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Dear Irene/Badi,

ICAR are delighted to have collaborated with FAO in bringing this Symposium on Animal Identification and Recording Systems (AIRS) to the African continent. The establishment of a standard ID for each country is the “cornerstone” of any system and provides the basis for traceability, disease control, performance recording and breeding improvements.

The symposium worked very well as a forum for African countries to share and learn from each other – I was very impressed with the openness and frank discussions by all delegates.

There certainly was a very positive response and interest from African delegates in our guidelines. ICAR, through its International Guidelines provides a roadmap template which African countries can use as a reference when implementing their ID and Recording system.

However it was also very clear to me ICAR has a lot more work to do in the next two years in Africa – we need to work with and support African Countries with respect to interpreting the ICAR Guidelines. When I return I will be reviewing with the ICAR team about how we kick off “ICAR Africa” – to me we need to provide the following three deliverables;

- a) ICAR Information Workshops by Region (eg SADAC, East Africa, West Africa...)
- b) Provide Explanatory Material; how in practical terms the guidelines can be used and applied.
- c) Provide Member Support and Networking opportunities for African delegates within ICAR and its working groups

I sincerely hope that this forum and communication between countries should not end this week - ICAR will work with FAO in any way we can to sure this good start is built on over the next two years. Looking forward to building this network with all our African colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

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