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New challenges and opportunities for pastoralism in ACP countries

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8h00-8h30 Registration

8h30-8h45 Objectives of the Briefing and Programme: Isolina Boto, Head, CTA Brussels Office

Introductory remarks: *Abebe Haile Gabriel, Director of Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union Commission, Francesca Mosca, Director for Sub-Saharan Africa, European Commission, Michael Hailu, Director of CTA.*

8h45-10h15 Panel 1: Challenges and opportunities for pastoralists in ACP countries

This panel will provide an overview of the main challenges affecting the pastoralists especially in ACP countries and the opportunities provided by policy frameworks and processes.

Chair: *H.E. M. Kembi-Gitura, Ambassador of Kenya, Chair*

Panellists:

- Is there a future for pastoralism?
Jeremy Swift, Pastoral development specialist, formerly Professor, IDS, University of Sussex
- Policy Framework in support of Pastoralism in Africa
Abebe Haile Gabriel, Director of Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union
- Legislating for pastoralism: lessons from West Africa and the ECOWAS transhumant certificate
Boureima Dodo, Permanent Secretary, Bilital Maroobe, West African network
- What can we learn from policies and practices of pastoralism in Europe
Jean-Michel Courades, Leader Programme, DG Agriculture, European Commission

10h15-10h30 Coffee break

10h30-13h00 Panel 2: A better future for pastoralists: lessons learned and actions needed

This panel will focus on sharing good practices and experiences from the field across regions. It will also identify what urgent and concrete policy actions need to be in place to support pastoralism.

Chair: *Michael Hailu, Director of CTA*

Panellists:

Innovation processes and success in the ground: field stories could illustrate innovative practices in various areas of importance for rural development in different regions:

- Options for enhancing resilience in pastoral systems
Shirley Tarawali, Director of Institutional Planning, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)
- Improving market access and the opportunities in the regional market: the case of dairy products
Maryam Abeiderrahmane, CEO, Tiviski Dairy, Mauritania
- Adaptation and mitigation to Climate change and coping mechanisms from pastoralists
Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, Coordinator of Bororo nomadic peoples association, Chad
- Pastoral field schools and proximity learning in a climate change perspective
Joep Van Mierlo, Director, Vétérinaires sans Frontières, Belgium

Conclusions

Networking Lunch