Report of the President of African Poultry Network of the WPSA (WPSA-APN) and Senior Vice-President of WPSA to the WPSA Executive Committee (EC)

1. Stakeholders' Meeting for the Formation of the WPSA Rwanda Branch

On 5 October 2026, the African Poultry Network of the World's Poultry Science Association (WPSA) (WPSA-APN) organized convened a stakeholders' meeting for the formation of the WPSA Rwanda Branch at the Hilltop Hotel, close to the Rubirizi Station of the Rwanda Agriculture and Animal Resources Development Board (RAB), Rubirizi, Rwanda. It brought together about twenty poultry-interested Rwandans. Following a democratic and inclusive electoral process, the participants elected four gender-balanced Bureau, composed of (i) a President, Dr. Claire D Andre Hirwa, (ii) a Vice-President, Dr. Jean Pierre Mpatswenumugabo, (iii) a Secretary, Dr. Richard Habimana, and (iv) a Treasurer, Ms. Didacienne Nyungura. The initial step of the formation of the Rwanda Branch marked an important milestone in strengthening collaboration among poultry professionals and stakeholders in the country and in further connecting Rwanda's poultry sector with the wider WPSA network.

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2. Africa Poultry Leadership Conference

The African Poultry Network of WPSA hosted the Africa Poultry Leadership Conference on October 6, 2026, at the Kigali Convention Centre in Rwanda, one day before VIV Africa 2026, in partnership with VIV Africa. With the goal to attract industry leaders from around Africa and themes on market overview and business opportunities in East Africa, the Leadership Conference, co-organized by VIV Africa and WPSA, gathered international experts, regional leaders, researchers, academicians, students, industry leaders, professional network members, senior decision-makers, and poultry inputs and equipment suppliers, for a full day of insights, discussions and valuable connections. The conference offered a focused setting to exchange perspectives, explore key industry developments and connect with peers from across the region and beyond. This major event, which assembled an international line-up of experts and world leading speakers, offered a program tailored for Sub-Saharan Africa to 230 participants, which was more than the 100 registered participants at the last edition held on 1st October 2024 in Kigali, Rwanda. The program was built to create more opportunities for meaningful conversations, new connections and business exchange with senior professionals from across the Africa's poultry industry. The key topics exploring the latest trends, challenges and opportunities in poultry value chains in Africa were thoroughly addressed. WPSA contributed to the role of VIV Africa in providing high-quality contents on the Africa's poultry business, via dedicated conferences and seminars.

During the first plenary session, which provided a general overview of the market outlook, WPSA was represented by Dr. E. Fallou Guèye, WPSA Senior Vice-President and President of WPSA-APN, who participated as an invited speaker. He presented on *"Sustainable Transformation of Africa's Poultry Industry: Trends, Prospects and Socio-Economic Contributions."* WPSA also made important contributions to the break-out sessions, moderated by Peter Van Horne, Secretary General of WPSA. Thus, two papers were presented: (i) *"Climate Change Adaptation for the Sustainable Transformation of Africa's Poultry Industry"* presented by Dr. Kwaku Boakye Gyamfi Adomako, President of WPSA-Ghana, and (ii) *"Advancing Sustainable Poultry Development in Sub-Saharan Africa: Challenges, Opportunities, and Regional Collaboration"* presented by Dr. François Djitie Kouatcho, Secretary General of WPSA-Cameroon.

The Conference wrapped up with extensive discussions on the next steps for strengthening WPSA's presence and activities in the region. These included the drafting and adoption of the WPSA Rwanda Branch Constitution, followed by the payment of membership dues by the branch members.

The event marked an important step towards strengthening collaboration, leadership, and sustainable development within Africa's poultry sector, while further reinforcing WPSA's commitment to supporting the transformation of the industry across the continent.

3. VIV Africa 2026 Conference

The VIV Africa 2026 Conference as Expo for Sub-Saharan Africa, which took place from on 7-8 October 2026 at the Kigali Convention Centre in Rwanda, was dedicated to gaining practical insights from industry experts, discovering new developments and exploring the topics shaping animal protein production across Africa.

In partnership with VIV Africa, the WPSA and the WPSA-APN brought together poultry professionals, experts, researchers, industry leaders and other stakeholders committed to advancing Africa's poultry sector in Kigali, Rwanda, for two inspiring days of networking, knowledge sharing and collaboration during VIV Africa 2026, which featured 152 exhibitors representing more than 50 countries and estimated around 2,000 visitors that are higher than the over 1,700 visitors from 60 countries during the last edition held on 2nd October 2024 in Kigali, Rwanda.

Furthermore, on 7-8 October 2026, Dr. E. Fallou Guèye teamed up with Peter Van Horne to convincingly lobby potential sponsors for financial support to the 4th Pan-African Poultry Conference (PPC4), scheduled for 3-6 August 2027 at the University of Ghana, Legon, Accra, Ghana. Besides, we warmly invited companies and organizations to join us through sponsorship and strategic partnership opportunities. PPC4, which is the landmark continental event, will bring together poultry farmers, researchers, animal scientists, veterinarians, industry professionals, policymakers, businesses, and other stakeholders from across Africa and beyond to share knowledge, showcase innovations, strengthen partnerships, and explore solutions to the opportunities and challenges facing the poultry sector. This event will help advance scientific exchange, promote innovations, strengthen professional networks, build a stronger, more innovative, and sustainable future for poultry in Africa, thus, contributing to the sustainable development of Africa's poultry industry.

4. Conclusions

The VIV Africa 2026 was wrapped up with the invitation to attend the 4th Pan-African Poultry Conference (PPC4), with the main theme '*Transforming Poultry Value Chain: Scaling Local Production. Digital Innovation. and Regional Trade Integration'*, which will be held on 3-6 August 2027 at the University of Ghana, Legon, Accra, Ghana.

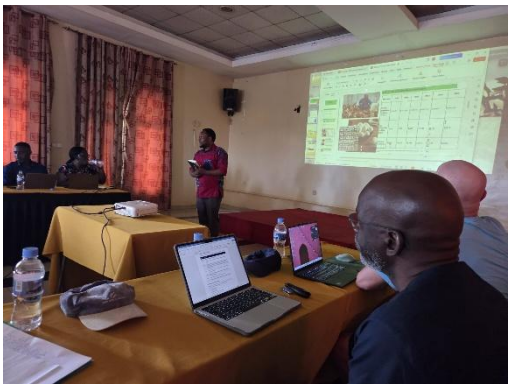
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Appendix 5.1: Stakeholders' Meeting for the Formation of the WPSA Rwanda Branch










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Appendix 5.2: Africa Poultry Leadership Conference







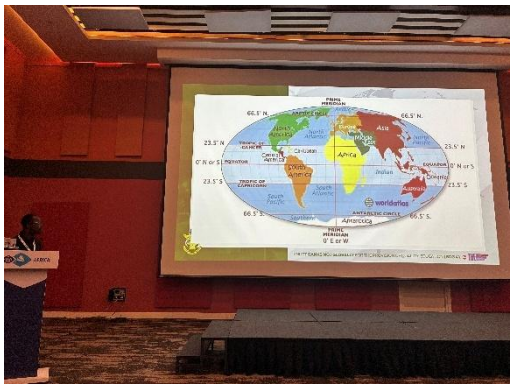










Appendix 5.3: **VIV Africa 2026 Conference**

