



# COMPELLING CASE FOR ANIMAL WELFARE IN AFRICA

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# INTRODUCTION, HISTORY AND TRENDS OF **ANIMAL WELFARE**

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- ❖ Evolving definition and practices of Animal Welfare
- ❖ The Five Freedoms of Animal Welfare
- ❖ One Health, One Welfare

# REPORT JUSTIFICATION

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- ❖ The development of Animal Welfare in Africa
- ❖ The role of AU-IBAR and the CC-APAW
- ❖ The need for the **Compelling Case on Animal Welfare in Africa**

# STUDY METHODOLOGY

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## DATA COLLECTION

- ❖ Desk/Literature Review
- ❖ Survey Questionnaires
- ❖ Key Informant Interviews (KIIs)

## DATA ANALYSIS

- ❖ Quantitative – Microsoft Excel
- ❖ Qualitative – Content Analysis

# RESULTS AND DISCUSSION



# PRELIMINARY INFORMATION AND SOCIODEMOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

## Literature Review

- ❖ Research papers from peer-reviewed journals
- ❖ Grey literature (FAO, OIE, UNEP, IGAD, SADC, ISO, WTO)

## Survey Questionnaire

- ❖ 20% response rate from 55 country-level animal welfare focal person
- ❖ 91% male respondents
- ❖ 82% from anglophone countries
- ❖ Their MDAs work on veterinary, agriculture, biodiversity, etc.

## KIIs

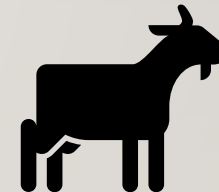
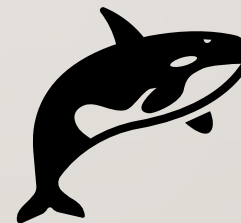
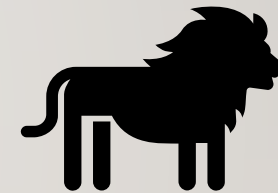
- ❖ Representatives of African RECs (50% response rate)
- ❖ 6 animal welfare professionals across 2 animal welfare organizations

# GENERAL STATUS OF **ANIMAL WELFARE** IN AFRICA

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## GROSS VIOLATIONS OF THE FIVE FREEDOMS

- ❖ Poor transport, slaughter
- ❖ Poor handling, mutilation, practices and use
- ❖ Inadequate provision of food and water
- ❖ Poor quality veterinary services
- ❖ Poor antimicrobial stewardship
- ❖ Administration of unnatural additives



# KNOWLEDGE & STATUS OF **ANIMAL WELFARE** AT COUNTRY LEVELS

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**36%**

of country-level AW focal persons do not understand the meaning and impact of Animal Welfare

**64%**

of countries do not have Animal Welfare policies

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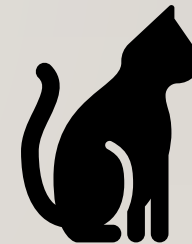
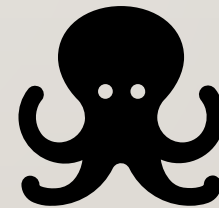
of countries with Animal Welfare policies have implemented their policies to sub-national levels



# ANIMAL WELFARE ACTIVITIES OF RECS AND CSOS

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- RECs conduct Animal Welfare activities with varying degrees of implementation and coordination
- Animal Welfare CSOs implement a variety of animal welfare activities across several species and demonstrate a high level of coordination and impact



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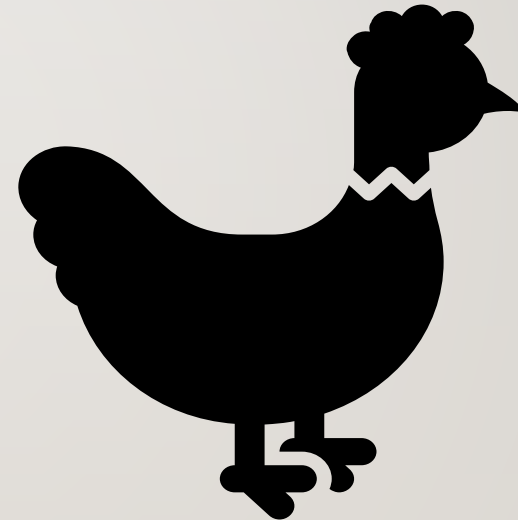
THE COMPELLING CASE

# IMPACTS OF ANIMAL WELFARE

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## ANIMAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTIVITY

- ❖ Improve animals' resistance to diseases and reduces the incidence of injuries
- ❖ Positively impacts animals' sentience and metabolic processes

