CONCEPT ON KENYA VETERINARY ASSOCIATION (KVA) AND THE COMMONWEALTH VETERINARY ASSOCIATION (CVA) GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

1. INTRODUCTION

The Kenya Veterinary Association and the Commonwealth Veterinary Association will jointly host a Golden Jubilee Anniversary celebration in Nairobi, Kenya in April 2017 to be marked through a series of activities nationally whose climax shall be an International Conference and the World Veterinary Day. Kenya Veterinary Association (KVA) is a corporate member of the Commonwealth Veterinary Association (CVA), founded in 1967 with over 1000 members, registered under the Societies Act, Cap 108 Laws of Kenya. The KVA members derive their livelihoods from the Public, Government and State Agencies, Pharmaceutical Industry, Private Practice and Academic Institutions among others.

The KVA provides leadership in the animal resources industry through stewardship of the veterinary profession to ensure effective service delivery in animal health, welfare, production and food safety of animal origin. Appropriately managed animal resources provide food security and nutrition, work, economic and social status and ensure environmental sustainability. KVA’s objectives include: safeguarding and guaranteeing animal health and welfare; safeguarding the welfare of its members; maintaining the dignity of the veterinary profession; continuous veterinary education and; local and international exchange of veterinary information. Over the last 50 years KVA has grown exponentially in membership and diversity with 10 branches spread countrywide.

The Commonwealth Veterinary Association’s (CVA) membership is open to National Veterinary Associations of Commonwealth Member Countries and currently the CVA has 54 full members. The CVA has six regions representing Asia, Australasia/Oceania, Canada/Caribbean, East, Central and Southern Africa, West Africa and UK/ Mediterranean. The CVA Objectives are: to promote within the Commonwealth the interests of the veterinary and allied sciences; to maintain the
honour and traditions of the profession; to facilitate the dissemination of professional knowledge and information; to encourage the creation of a National Veterinary Association in any Commonwealth Member Country where none exists to promote interchange between its members and; to encourage the creation of statutory bodies to regulate the study and practice of veterinary science in member countries where none exist; to promote animal health and welfare, animal production and veterinary public health within the Commonwealth

2. THE ISSUE

Kenya Veterinary Association and the CVA will hold an International Scientific Conference at Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya as from 25th to 28th April, 2017 and thereafter mark the World Veterinary Day Celebrations. The theme of the Celebrations will be “50 years of Veterinary Contribution to Sustainable Livelihoods and growth in developing economies”. This event creates an opportunity for Kenya to showcase the role the veterinary practice has played globally for humanity since advent of the profession over 250 years back and for the KVA/CVA during the past 50 years of existence. The activities shall be carried out countrywide commencing with talk shows, other media publicity, corporate social responsibility programs, documentaries, development of historical items, groundbreaking an animal welfare centre, public veterinary education, animal resource industry sector advocacy, audit of sector performance, information exchange and scientific conferences climaxing into the International Conference at the end of April 2017. These events will cost slightly over One Hundred Millions Kenya Shillings only (100,000,000/=).

3. EXPECTED OUTPUT

The main deliverable shall be to bring to the fore the important role played by the animal resources industry in livelihoods support and economic growth and showcase investment and other opportunities available through raising awareness on the contribution and profile of the veterinary practice in the industry.

4. WAY FORWARD

Commitment by stakeholders to partner with the KVA and support the different aspects of the budget to make the events a success.

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