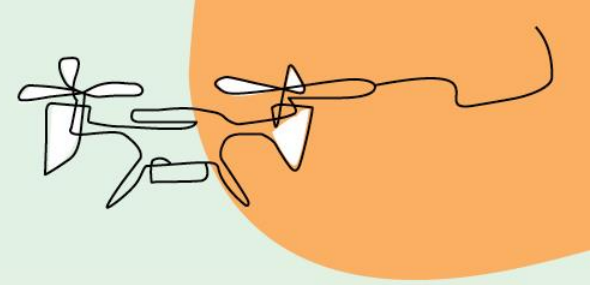


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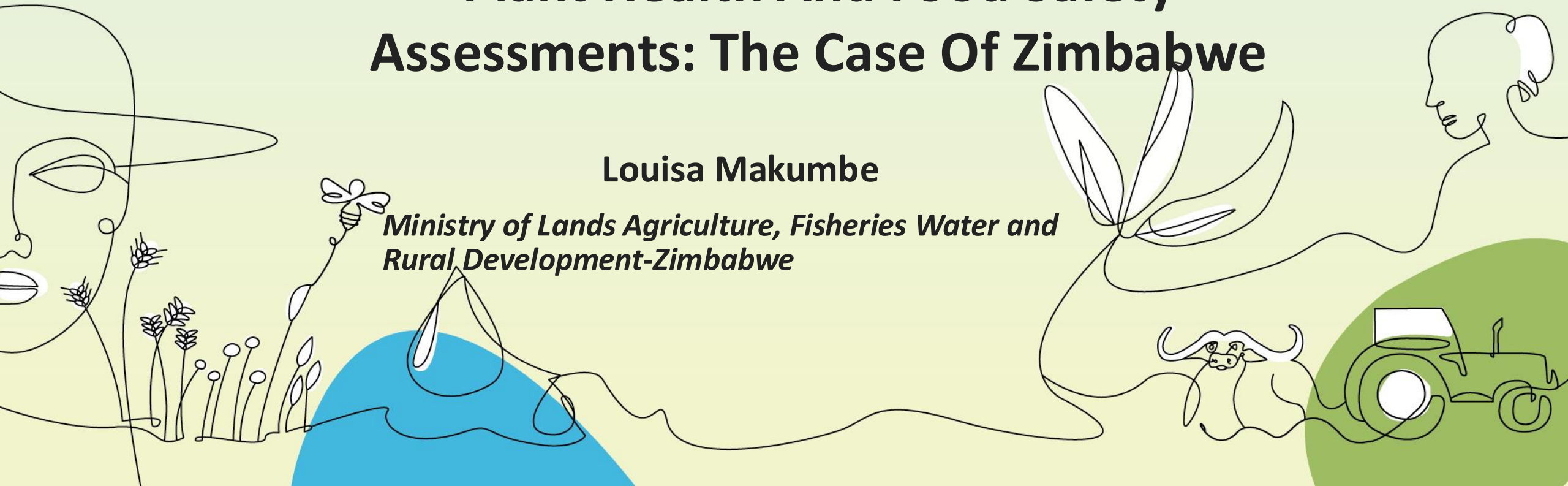
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Synergies and Interlinkages between Plant Health And Food Safety Assessments: The Case Of Zimbabwe

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The role of phytosanitary and food safety assessments in Zimbabwe

- **Why this matters?**

Zimbabwe's agriculture is a pillar of its economy, directly impacting food security, trade, and the livelihoods of its people. Ensuring **plant health and food safety** is crucial for sustainable development, fostering trade opportunities, and protecting public health

- **Project Overview:** Zimbabwe, through the support of the European Union-funded project GCP/GLO/949/EU, has undertaken two key evaluations:
 - **IPPC Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation (PCE)**
 - **FAO/WHO Food Control System Assessment**



How do these assessments drive the change?

- Holistic reforms: The assessments contributed to make the necessary reforms that contribute to **One Health**.
- Integrated approach: Plant health and food safety are interconnected aspects of agricultural production and consumer protection.
- Developing tailored strategic plans These strategies support the improvement of phytosanitary and food safety systems.
- Strengthening phytosanitary legislation: The PCE supports reviewing and updating phytosanitary laws and regulations. Ensuring provisions align with international standards.
- Facilitate market access: Zimbabwe is enhancing its capacity to implement international sanitary and phytosanitary standards. It will be better positioned to access new markets for plant and food products.

Key areas of impact

Strengthen legal frameworks

Modernize phytosanitary regulations

National Capacity Development

Tailored training & development plans

Identify gaps & address them

Comprehensive assessment of key areas

Foster enhancements in Trade & Market Access

Foster compliance with international standards



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Revelations from the PCE in Zimbabwe

