA's continued and full support to ALLPI, in all its endeavors.

The visit was concluded with Ethiopia coffee ceremony and group photo.

ALLPI is Building Capacity of Member States towards actively engaging in the development of the Leather Sector

ALLPI as mandated institute to develop the leather sector in Africa in general and in its member states in particular organized the "Business Plan Designing and Implementation" workshop that was held 30th July – 3rd August in Mombasa, Kenya.

Participants were drawn from the following 12 African Countries: Burundi, DRC, Eritria, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe. The participants were mainly from government ministries and private sector.

participants to:

- » Understand the term, concept and objectives of business plan;
- » Capacitate in design effective and applicable business plan;
- » Understand the important of business plan for ongoing business and new established business;
- » Equip with tools that can be used in designing a business plan;



Partial View of the Meeting



The general objective of the workshop was to improve the capacities of Member States in terms of supporting their respective enterprises in the leather sector.

The specific objectives of the workshop were to enable

- » Present some models of business plans;
- » Give some of the frequent causes led to the failure of business plans.

ALLPI used the interactive approach in the workshop;



Certification and Group Photo at the Completion of the Meeting



three groups were created from the participants to come up with business plan for institutions they selected.

At the end of the Training Workshop, it was agreed that representative participants to provide training in Business Plan design and implementation for stakeholders in their respective countries.

All the participants, in collaboration with ALLPI, are also expected to develop business plan for enterprises in the leather sector.

ALLPI Scientific Meeting in Mombasa



Partial View of the Academia Meeting

ALLPI held its second scientific meeting from 3 to 4 August at Pridelnn Paradise Beach Resort, in Mombasa, Kenya. Five Universities, namely Makerere University Business School (MUBS)-Uganda, Sudan University of Science and Technology (SUST)-Sudan, National University of Science and Technology (NUST)-Zimbabwe, Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DeKUT)-Kenya, Bahir Dar University- Ethiopian Institute of Textile & Fashion Technology (EITEX)-Ethiopia took part and presented progress reports on their ongoing collaborative research

projects with ALLPI and/or two new Concept Notes. Each presentation was followed by thorough discussion. The ongoing projects and newly submitted Concept Notes were as listed here below:

Ongoing projects:

1. **The Supply and Demand Implications on the Restriction on Exports of Hides and Skins and a Ban on Imports of Second Hand Footwear in East Africa-MUBS;**
2. **Determinants of the leather technology adoption by artisan/SMEs involved in the leather footwear and leather goods manufacturing in Kenya- DeKUT;**
3. **Modification of leather waste gelatin resin with Azanza garckeana fruit extract; NUST; and**
4. **Preparation and Characterisation of Leather Boards fabricated from a Mixture of Chrome Tanned Leather Waste and Cyperus Textilis Fibres for Automotive Interior Applications- NUST**

Newly submitted concept notes:

5. **Enhanced academia involvement for fast tracking SMEs development in the leather sector in Sudan-SUST and**
6. **Design Related Challenges of the Ethiopian Footwear and Leather Goods Manufacturing sub sectors and possible areas of Interventions- EITEX**

Following the contributions of all participants on each ongoing research project and newly submitted Concept Notes, it was agreed to re-visit the remaining activities details of the ongoing projects and refine the Concept Notes as per the suggestions and recommendations of the Meeting Participants. It was also agreed to make presentation on outputs of each research project, during the forthcoming ALLPI Regional Consultative Forum that will be held in Port Sudan, Sudan in December 2018 in which more than 70 participants (private sector, public sector and academia) from the region and across the globe are expected to attend.



Partial View of the Academia Meeting, Researchers Presenting their Works



Group Photo at the Completion of the Academia Meeting

The ALLPI 34th Board of Directors Meeting Held in Mombasa, Kenya



BoD Members Signing and Ratifying Decisions of the Meeting



The African Leather and Leather Products Institute Board of Directors thirty fourth meeting, which is also the first Board meeting for the year 2018, was held in Mombasa Kenya at PridelInn Paradise Beach Resort from August 6 to 7, 2018. Prof. Mwinyikione Mwinyihija, ALLPI Executive Director welcomed Board members and presented ALLPI's accomplished activities for the period January 1st to July 30, 2018, and the Institute's 2019 work plan and budget proposal.

The Board Members elected Mr. Abdul Hakiim Sekandi (Uganda) as Chairperson and made thorough discussion on Matters Arising from its 33rd BoD meeting, Institutes progress report of January 1st to July 30, 2018, and work plan and budget proposal of 2019.

The Board expressed appreciation for the much output registered during the reporting period, thanked the Executive Director and staff for translating ALLPI as a

progressive team and once again confirmed the Board's full support to management for full implementation of its remaining 2018 activities and 2019 work plan.

Finally, the Board, after adoption of the Report of the Thirty Fourth Meeting, appreciating the idealness and management of time, the Meeting was officially closed.



Partial View of the BoD Meetings

Footwear Designing and Finishing Training for Malawi Leather SMEs

The Expert from ALLPI with the consultant from Member States went to Malawi to give training on FOOTWEAR DESIGNING AND FINISHING TO SMEs MALAWI from 13th to 20th August 2018 in Blantyre, Malawi.

The main objective of the Training was to enhance the quality of shoes produced by SME's by using the newly established state of the art machines in Leather Satellite Design Studio in Blantyre. The machines were bought with the support of EU-RISM with the aim of producing high quality footwear in Malawi.

