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Resolutions of the FAO/Cefas workshop on bivalve mollusc sanitation Ole Sereni Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya, 11-12th November 2019

1. The FAO/Cefas Reference Centre team thanked the representatives from the Member Countries of **Angola, Cameroon, Ghana, Gambia, Djibouti, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Senegal, South Africa, and Sudan** for their participation in the workshop and for their high level of engagement throughout the two days.
2. The representatives of the Member Countries agreed that they **shared the goal** of the **development and enhancement of microbiologically safe bivalve molluscs production**, and that this goal would be best achieved through the building of **scientific collaborations** and supporting **networks**.
3. Further to the above, the **FAO/Cefas Reference Centre team** confirmed **the intent to support the development of scientific collaborations and supporting networks**, and that this workshop and the **formation of this group** was a first, important step in developing these collaborations and networks.
4. The representatives from Member Countries identified their key challenges with respect to the further development and enhancement of safe bivalve shellfish following **priorities for further support and development**:
 - a. **Training of Competent Authorities** in all aspects of bivalve mollusc sanitation programmes.
 - b. **Training of laboratories** in testing of microbiological (and other) determinants as used in bivalve mollusc sanitation programmes.
 - c. Access to **project funding** in order to further development of bivalve sanitation programmes to achieve the goal identified in Resolution 2.
5. The representatives from Member Countries agreed the **FAO Reference Centre for bivalve mollusc sanitation** could play an **important role in the provision of training and further development of programmes**, but it was acknowledged that to maximise this additional project funding would be required.
6. The representatives from Member Countries also identified a need for information, technical assistance and training in other aspects of bivalve mollusc safety such as marine biotoxins.

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