

**World Veterinary Day (WVD) 2018 Award
presented to
The Uganda Veterinary Association**



The Uganda Veterinary Association emerged winner among 20 Veterinary Associations that submitted applications for of the WVD 2018 Award. The World Veterinary Association (WVA) and the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) awarded UVA the WVD 2018 Award for making the most successful contribution of highlighting the role of the veterinary profession on the selected theme “the role of the veterinary profession in sustainable development to improve livelihoods, food security and safety”.

The WVD 2018 was handed over to UVA on November 29, 2018 during the annual symposium attended by over 300 participants and hosted by Kabira Country Hotel, Bukoto by Dr. Clive Marwick, Chairman South Africa Veterinary Statutory Council on behalf of the WVA and OIE. The UVA annual symposium was celebrated under the theme “The Veterinary Profession and Uganda’s Economy: Unveiling the Potential” which

highlighted the major contributions that a well facilitated veterinary service delivery system can make towards the national economy.

The theme underscores the huge potential of the veterinary profession to support major animal products value chains to provide animal source foods, support livelihoods, generate employment for the livestock farmers, traders, processors and other actors along the value chain. It is needless to mention that the livestock sector is the “cash cow” i.e. major source of revenue for several districts in Uganda thus every quarantine imposed in a district is received with loud outcries of loss of revenue by the sub-county and district local governments and accompanying consequences of failure to sell and earn income to pay school fees, medical fees and meet other basic needs. Consequences of quarantine are more punitive or severe during the start of school terms or during the festive season such as Christmas which is a few days away.

Some Photo Moments:



The WVD 2018 Award Arrives in Uganda



The Uganda Veterinary Association (UVA) President Dr. Sylvia Angubua Baluka receives the WVD 2018 Award from Dr. Clive Marwick, flanked by the Director of Animal Resources Dr. Juliet Ssentumbwe on the left & the UVA Vice President Dr. Daniel Kasibule on the right.

The Guest of Honour, Hon. Janet Akech Okori-moe, the Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee on Agriculture, Animal Industry & Fisheries (extreme left) who represented the Rt. Hon. Rebecca Alitwala Kadaga, the Speaker of the Parliament of Uganda, standing to the Director Animal Resources, graced the Award Ceremony. On the extreme right is Dr. Anna Rose Ademun Okurut, Commissioner Animal Health (MAAIF), CVO & OIE Delegate for Uganda who was the Master of Ceremony for the Award Ceremony.



UVA Executive Members join the UVA President



The DAR, MAAIF gives her remarks after the Award Ceremony.



UVA Member Celebrates the WVD 2018 Award



The Day was crowned with cutting a cake and cocktail sponsored by Norbrook Uganda Limited till late.



Picture with the delegates of the UVA Annual General Meeting and Symposium 2018