The Training was conducted by Mr. Moses Mwangi, Footwear Technologist at Training and Production Centre for Shoe Industry (TPCSI) Kenyan and ALLPI Investment, Trade and Marketing expert Mrs. Birkinesh Gonfa as a facilitator of the Training Programme. The



Government Representatives Visiting the Training Session

main Topic of the training was:

- » Characteristic, classification of last for various styles.
- » Principles of pattern cutting
- » Techniques to develop mean form
- » Principles of designing
- » Techniques to construct basic upper Pattern
- » Techniques to develop lining standard plan and working pattern
- » Techniques to develop bottom, Stiffening patterns
- » Technical Technology of upper
- » Various parts of the shoe (upper & bottom) and Principles of leather cutting.
- » (Cutting Equipments. Cutting quality requirements) Preparation for operation. Stitch marking, Types of skiving Type of seams

- » Machine usage and adjustment
- » Relationship between thread, material thickness and needle.
- » Quality standard of upper stitching, upper making and sequence of operation for bottom stock
- » Lasting Techniques
- » Objective of lasting
- » Quality control measures in lasting operations.
- » Shoe finishing techniques.

20 SME's were participated in this training and producing of footwear using modern techniques was applied during the training. At the end of the training Certificates were handed-over to participants by Deputy Director of Private Sector Development, Mr. George Washington Mwase, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism.



Security Boots Produced by Trainees



Group Photo of Participants at the Completion of the Training

East African Leather SMEs during the Origin Africa 2018 Trade Event

The Project "Structured Design Training for Regional Leather and Leather Products SMEs in Leather Products Design, Craftsmanship and Export Readiness" that was funded by USAID East African Trade and Investment Hub (EATIH) was started in June 2017. As part of Activity of the Project, where SMEs under the project are expected to participate in a trade fair to create business linkages; the "Origin Africa 2018" Trade Fair Event which was held 9th – 11th September 2018 in Nairobi had been identified.

Origin Africa is Africa's premier internationally recognised trade, investment & networking opportunity. Origin Africa is a uniquely Pan-African event, providing different African countries the multiple benefits and opportunities



Participants Being Visited by Government Officials

associated with hosting the event each year and strongly encouraging intra -regional trade.

The Trade Fair was hosted and organized by the African Cotton & Textile Federation (ACTIF). ACTIF also hosted the International Textile Manufacturers Federation (ITMF) Annual Conference. The Trade Fair brought about a number of participants from across the world showcasing different products and services.

The objective of the participation was to enable those SMEs in the project to share experiences, make market linkages, and expose to the regional and international markets.

A total of 20 SMEs and representatives were invited to participate during the Trade Fair from Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania, and Kenya. Out of which, 18 SMEs and representatives were participated in the Event.

From the participation, SMEs have gained quit a number of experiences and business linkages.

Participant SMEs from Burundi, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda were invited to visit a Tannery in Kenya called Alpharama Limited and arrangements were made for the same and the visit was successfully conducted which created market linkages specially with leather supply.



Partial View of the East Africa Leather Pavilion During the Origin Africa 2018 Trade Event.

ALLPI in the 5th Meeting Of Technical Harmonization Committee (THC) - African Organization for Standardization (ARSO) on Textiles and Leather Products

Venue: Intercontinental Hotel, Nairobi Kenya

Date: 29th – 31st August 2018.

The committee's 5th meeting was convened in Nairobi, Kenya from the 29th to 31st of August 2018. The objective of the meeting was to deliberate on comments received from the Member States on the previous drafts documents, approved new work items, proposed standards for adoption as African Standards (ARS) and to identify new projects for future work

The meeting was officially opened by Mr. Reuben Gisore who is the Technical Director ARSO. During his opening remark, Mr. Gisore thanked the THC for its commendable work and role it plays in the harmonization of textiles and leather standards. He further emphasized that standards must take into consideration all people, whether living in rural or urban areas. He gave examples of new types of plant fibres which could benefit people doing small scale farming in rural areas and reusable sanitary towels which is an option for women who cannot afford disposable sanitary products or any products at all. ALLPI was represented in this meeting by Harrison Mungai (the Institute's Leather Value Chain and Tannery Expert.

The meeting was attended by 37 delegates drawn from 19 African Countries/Institutions namely; Botswana, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mauritius, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Uganda, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI) and ARSO Secretariat.

The committee noted the progress made, 34 standards were approved and published, 10 working drafts have been presented to the committee for comments and have been passed and 7 new projects identified and were being discussed.



WORK PLANS UNDER REVIEW TOWARDS ALIGNING TO EXISTING AND NEW STANDARDS

The following proposals were identified as a 3 year work plan. The relevant proposing countries must complete new work item proposals within the stipulated period and upload on the SharePoint and forward to ARSO Central Secretariat for further direction.

Proposed future work (draft) items:

1. Textiles standards for classification and grading of cotton fibre – Action: Cameroon, Nigeria, Ethiopia and Sudan
2. Fishing twines and fishing nets (Possible ISO adoption). Action: Tanzania
3. Specification and grading of camel hides (check for ISO standard). Action: Kenya, Ethiopia and Nigeria
4. Specification for bed covers, bed sheets and duvets. Action: South Africa and Cameroon.
5. African Prints. Action: Tanzania, Cameroon and Nigeria.
6. Wallets. Action: Kenya and Nigeria.
7. Natural cellulosic Fibres (check for ISO standards). Action: Nigeria
8. Synthetic (artificial) hair (More research to be done on the exact fibre types). Action: Nigeria, Tanzania, DRC and South Africa.

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



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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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