

02 October 2017

Dear NAHF Member,

Thank you for your continued support.

The NAHF together with Industry support has in the last five years done extensive work for the betterment of the Public-Private partnership with DAFF. We have in turn had success on various platforms. The NAHF is committed to inform the members of the continued work being done and will in the future send monthly reports on progress.

### **September:**

- LITS SA (Livestock Identification and Traceability System for South Africa) Committee Short Informal Meeting with DAFF 04/09/2017  
This meeting was scheduled to establish the goal of the LITS Committee with DAFF and to set timelines that needed to be reached.
- LITS SA Committee Deliberation Meeting Regarding Discussion on the Database 05/09/2017  
A meeting was scheduled with potential database developers to possibly assist in the upgrading of the system.
- SAPPO AGM 05/09/2017
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- Buffalo Strategy Planning Session for the Establishment of a Buffalo Industry Association 07/09/2017  
At the previous Buffalo discussion meeting the need for a uniformed Buffalo Industry Association was discussed and the plan was to arrange a Strategy Planning Session. At the Strategy Planning Session decision was made to Establish the Buffalo Controlled Disease Committee (NAHF, DAFF, WRSA, Buffalo Owners, SAVA Wildlife Veterinarians and University of Pretoria Faculty of Veterinary Science). From here a meeting was scheduled with the DAFF Director of Animal Health Dr Mpho Maja to discuss various matters including the Buffalo VPN.
- Disease Reporting Meeting 07/09/2017  
At the previous NAHF meeting decision was made to host a meeting to discuss the current state of disease reporting for the country. The NAHF, DAFF, RuVASA, Food Safety Agency, VNET, Equine Health Fund and University of Pretoria Faculty of Veterinary Science all committed to work on the matter. A Disease Reporting Questionnaire has been designed and will be circulated to DAFF, Provincial Veterinary Services, Private Practice and the Stakeholders of the NAHF.
- LITS SA Committee Follow Up Meeting after the AIRT Indaba held at the Onderstepoort Grasdak 08/09/2017  
Decision was made to amend the Terms of Reference within the meeting with all the committee members present. It was done and the LITS Terms of Reference Version 2 was documented. The committee dedicated to have two separate meetings scheduled which was the meeting for the LITS Policy Structure and the Database discussion with the DAFF ITC Department.
- Market Access Meeting Scheduled with Dr Mpho Maja 08/09/2017  
The meeting was scheduled to discuss the challenges experienced by the provinces within the FMD protection zones regarding the marketing of their animals and the insufficient slaughtering facilities for market access. Dedication to solving the matters were given by the NAHF, RMIF, RPO and SAPPO.
- Red Meat Research and Development Committee Meeting 14/09/2017

- Buffalo Controlled Disease Committee Meeting on the discussion of the Buffalo VPN with Dr Mpho Maja 15/09/2017

At the meeting, the revision of the current Buffalo VPN was discussed and the Public Private Partnership with DAFF was established through the Buffalo Controlled Diseases Committee.

- Brucellosis Steering Committee Meeting 15/09/2017

The sale of animals through a vendor declaration was discussed and decision was made to revise the current document and then to circulate it again for the amendment from the stakeholders. Vaccination statistics will be provided by a request to the vaccine suppliers and presented at the following meeting. More laboratories have been accredited through SANAS and therefore there has been a change in the turnaround time of results.

- LITS SA Committee Policy Structure Framework Meeting 18/09/2017

The members worked on the LITS SA Policy Structure Framework which would be presented at the next meeting as the Version 2.

- LITS SA Committee Meeting with DAFF ITC 18/09/2017

The meeting was held to establish the status on the development of the AIDA database whereby it was established that DAFF ITC is already making work of cleaning the database to be incorporated into a new system.

- Buffalo Controlled Disease Committee Meeting 20/09/2017

Feedback was given from the meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September with Dr Mpho Maja. The decision was to host a Buffalo VPN Workshop to see if any amendments to the VPN may be required, on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October at the UP Faculty of Veterinary Science. Invitees would include the BCDC, DAFF, Provincial Nature Conservation, UP-OP, OVR and Private Veterinarians with knowledge on the Buffalo VPN. The four controlled diseases outlined in the VPN will be handled throughout the day.

- Freestate Animal Health Forum CPD Event 21/09/2017

The FSAHF CPD was attended by 30 representatives from the province. The FSAHF Meeting was held and thereafter the CPD event was held. The presentations included; a brief introduction on the NAHF from the chairman, an overview of Animal Health in the Freestate from Dr Didi Janse van Rensburg, Bovine Brucellosis discussion from Dr Chriche du Plessis (MSD) and Dr Jacob Modumo (OBP), Brucella melitensis in Game presentation by Dr Didi Janse van Rensburg and Bacterial Resistance to Antibiotics and Antibiotic Stewardship presentation from Prof Moritz van Vuuren.

PROPOSED 2018 DATES:

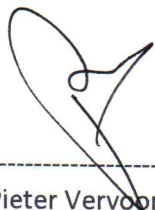
15 FEBRUARY

24 MAY

16 AUGUST

15 NOVEMBER

Thank you in advance for helping to make 2017 successful.



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Chairman  
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