



WELCOME LETTER



The **6th Multi Stakeholder Partnership meeting** of The Global Agenda in Panama (20 to 23 June 2016) has made the links between sustainable livestock sector development and the achieving of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the Agenda 2030 obvious and visible.

The meeting in Panama also showed that The Global Agenda is well placed to provide a platform to showcase solutions and best practices in the livestock sector. It also provides space to discuss emerging issues by including a wide range of stakeholders while developing appropriate measures in support of sustainable livestock sector development.

Our approach to sustainable livestock integrates considerations of livelihoods, economic and social impacts, public health, animal health and welfare, environmental impacts, land use and tenure as well as biodiversity. It departs

from the fact that all livestock production systems can be more sustainable, independently of their geographical location.

The Global Agenda together with the integrated and related Action Networks address sustainable livestock sector development along three major lines:

- Food Security and Health
- Equity and Growth
- Resources and Climate Change

As Chair of The Global Agenda I look forward to facilitate the process and to contribute to its success by guiding and enabling this partnership to make a significant contribution towards the Sustainable Development Goals.

I encourage you to regularly visit this website to follow the work of The Global Agenda, to participate in the annual Multi Stakeholder Partnership meetings or by actively participating in the Action Networks.

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