

**A SPEECH BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/ REGISTRAR OF NDA
TO STAKEHOLDERS WORKSHOP ON DRAFT GUIDELINES ON
CONDUCT OF ECTOPARASITICIDE FIELD TRIALS IN UGANDA AT
HOTEL EQUATORIA, KAMPALA ON 06th MARCH 2009**

NDA Board Members

Invited participants,

Members of staff,

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It gives me great honour open this stakeholders' workshop. I would like to thank all of you who have endeavoured to honour our invitation on a short notice and come to make substantial contributions to these draft guidelines.

The NDA mission is to ensure that only good quality, safe, and efficacious human and veterinary medicines are available and are correctly handled in Uganda: and to contribute towards their accessibility, cost effectiveness and appropriate use.

These guidelines were developed to provide minimum requirements on how to conduct ectoparasiticides field trials. This is to establish the efficacy and safety of these products used in animals against ectoparasites of veterinary importance. These include ticks, tsetse flies, mites, biting nuisance flies e.t.c The purpose of inviting you to this

meeting is to seek your opinions and suggestions that could be incorporated in the final draft before the guidelines are enacted.

Diseases as babesiosis, bovine anaplasmosis, East Coast fever, Trypanosomiasis and heartwater cause severe economic damage to livestock production through high morbidity and mortality. Ectoparasiticide control is a major component of animal health programmes protecting livestock, thereby enhancing global food security and increased access of humans to animal protein and their products.

Control of such diseases requires a comprehensive and coordinated strategy action involving all stakeholders (MAAIF, NDA, Business communities, Academic institutions, Research organization e.t.c). The plan should include ensuring that efficacious ectoparasiticides are imported in the country, and tick control should be based on scientifically sound data collected during preliminary epizootiological and entomological surveys.

As the government of Uganda embraces a plan for modernisation of agriculture, NDA has to strategically position its self in regulating ectoparasiticides and other veterinary products so that the losses caused by use of substandard products is minimized.

I wish you fruitful deliberations.

I now declare the workshop open.