

# A Global Agenda of Action

## Introduction and history

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# History of the Development of the Agenda

- ▶ Recent set of major publications on livestock and global public goods;
  - **FAO: Livestock's Long Shadow, Livestock in a Changing Landscape, Livestock in a Balance (SOFA) and World Bank: Minding the Stock.**
- ▶ Preparatory Meetings
  - **SDC: Switzerland, Representation on Livestock in a Changing Landscape**
  - **Dutch Ministry of Agriculture Nature and Food Quality (side event of FAO/Committee for Agriculture Rome);**
- ▶ Creation of Dialogue Group for Responsible Livestock Sector Development

# Dialogue Group at FAO/COAG meeting June 16, 2010

- ▶ Representatives of countries with diverse livestock sectors
  - Brazil: Domestic and export supply;
  - Ethiopia: Livelihoods;
  - India: Livelihoods and domestic supply;
  - Netherlands: Value adding and export;
  - New Zealand: Export.
- ▶ Representatives of FAO and World Bank
- ▶ Main purpose:
- ▶ *“to get sustainable livestock development back on the international agenda”*

# Main agreements/recommendations

- ▶ Side event:
  - Reiterated the crucial place for livestock development for income and food security and the challenges of sustainability for the environment and public health.
- ▶ FAO COAG:
  - “FAO engage in consultations to establish a global dialogue with a wide range of stakeholders to sharpen the definition of the livestock sector’s objectives and to identify issues that could require intergovernmental action”
- ▶ Agreement on preparation of a Concept Note for the Hague meeting
  - Financing --Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture, Nature and Innovation

# The Hague Meeting

## October 31 – November 1, 2010

- ▶ In parallel with the Government of the Netherlands /WB/FAO meeting “**Global Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change**”
- ▶ Combined with side event of FAO on “Livestock and climate change: Issues and options”
  - **Focus on mitigation AND adaptation under different environments**

# The Need for Action

- ▶ Continued attention to the livestock sector is critical to:
  - Safeguard the livelihoods of one billion poor;
  - Safeguard the commercial livestock sector as an integral part of the world's food system and an engine of growth;
  - Ensure healthy and balanced diets to future generations;
- ▶ But also to reduce:
  - Environmental impact;
  - Public health risk; and
  - Social and economic exclusion.



Would we still have the natural resources for meat and milk in 2050?

# Concept Note for the Hague Meeting

## ▶ Proposal

- Establishment of Platform for Responsible Livestock Sector Development;

## ▶ Vision:

- “ Responsible livestock sector development, which preserves the environment and the natural resource base, is socially inclusive, contributes to viable economic growth and minimizes the public health risks from emerging and endemic zoonotic and food-borne diseases”.

# Focus and Functions

- ▶ Proposed focus:
  - Enhancing efficiency of resource use (feed, water, energy) in global livestock sector value chains; with clear linkages to:
    - Other environmental impacts;
    - Competitiveness and market access;
    - Public health risks.
- ▶ Through:
  - Strategic analyses and collation of information and knowledge;
  - Sharing of knowledge and practices through dialogue, dissemination and capacity building; and
  - Application and piloting of principles and approaches.

# Means and products

- ▶ A multi-stakeholder platform supported by:
  - independent panels of specialists; and
  - a secretariat
  
- ▶ Potential products:
  - (i) comprehensive database and information systems;
  - (ii) policy advice;
  - (iii) support for pilot projects;
  - (iv) investment guidelines; and
  - (v) advocacy.

# Outcome sought

- ▶ A **change in behavior** that enhances the sustainability of livestock source food value chains.

# Short term Follow-up

- ▶ Dialogue Group to retain oversight of preparatory phase
  - Jimmy Smith (World Bank) to remain chair of the Group
  - Next meeting in Brazil also to decide on future organizational form
- ▶ Secretariat (FAO) to prepare detailed plan for Agenda of Action
  - for consultations, regional “road shows”, broadening participation, and resource mobilization.
  - with financial support from Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture, Nature and Innovation.
- ▶ First consultation with all stakeholders in Brazil
  - On invitation of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply and EMBRAPA
- ▶ Planned delivery of program in September 2011.

# And the medium term follow-up..

- ▶ Presenting the Plan of Action in COP 17 in Durban (November 28–December 9, 2011)???
  - Major opportunity to gain increased attention of policy makers on opportunities of sector contribution to mitigation and adaptation, but:
  - Are we ready?
- ▶ Presenting first findings at follow-up meeting to the “The Hague conference” in Hanoi, February 2012.

# Thank you

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