01 National Strategy
and costed plan

13 PCE modules
Selected
(system/resources/technical)

56 Phytosanitary
Gaps
Identified

01 Review of
legislation

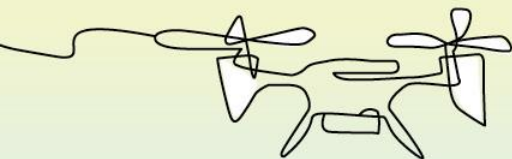
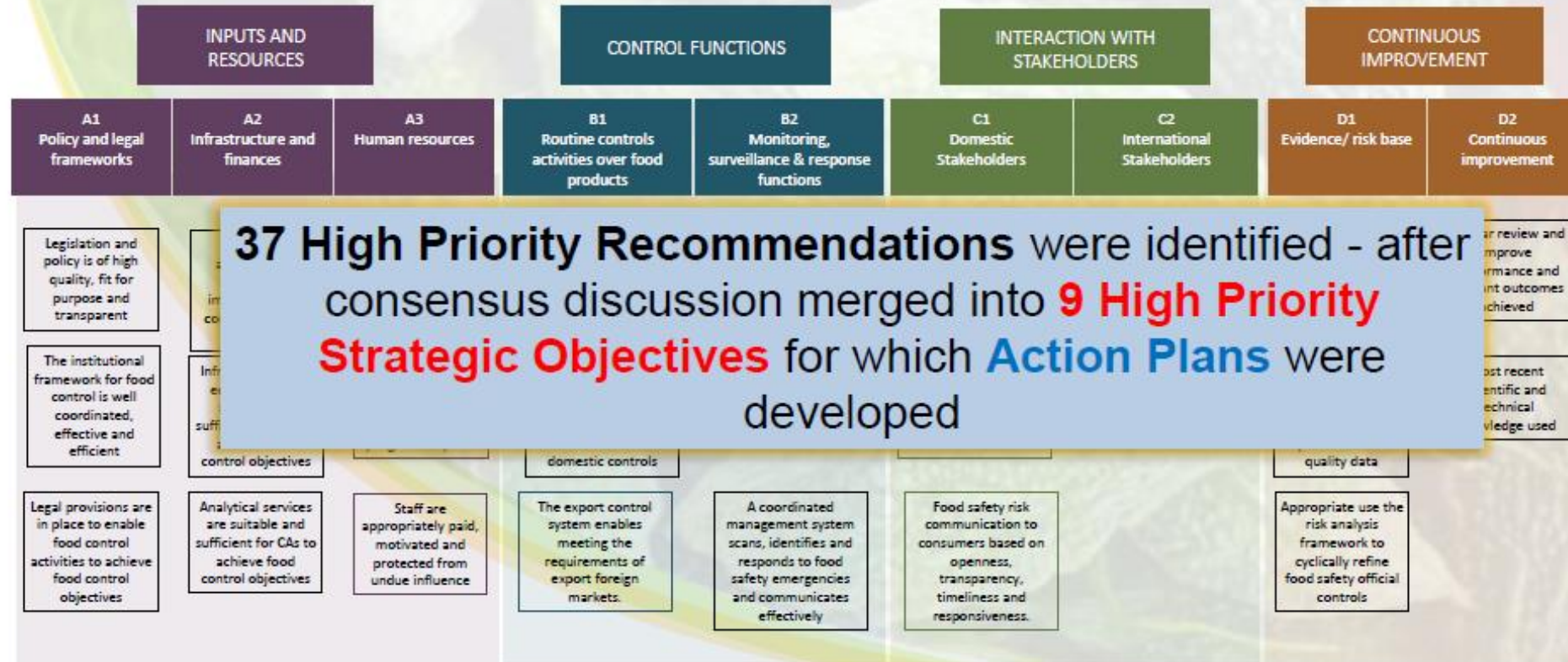
Categorized overview of gaps affecting phytosanitary matters in Zimbabwe:

- Training and human resource development
- Regulatory and legislative framework
- Planning, programs and awareness
- Resources and Infrastructure
- Local, regional & International cooperation
- NPPO organogram and structure aligned to international norms
- Data management & documentation



Assessment of the National Food Control System of Zimbabwe

FOOD CONTROL STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES



Key Synergies and Interlinkages Between Plant Health And Food Safety Assessments

Implementation of the national phytosanitary strategy and the national food safety strategy help Zimbabwe to improve capacities in a holistic manner for:

- Risk Assessment
- Surveillance
- Review, revision and harmonisation of Policy and legal frameworks in line with international Sanitary and Phytosanitary Standards
- Informing and engaging stakeholders from different industries and areas along the food chain production
- Identify capacity needs, and prioritise needed reforms and capacity development activities
- Advocacy, national, regional, and international cooperation and collaboration
- Increased trust of trading partners and consumers



Following the assessments

- **The project is supporting the review of the Plant Pest and Disease Act and associated legislation in collaboration with our legal fraternity.**
- **Zimbabwe has been trained to use an additional assessment tool (the R-sat tool) developed by COLEAD to support the implementation of the national phytosanitary capacity development strategy;**
- **Project proposal development is at an advanced stage in preparation for a project definition workshop scheduled for the next week in Rome, Italy.**
- **Various IPPC e-learning courses and the result-based management course have been made available for NPPO staff to strengthen their capacity.**



Food Control System consultation group



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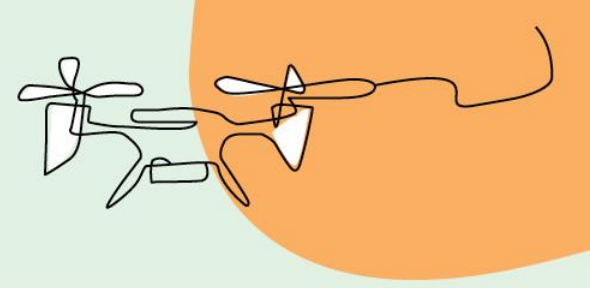
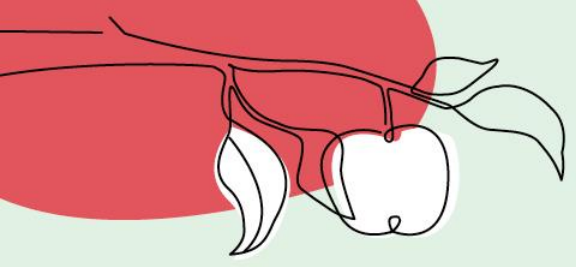
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PCE validation workshop



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Thank you

