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**MEETING OF MINISTERS OF LIVESTOCK, TRADE AND INTERIOR
OF ECOWAS MEMBER STATES**

The Meeting of Ministers of Livestock, Trade and Interior of the ECOWAS Member States was held on 4th February 2009 at the Palais des congres in Niamey. The Meeting was chaired by Alhaji Abubacar SULEIMAN, Deputy Minister, representing Major Gen. (Rtd) Godwin Abbe, Minister of Interior of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

The Meeting of the Ministers was organised in the framework of the Forum on Livestock and the official opening ceremony was chaired by Mr. Albalde ABOUBA, Minister of State, Minister of Interior, Public Security and Decentralisation of the Republic of Niger.

The Ministers of Livestock, Trade and Interior of the ECOWAS Member States participated in the deliberations. They considered the guidelines on the prospects for livestock development in the Sahel and West Africa prepared by the Experts of the ECOWAS Member States, the Professionals of animal production chains aimed at defining a global framework to optimise the livestock potential in order to strengthen the regional market, food security and reduce poverty.

The Ministers examined the following items:

- The socio-economic situation of livestock in the ECOWAS region;
- The potentials and constraints;
- The strategic challenges and guidelines.


The Ministers commended the outcome of the meeting of the Professional Organisations of the animal production chains, held in Niamey from 29 to 31 January 2009, and the Experts for the important recommendations they made to put in place a global framework for the promotion of livestock in the ECOWAS region.

They expressed their sincere gratitude to the ECOWAS and UEMOA Commissions, CILSS, OCDE and all technical and financial partners who contributed to the successful organisation of the meeting.

The Ministers expressed their sincere gratitude to His Excellency Mamadou TANDJA, President of the Republic of Niger and Head of State, the Government and People of Niger for the warm hospitality accorded them during their stay in Niamey.

At the end of the meeting, the Ministers of Livestock, Trade and Interior of the ECOWAS Member States unanimously adopted the guidelines. They recommended to the President of the ECOWAS Commission to translate the strategic guidelines into Action Plan not later than 2010 for its effective implementation by the year 2020.

Done at Niamey, on 4th February 2009

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The Chairman of the meeting
Alhaji Abu-Bakr Sulayman, *Deputy Minister*
Representing Major Gen. (Rtd) Godwin Abbe,
Minister of Interior of the Federal Republic of Nigeria