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International Conference for improved competitiveness in poultry production in Africa

5-9 May 2008

Saly Senegal

First Announcement

Organised by

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Justification

In Africa, poultry production is developing due to advantages such as short cycle production, source of revenues and employment, high quality of products,... In West and Central Africa, eggs and meat productions have increased, respectively, from 301,113 tons and 263,051 tons in 1980 to 628,939 tons and 506,576 tons in 2000. This growth of poultry value chains is however facing constraints. Poultry productivity is low, partly due to poor husbandry conditions and inappropriate technologies to mitigate the harmful effects of heat stress. Poultry feeding with 60-80% of production costs is mainly based on imported feedstuffs due to insufficient use of locally available feedstuffs. In addition numerous diseases are still causing economic losses in poultry farms. If the Newcastle disease seems to be sufficiently handled, other diseases such as Gumboro are still responsible of direct and indirect economic losses. Africa is also experiencing the emergent diseases (avian flu). The public health concern is high because of the zoonotic characters of some diseases, pollution by poultry farms and the lack of legislation for the expansion of poultry farms. The massive importations of poultry cuts (81,000 tons in 1999 only) at a very low price contributes also to undermine the development of local poultry value chains.

Objectives

Overall objective

Analysis of the mechanisms of poultry productivity and the organisation of the value chains for improved poultry production and competitiveness.

Specific Objectives

- Analysis of recent scientific progress in the mechanism of poultry productivity and the performance of poultry value chains
- Identification of future research fields for an improved competitiveness of poultry value chains
- Networking poultry scientists for regional research programs

Working program

The following main topics will be discussed during the conference:

Topics

- Control of heat stress
- Availability and valorisation of local products and byproducts
- Health and technologies in disease control
- Quality of poultry products
- Economics and international trade
- Poultry production, legislation and environment

Planning

The conference will be held from 5th to 9th May 2008. Two plenary sessions, six workshops and technical visits will be organised.

Subscription form (to be sent to the secretariat of the conference)

Name, address and email of the participant (in capital letters)

During the conference

I will make an oral presentation

I will present a poster

Topic (to be chosen among the six topics listed above)

Title of the presentation :

Date

Signature

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**Subscription fees : 50 000FCFA (80 €)/participant.
15 000 FCFA (23 €) for students**

NB : few scholarships are available for abstracts received before 31th October 2007 and selected by the scientific committee