

## Developing a global agenda of action for responsible livestock sector development

### Friday Morning (May 20) Meeting

Rapporteur: Cees de Haan, no Brazilian rapporteur available.

Opening: Jimmy Smith gave an overview of the past days, with the discussion on the vision (which was agreed upon) and the content with some excellent presentations (but which is still very much open on what the AoA should do). The discussion this morning is to deal with form and function.

Jeroen Dijkman gave overview of possible functions on the AoA . After ample discussion the functions were agreed upon. They are available in the Brasilia consensus document.

Two points:

- Because of the broader familiarity of the word “sustainable”, this will be used instead of “responsible” in describing the AoA. It will be used in its broader interpretation with the three pillars of environmental sustainability, social equity and economic viability. This interpretation should be in the pre-amble of the Consensus paper
- The functions will not include a major involvement in certification.

The membership of the platform is open to all participating institutions. There was again ample discussion on the composition of the steering committee. It was agreed, that the interim preparatory committee to be constituted from extended committee with Netherlands, Brazil, New Zealand, Ethiopia, USA, China, WWF, IMS, IFIF, IDF, IPC, WB, FAO, and AU-IBAR and ILRI to constitute interim preparatory committee. With this composition, the committee is already rather large, and while some felt that the committee should be open to all, the majority argued that this might lead to a cumbersome decision making process. It was therefore agreed that the membership should be limited to governments, international branch organizations and a regional organizations, and that it is not feasible to include representatives of national organizations. They can let their voices heard through their national governments of their branch organizations, and can interact directly through the website ([www.responsiblelivestock.org](http://www.responsiblelivestock.org))<sup>1</sup> and through communications of the secretariat through a list server. All efforts will be made to recognize what existing initiatives are doing to avoid re-inventing the wheel. The secretariat will prepare a proposal for the composition of the preparatory committee and other governance issues for discussion and approval at the next consultation.

With so many questions still open on the governance and the content of the AoA, the secretariat recommended an additional consultation be organized before the launching of the AoA. This was agreed by the meeting. The launch of the AoA will then be held in early 2012. Increased funding would be needed to accommodate this longer preparatory phase and the additional consultation, and the members of the preparatory committee will help in identifying additional resources. The secretariat will prepare also a business plan, including a funding strategy. Introducing a fee for participating members (eventually on a sliding scale and close involvement of the private sector were suggested as possible avenues.

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<sup>1</sup> Following the name change, the site should be renamed with clear reference to sustainability.

In their closing remarks, all speakers (Samuel Jutzi, Alida Oppers, Jimmy Smith) highlighted the importance of the task, the significant progress made, and thanked all participants for their active involvement in the discussions, and the Government of Brazil, and in particular the organizers for their hospitality and the excellent organization of the event. Jimmy announced his departure from the Bank to ILRI, and suggested that a replacement Chair has to be identified. Finally, in closing the meeting, Andrea Parilla, representing the Brazilian Government thanked all for their interest in Brazil, and hoped that all participants have obtained a positive impression of the progress made in the country's livestock sector.