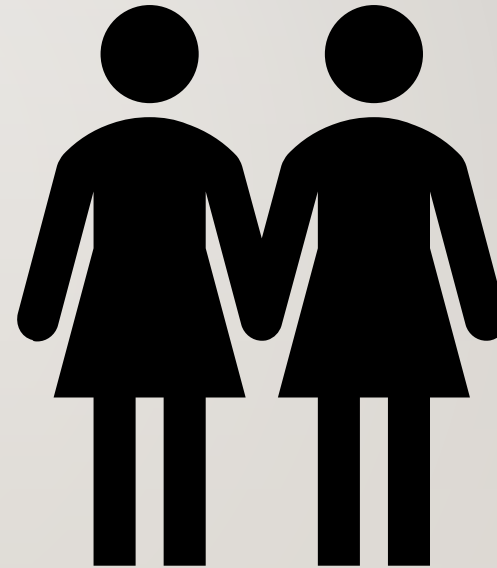


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## HUMAN HEALTH

- ❖ Reduces the risk of zoonotic disease transmission
- ❖ Improves human psychology, mental health and social well-being



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## FOOD SAFETY AND QUALITY

- ❖ Improves the health qualities of meat and other animal products
- ❖ Retains nutritional content and reduces rate of spoilage

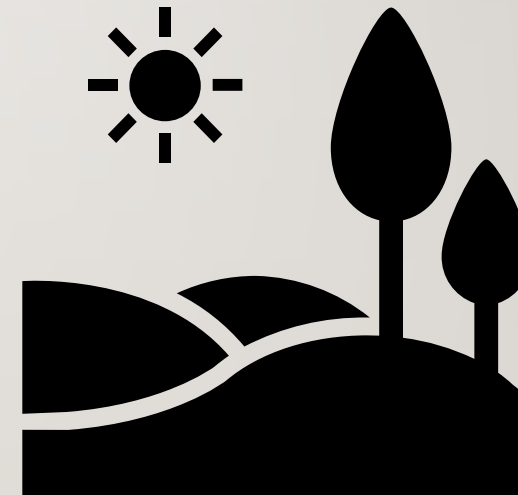


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## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND CLIMATE CHANGE

- ❖ Reduces contribution of animal waste to greenhouse gas production
- ❖ Minimizes land degradation

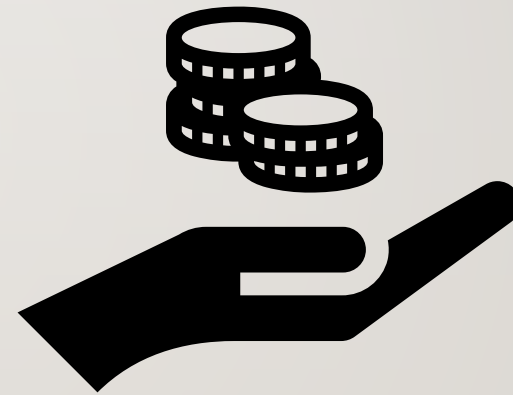


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## SOCIOECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- ❖ Improves access to local and international trade (alignment with WTO and OIE welfare guidelines)
- ❖ Increase contribution to country GDP
- ❖ Improves sustainable livelihood



# GAPS AND CHALLENGES

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- ❖ Poor knowledge and awareness
- ❖ Inadequate policy establishment and implementation
- ❖ Poor prioritization of AW in national agenda, leading to poor funding and resource mobilization
- ❖ Insecurity and political crisis
- ❖ Inadequate AW personnel and poor technical capacity of existing personnel
- ❖ Inadequate intersectoral collaboration



# KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

## ADVOCATES & GENERAL PUBLIC

- ❖ Promote public awareness and education at all levels
- ❖ Collaborate with other health and sustainable development sectors

## AU-IBAR/CC-APAW

- ❖ Improve resource mobilization
- ❖ Train and build the capacity of AW focal persons
- ❖ Harmonize institutional governance of AW
- ❖ Support awareness and advocacy

## PARLIAMENTARIANS & CVOs

- ❖ Mobilize in-country resources and budgetary allocations
- ❖ Establish and implement AW policies, systems and frameworks at all levels
- ❖ Increase and improve AW workforce
- ❖ Support and systemize inter-sectoral collaborations for AW

# CONCLUSION AND CALL TO ACTION

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The evidence that **animal welfare** impacts several aspects of public health and socioeconomic development presents an opportunity and need for coordinated **continental-wide multi-level inter-sectoral Stakeholder Action**

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