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We are excited to share the good news that the Africa Veterinary Technician Association recently became an observer member of the World Veterinary Association. Congratulations!

Dr Raymond Briscoe, World Veterinary Association Coordinator for the VPP Project said: “I am pleased to report the acceptance by the WVA council on the 31st August 2022 for observer membership of the Africa Veterinary Technicians Association (AVTA). This is a very important step in strengthening coordination and collaboration between the Veterinary Professional and Paraprofessional Associations in Africa, leading to the reinforcement of sustainable veterinary service provision systems, better understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a VPP, and building capacity for the delivery of services.”

AVTA is an apex body representing the interests of Veterinary Paraprofessionals in Africa. It promotes the improvement of the animal resource industry through the provision of veterinary paraprofessional and related services, and promotes linkages between various national VPP Associations.

The President of AVTA, Benson Ameda stated: “The Observer membership with the World Veterinary Association is expected to enhance collaboration between VPP Association and Veterinary Associations in Africa. Though the VPPs have been serving the vast majority of the rural communities, particularly in resource-poor countries in Africa, this cadre of service providers are yet to be recognized appropriately in veterinary legislation. The collaboration between WVA and AVTA is therefore a big step towards ensuring that VPPs and Vets find joy in working together at all levels. This will not only improve animal disease detection and control, but will go a long way in improving livelihoods of rural communities in Africa.

I wish to confirm that all our member associations have welcomed the collaboration and are committed to promoting the same at National levels. Messages of congratulations have been received from Nigeria, Ghana, Togo, Benin, Uganda, Tanzania, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Malawi, Namibia, Zambia, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Ethiopia, Sudan, and Eswatini amongst other member countries. AVTA believes that the existing collaborations with FAO and WOAH will be strengthened even to greater heights at the global arena. The world is indeed moving towards the prevention and control of transboundary animal diseases and the realization of a safer globe. Thanks to the landmark Observer Membership to WVA.”