

## THE VETERINARY COUNCIL OF TANZANIA (VCT)

### ESTABLISHMENT

The Veterinary Council of Tanzania is a body corporate under the Ministry of Livestock Development established by an Act of Parliament, the Veterinary Act No 16 of 2003, to regulate the activities of the veterinary profession, and delivery of animal health services in Tanzania.



Members of the Council with the then Minister for Water and Livestock Development, now the Premier, Honorable Edward Lowassa on the occasion of launching the Council 26<sup>th</sup> October 2004

The Council has been established after repealing the Ordinance, CAP 376 of 1956, the Tanzania Veterinary Board and subsequent revisions which was found inadequate to regulate the activities of the veterinary profession, and delivery of animal health services in Tanzania due to social economical changes which have been taking place in the country since 1956. According to the Ordinance, Chapter 376 and its subsequent revisions and regulations, the Board was an arm of the Director of Veterinary Services (DVS), for registration and regulating the conduct of Veterinary Surgeons and general animal health delivery in Tanzania. The Council which is independent from the DVS was launched by the then Minister for Water and Livestock Development Honorable Edward Lowassa (MP) on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October 2004.

### MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

The Council is composed of nine (9) members who are appointed by the Minister responsible for Livestock Development.

The members are:

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| Prof. D.M. Kambarage | Chairperson, currently Professor of Veterinary Medicine, Sokoine University of Agriculture.        |
| Dr H. Mbwille        | Vice chairperson, private practicing veterinarian representing veterinary pharmaceutical companies |
| Dr Y. Sinare         | A private practicing veterinarian representing private practitioners                               |

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| Dr F. Akarro     | A private practicing Veterinarian representing Tanzania Veterinary Association. |
| Prof M. Mgas     | Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Sokoine University of Agriculture.        |
| Mr. J. Mallaba   | A State Attorney from the Attorney General Chamber.                             |
| Dr J. Mollel     | Acting Director of Veterinary Services  |
| Dr A. Hyaighaimo | District Veterinary Officer Mvomero   |
| Mr J. Chiwaligo  | A representative of Paraprofessionals   |

The present members will hold office for a term of three years and will be eligible for reappointment for another term. The Chairperson of the Council will hold office for four years and will be eligible for reappointment for one succession term.