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Press Release

The International Trypanotolerance Centre (ITC) was established in 1982 by an Act of Parliament of The Gambia and mandated to contribute to on-going efforts to increase livestock productivity and utilization in the West African region through the optimal and sustainable exploitation of the genetic resistance of indigenous breeds of livestock for the welfare of human populations. A mandate it has addressed with positive results over the last three decades.

The Centre has recently embarked on a review of its mission and research activities in order to holistically consider current contemporary livestock issues so that it could continue to respond to livestock multi-faceted development needs.

To this end and under the patronage of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of The Gambia, and with the support of development partners including: AGRA, CORAF/WECARD, FAO, IDRC, ILRI and PROGEBE, the Centre will hold planning workshops for the development of a new 10-year strategic plan.

The first workshop from the 6th to the 8th of June 2012 at The Kairaba Beach Hotel, will bring together experts in its field of interest, and its various partners including representatives of Ministries in charge of Livestock, national agricultural research systems and civil society organizations (livestock farmers organizations and NGOs) from a number of West African countries (Burkina Faso, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, The Gambia), regional and international partner institutions (CIRDES, CORAF/WECARD, ECOWAS, FAO, ILRI, PROGEBE, ROPPA), donor and financial agencies (AfDB, AGRA IDB).

The second workshop from the 11th to the 12th of June 2012, will be held at the Ocean Bay Hotel and Resort, Cape point, Bakau, and will be reserved for dialogue and interaction sessions among representatives of the Civil Society Organizations from several countries from the West Africa region.

The goal of the two workshops is to contribute to the development of the new ITC ten-year strategic plan including the program content and delivery mechanisms.

The opening ceremonies of the two workshops will be chaired by The Honourable Solomon Owens, Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of The Gambia.

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