

Meeting of the Agenda of Action (AoA) Interim Preparatory Committee (IPC)

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Participants: Niek Schelling; Francois Pythoud; Brian Weech; Hsin Huang (ad-interim Chair); Pierre Gerber; Henning Steinfeld; Ben Henderson; Jeroen Dijkman

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Apologies: François le Gall (co-Chair); Dave Cieslak

Main Conclusions:

- a) General agreement that the response to the presentation of the AoA to the FAO permanent representatives had been rather positive. In addition, countries generally 'suspicious' of FAO's activities in the livestock sector responded relatively positive to the proposed AoA. Main queries related to the mechanisms for the engagement of smallholders and the proposed governance of the AoA;
- b) Development of the workshop programmes is progressing according to plan. Dates and locations for the workshops were confirmed, with the exception of the *Restoring value to grassland* workshop in Brazil, where the possibility of alternative dates (week of 14 or 28 May) are being followed-up on;
- c) Need to engage additional stakeholder participation both from within and without current Multi-stakeholder platform (MSP) members for all action programme workshops. Draft action programmes - based on the outcomes of the Phuket meeting and subsequent task forces-, and stock-taking exercises for each focus area will be prepared and distributed prior to each workshop for discussion and further refinement. Identifying the comparative advantage and value-added of the AoA will be key for each focus area workshop;
- d) Need to repeat and strengthen efforts to engage additional livestock sector branch organizations and international consumer fora. In addition, the question of directly engaging individual companies (including retail) needs to be put on the agenda for discussion during the next MSP meeting;
- e) AoA strategy document that deals with both the conceptual and practical aspects of channeling knowledge to target areas, changes in practices and ways of working, as well as impact at scale will be finalized and distributed prior to the focus area workshops;
- f) Different models and options for the AoA form and oversight mechanisms will be developed further after the finalization of the draft action programmes. These options will be ready for discussion at the next MSP meeting (most likely to be held in June/July 2012). Further clarification and agreement is necessary on the specific roles of the various elements of this structure, and that flexibility to adapt mechanisms as learning occurs and needs evolve will be required;

Action points

- IPC members to contact and create awareness within their extended networks of the AoA in general and focus area workshops in particular to enhance and broaden stakeholder base and involvement (all – continuous);
- Confirmation of potential date change of *Restoring value to grassland* workshop in Brazil (Andrea – ASAP);
- Preparation of draft focus area action programmes; stock-taking exercises and AoA Strategy documents (AoA Secretariat -by 31 March);
- Preparation of menu of options and models for AoA oversight and form (AoA Secretariat – following the finalization of draft action programmes).