

CCAC LIVESTOCK AND MANURE MANAGEMENT COMPONENT START-UP MEETING

Rome, Italy (FAO Headquarters), January 22-24, 2014

Meeting Summary

On January 22-24, 2014, a meeting of the CCAC Livestock and Manure Management Component of the Climate and Clean Air Coalition to Reduce Short-Lived Climate Pollutants (CCAC) Agriculture Initiative was held at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) headquarters in Rome. The meeting was hosted by FAO and co-organized by Wageningen UR Livestock Research (WUR); the United States; Canada; the Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE); Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI); and the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI). Administrative support and procedural guidance was provided by the CCAC Secretariat.

The meeting convened the CCAC Livestock and Manure Management (LMM) component implementing team for the first time. The team comprises FAO and WUR (the Central Hub and coordinating implementers), CATIE, ILRI and SEI (the hosts of the regional centers), as well as the U.S. and Canada (coordinating lead partners) and the CCAC Secretariat. The meeting also convened the LMM Advisory Board, which includes the World Bank, Global Methane Initiative, Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases, the European Commission, and the Livestock and Poultry Environmental Learning Center, and also received input from representatives from nine developing countries - Bangladesh, Mexico, Ethiopia, Vietnam, Thailand, Kenya, Ghana, Brazil, Argentina, Costa Rica - as well as other livestock and development experts. In all, 43 attendees from 13 countries and 14 intergovernmental and non-governmental were present (full list of attendees in the attached appendix).

Day 1 of the meeting featured introductions of the implementing team, coordinating lead partners, Advisory Board, and Secretariat, and an overview of the funding request approved by the CCAC Working Group in November. Following presentations of “cases”, or discrete integrated manure management opportunities identified by the regional centers and hub, the implementing team developed a detailed list of deliverables and draft implementation plan for phase I, including a revised budget. The team also confirmed that WUR will be the sole direct funding recipient receiving resources from the CCAC Trust Fund, and in turn will coordinate support for other implementers.

On Day 2, 23 additional livestock experts from developing countries and leading agricultural institutions participated in the meeting. The lead partners and CCAC Secretariat introduced the CCAC and Agriculture Initiative and the objectives of the dedicated LMM component, following which country representatives presented distinct practice change opportunities for the Initiative to consider pursuing in their countries. In the afternoon, the group reviewed and agreed upon the draft phase I workplan, including a process to develop criteria and implementation priorities for phase II. The group also addressed issues such as: key opportunities, barriers, stakeholder groups, and unanswered questions for review during the phase I scoping exercise. These inputs, submitted primarily by developing country representatives and other experts, were recorded and incorporated into the phase I workplan and the draft phase II implementation plan, part of the required reporting to the CCAC Steering Committee.

On Day 3, members of the Advisory Board presented on their institutions' expertise and potential to contribute to the component's implementation. Discussions continued on key questions for phase I and implementing approaches for phase II. Together with the cases presented by the regional centers, central hub, and developing countries, additional potential cases were compiled, completing a list of indicative manure management opportunities. The broader meeting concluded with a discussion of communications and outreach for the LMM component.

In the afternoon the Advisory Board convened for the first time, and developed terms of reference and operating modalities for its role in providing strategic guidance and decision support to the component. The meeting concluded with the implementing team agreeing on a list of next steps.

The meeting generated the following products: (1) a workplan and draft contracting plan for phase I, including expected deliverables; (2) a draft TOR for the Advisory Board; (3) Advisory Board minutes; (4) a tentative phase II implementation plan as an amendment to the LMM funding request document; (5) a list of indicative manure management opportunities to be considered in phase I for implementation in phase II; and (6) this meeting summary.

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