



GLOBAL AGENDA OF ACTION
IN SUPPORT OF SUSTAINABLE LIVESTOCK SECTOR DEVELOPMENT



Focus Area 2: Restoring value to grassland

Recap and progress update

FOCUS AREA OBJECTIVES

- Primary objective: to restore both environmental and economic value to grasslands, while preserving their social and cultural functions, globally.



PROBLEM STATEMENT

- Grazing lands occupy 26% of the earth's ice-free land area: important source food, forage, livestock, biodiversity, tourism
- Widespread neglect & degradation of grazing lands leads to high incidence of poverty in many marginal areas
- Degradation of grasslands results in:
 - Environmental losses: erosion, CO₂ emissions, water resource & biodiversity loss
 - Socio-economic losses: reduced economic returns, & increased vulnerability to climate change



ISSUES AND OPTIONS

- Restoration activities, grazing management & pasture intensification can simultaneously increase productivity, economic returns, soil C, & resilience
- Restoration & grassland management can be partly financed by payment for environmental service (PES) mechanisms – but accurate & affordable measurement/monitoring needed
- Policies need to be sensitive to tradeoffs



CURRENT STATUS

- Brasilia FA2 stakeholder consultation (May 2012) proposed initial set of actions for the FA programme, organized by broad partnership activities:
 - Consult and Network;
 - Analyze and inform; and
 - Guide and pilot



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CONSULT AND NETWORK

- Recommendations: establish network(s) to synthesize info on non-market benefits of restoration, for representative areas and socio-economic contexts
- Progress: links established between some relevant networks (LIFLOD and GRSB) and the Agenda.
- Next steps: agreement on tasks and nomination of roles by Agenda partners,



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ANALYZE AND INFORM

○ Recommendations:

- Accounting framework to assess non-market benefits from restoration & management
- Analyze best practice policies for grassland restoration & management

○ Progress/next steps:

- Century assessment of global grassland C sequestration potential being finalized.
- Carbon accounting methodology for grasslands (led by FAO) to be validated in mid 2013
- More detailed regional studies by Agenda partners needed, to cover a broader range of issues



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GUIDE AND PILOT

- Recommendations included pilots to test:
 - impact of tenure on constraints for restoration activities
 - integrated PES frameworks for multiple non-market benefits
 - PPPs in extension and service delivery
- Progress/next steps:
 - Several relevant pilots ongoing among Agenda partners
 - Further inputs needed, about ongoing and planned pilot activities



THANK YOU

