



# Partnership on benchmarking and monitoring the environmental performance of livestock supply chains

# Process

- IDF-FAO LCA collaboration started in 2009
- Rome, October 2010: FAO - private sector meeting identified environmental benchmarking as a priority area for collaboration.
- Rome, March 2011: formal 2 day consultation, in-depth discussion on the scope and structure; in principle expressions of interest in joining.
- Summer 2011: development of Partnership proposal
- Current: consultations and amendments of the Partnership proposal

## Greenhouse Gas Emissions from the Dairy Sector

A Life Cycle Assessment



FAO HQ, ROME, 28-29 MARCH 2011



**Agenda and list of participant**

DEVELOPING A PARTNERSHIP ON BENCHMARKING AND MONITORING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE OF LIVESTOCK FOOD CHAINS

CONSULTATION  
Philippines Room (C277/281)



# Rationale for the Partnership

- Improved **co-ordination** and **cost-effectiveness**
- Improve the **consistency**, **objectivity** and **credibility** of environmental performance enhancement approaches
  - Implement balanced and objective – multi-stakeholder processes
- **Avoid short-termism** – improvement in environmental performance requires medium-long-term strategy (in addition to short-term responses)



# Core activities for years 1-3

(i)

- Activity C1: Development of sector-specific guidelines and methods for the LCA of GHG
  - agreed across livestock sectors
  - agreed across stakeholders
  - compliant with ISO standards
- Activity C2: Development of a global database of GHG emissions associated with crops used as feed materials
  - Industry request
  - In collaboration with existing projects (CFPAN, Agribalyse)



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## (ii)

- Activity C3: Deliver measures of the wider environmental performance of livestock
  - Water, nutrient use, land, biodiversity.
- Activity C4: Prepare and implement a communication strategy for the Partnership
  - Provide context – avoid cherry-picking
  - Raise profile, improve understanding and enable scrutiny and feedback



# Timeline

- Ongoing discussions indicate sufficient interest to move forward:
  - Governments: Canada, France, Ireland, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Uruguay, USA, Argentina, Thailand
  - Private Sector organizations: FEFAC, FEFANA, IDF, IEC, IFIF, IMS, IPC, UECEBV, IFAH
  - NGOs and other international organizations: WWF, IUCN, ISO
- Partnership document finalization by the end of November
- Probable meeting of founding members early 2012



# Further information

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