

MEETING ON CONFLICTS BETWEEN HERDERS AND FARMERS IN THE REGION – Abuja 24-25 April 2018

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXPERTS MEETING

ON REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

1. Audit the non-implementation of the existing Regulatory frameworks relating to transhumance and the control of proliferation of small arms;
2. Review and update the existing regional regulatory frameworks relating to the transhumance and the international transhumance certificate taking into consideration the current realities;
3. Harmonize and implement national legislations in compliance with the community laws on transhumance and small arms control.
4. Review and development of the existing transhumance routes.

ON THE SECURITY & LOCAL GOVERNANCE

1. Encourage and strengthen local communities and bilateral dialogue mechanisms for a peaceful and secured trans-border transhumance including the establishment of bi-lateral agreements between member states on Transhumance;
2. Strengthen Cross Border Cooperation (CBC) within ECOWAS Member States Security Services and ECOWAS neighboring countries for intelligence sharing, collaboration, corporation and synergy;
3. Review and update of national legislations in line with the Convention on Small Arms and Light Weapons, including the control of the local manufacture / fabrication (blacksmiths) and the civilian possession of arms;
4. Establish and strengthen the inter-state transhumance committees to better secure transhumance;
5. Promote community dialogue and strengthen traditional conflict prevention mechanisms to revolve herders-farmer's disputes;
6. Reinforce the Regional and National Early Warning and Response system and indicators on Transhumance;
7. Strengthen the role and participation of women and youth as peace builders for community development;
8. Strengthen the capacity of the justice systems to actively dispense justice in order to prevent self-protection with arms

ON THE LIVESTOCK SECTOR TRANSFORMATION

1. Strengthen and evaluate monitoring system of transhumance through establishment of a regional policy with the use of ICT surveillance for tracking, identification, movement's control cattle rustling prevention and diseases control of livestock's within member's states.
2. Identify, develop, formulate and implement invocative projects / programs policies, strategies addressing the current and future challenges in the livestock sector taking into account all aspects of livestock (pasture, water, feed, housing, sanitation, environment, youth employment, health facility, resting point and other ancillary services). In that effect, mobilize the necessary funding to implement relevant regional projects such as PRIDEC, PEPISAO, PACBAO and PREDIP.
3. Identify and seek support of technical and financial partners to support member countries in the livestock sector.

ON THE SENSITIZATION / COMMUNICATION

1. Develop a Communication strategy that highlights good practices, encourages conflict prevention and deemphasizes stigmatization of particular sections of the population (Advocacy, Sensitization, Media engagement, etc.)
2. Sensitize the relevant stakeholders and disseminate the regulations and frameworks on transhumance.