



GLOBAL AGENDA OF ACTION

IN SUPPORT OF SUSTAINABLE LIVESTOCK SECTOR DEVELOPMENT



Tentative meeting programme

CIVIL SOCIETY DIALOGUE

27-29 SEPTEMBER 2013 >> AHMEDABAD, GUJARAT, INDIA

BACKGROUND

The livestock sector exemplifies the existing challenges towards sustainability and the necessity for joint action: it not only needs to supply growing amounts of safe food and support rural livelihoods, but it must also deal with growing resource scarcity and reduce its environmental footprint. From industrial poultry to dryland pastoralism, livestock systems face highly diverse challenges that require different responses. Such actions need to reconcile the requirements of a wide array of different stakeholders, and to provide benefits to all.

Already, stakeholders are joining hands to make the livestock sector more sustainable. Novel forms of partnership are being developed around the world, and dialogue is at the heart of such partnerships. Capitalizing on the strength of different actors, dialogue enhances the understanding of development issues. But more importantly, consensus can be built amongst all concerned on the path towards sustainable food security. It forms the basis for stakeholder commitments to action and on-the-ground improvements.

One example of this new way of operating is the Global Agenda of Action in Support of Sustainable Livestock Sector Development (the Agenda in short), supported by FAO. This partnership of key representatives from governments, the private sector, civil society and academia, aims to catalyze and guide the continuous improvement of livestock sector practices. Whilst civil society representatives have been integral to all stages of the process, the Agenda would like to move to a mechanism that will make this involvement more systematic and coherent. This meeting, therefore, will discuss the Agenda's role in addressing sustainability in food and agriculture and agree a mechanism that will best serve the need for effective civil society participation.

27 SEPTEMBER

Opening session

Registration from 10h00 for 11h00 start

Chair: Lalji Desai, MARAG

- **11:00 Hosts opening statements:** MARAG, IPC, WAMIP, and FAO
 - **12:00 The Agenda - Overview:** Where we are, and how we got here - Jeroen Dijkman, FAO.
Followed by questions and plenary discussion
 - **13:00** Lunch
 - **14:30 Constituency panels** on what the Agenda needs to address (what stakeholder want out of the Agenda, what has been missed, what needs to be included), why the Agenda is needed, why they want to be involved, and what is required to achieve continuous improvement in natural resource use - and sustainable livestock sector development
 - **15:30** Health break
 - **16:00** Stakeholder panels and discussion continue
- N.B.:** Panel members will have 10 minutes to lay out their views. Panel statements followed by 30 minutes of moderated panel interaction and 30 minutes of plenary question and answers
- **17:15** Panel discussion summary (17:30 closure)
 - **18:30 Presentation space** - Optional space for participants' presentations

28 SEPTEMBER

Chair: Mauro Conti, IPC

- **9:00** Recap of day 1 - *Drafting committee*
- **9:15 Constituency perspective panels** - What concrete engagement/commitment can different the civil society constituencies bring to support the further development and implementation of the Agenda?
- **10:30** Health break
- **11:00 Constituency perspective panels** - continued

NB. Each panel member will have 10 minutes to make their statements. Panel statements followed by 30 minutes of moderated panel interaction and 30 minutes of plenary question and answers.

- **12:45 Panel discussion summary**
- **13:30** Lunch
- **14:30 Mechanisms for the systematic and coherent involvement of Civil Society in the Agenda** - Short presentation on possible mechanisms and their *modus operandi*
- **14:45 Presentations** by the represented constituencies: *The representational mechanisms we use in our constituency.*
- **15:30** Health break
- **16:00 Break-out groups** to discuss and propose the characteristics and details to be developed for the design of an appropriate CSO representation mechanism
- **17:15** Preparation of working group presentations
- **17:30** Day closure
- **18:30 Presentation space** - optional space for constituency presentations / discussion sessions
- **19:30** Meeting dinner

29 SEPTEMBER

Chair: tbd

- **9:00** Recap of day 2 - *Drafting committee*
- **9:15 Break-out groups' presentations** to agree the characteristics and details to be developed for a mechanisms that ensures systematic and coherent participation of civil society constituencies and their concerns in the Agenda.
Followed by plenary discussion
- **10:30** Health break
- **11:00 Break-out groups** to design a mechanisms that ensures systematic and coherent participation of civil society constituencies and their concerns in the Agenda.
- **13:00** Lunch
- **14:30 Break-out groups' presentations** followed by questions and plenary discussion
- **15:30** Health break
- **16:00 Finalization and endorsement** of the agreed representational mechanism.
- **17:00 Next steps** - Closing statements by constituencies
- **17:30** Meeting adjourns

NB. A multi-constituency process and drafting group will meet each evening to review and report meeting progress



SUSTAINABLE LIVESTOCK
for people, for the planet

www.livestockdialogue.org