

## **Training in Surveillance and Epidemiology of Trade Related Transboundary Animal Diseases (Tads) (February 24 - May 31, 2014)**

### **Department Wins Consultancy to Train Veterinary Staff in the Greater Horn of Africa (February 24- May 31, 2014)**

The Department of Public Health, Pharmacology and Toxicology was awarded a consultancy by African Union-InterAfrican Bureau for Animal Resources to train veterinary staff from the greater Horn of Africa on surveillance and epidemiology of trade-related transboundary animal diseases (TADs) under USAID/EA funded project on Standard Methods and Procedures in Animal Health (SMP-AH) project. The SMP-AH project aims to contribute to the reduction of poverty, enhance regional economic growth and integration through improved access of live animal and animal products to regional and international markets. The project will support harmonization and coordination of TADs related interventions in the IGAD region through capacity building in disease surveillance, epidemiological investigations and reporting, laboratory management, diagnostic capability and safety for communication, information sharing and regional cooperation, strengthening of disease control interventions, development of Standard Methods and Procedures for nine priority TADs and enhancement of emergency disease response. The interventions will provide building blocks for harmonized and coordinated animal health program across national borders for trade or pasture.

The training in Surveillance and Epidemiology of Trade Related TADs that will take place in Nairobi from February 24 to May 31, 2014 aims to update the knowledge and skills of animal health professionals in surveillance and epidemiology of TADs as well as enhance their knowledge on collaborative and cooperative approaches in the management of the TADs at the regional level, as pastoral areas in the IGAD countries share similar ecosystems with common borders. This will ensure that traded animals are healthy in order to protect the health of human and animals in importing countries. The overall objective is to train veterinary staff in the IGAD region in functional use of surveillance and epidemiological approaches on TADs to enhance their proficiency in surveillance in the control and management of trade-related TADs in a harmonized and coordinated manner.