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CANDIDATE FOR THE POST OF CHAIR OF THE GLOBAL AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVESTOCK

Holds a degree of Agriculture and Livestock Science from ETH in Zürich, Switzerland and a Master of Science in Animal Science from the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada. He has vast experiences in livestock oriented development programmes mainly in India, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Vietnam, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia and Tanzania.

He is affiliated to the Bern University of Applied Science, School of Agriculture, Forest and Food Science, where he was Professor for livestock systems (1993 – 2015) and Vice Director (2000-2010) responsible for research & consulting services. From 2010 to 2015 Fritz was Head Agriculture and was responsible for bachelor studies, applied research & development, continuing education and consulting services.

Fritz presently is member of the Guiding Group of the Global Agenda for Sustainable Livestock (GASL). As consultant to the Agenda Support Team, Fritz has been involved in the development of the action plan for GASL 2016 to 2018. He has been active in the Livestock Environment and Development Initiative (LEAD) since 1997, has been co-editor of the publication "Livestock in a Changing Landscape".

Fritz has a good network both in the public and private sectors.

He is based in Bremgarten, Bern, Switzerland



My background, my experience, my availability

My CV shows more than 30 years of livestock development experience in many countries as well as experience in strategy development and project planning, implementation and evaluation, often in combination with research and education. My experience and my network consist of projects in the public sector, in cooperatives and also private initiatives.

My interaction with Livestock and Environment (LEAD) started in June 1997 in the Ede Wageningen Conference. Ever since, I have actively participated and have been part of the “inner circle” of persons active towards sustainable livestock production.

In my engagement I have represented the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), LivestockNet, the Bern University of Applied Sciences (HAFL) and the Swiss Federal Office of Agriculture (FOAG). I have been involved in securing funds for LEAD, later for the initiative leading to the publication of “Livestock in a Changing Landscape” and more recently for the Global Agenda for Sustainable Livestock (The Agenda).

In my position as Vice Director and Head of Agriculture of the School of Agriculture, Forest and Food Sciences (HAFL) of the Bern University of Applied Sciences, I have facilitated many stakeholder processes and managed to develop the Agricultural Faculty to an innovative, dynamic and flexible education and research institution with a substantial part of third party project funding.

As co-editor of the publication “Livestock in a Changing Landscape”, as member of the Guiding Group and as Co-author of the Action Plan of The Agenda 2016-2018, I have also been involved in the strategic development of The Agenda.

As freelance consultant with an affiliation to the School of Agriculture, Forest and Food Sciences, HAFL, of the Bern University of Applied Sciences, I am able and willing to dedicate 60 to 80 working days per year to The Agenda including the related international travel.

My motivation, my vision

My vision is to position The Agenda as the partnership, platform and vehicle to make the contribution of the global livestock sector towards achieving the Agenda 2030 and its SDGs transparent, visible and convincing.

On the one hand, The Agenda will base its arguments on sound science and evidence produced and documented by Agenda activities of its members. On the other hand The Agenda will be the platform for Sustainable Livestock Development globally, where successful projects and innovative programs from any source can be show-cased and made visible to relevant stakeholders. By this approach, The Agenda can become the major partnership among all related partnerships by offering a platform to document and communicate positive examples of sustainable livestock development. The Agenda will compile and communicate these examples to a wide public with state of the art communication methods and media tools.

As Chair I would facilitate and support the implementation of the Action Plan 2016-2018 of The Agenda. However, with flexibility to react quickly to changing and emerging needs.

A major challenge will be the securing of the necessary core funds for The Agenda. As Chair this will be the first big challenge and I would put highest priority to secure these funds.



The Agenda 2030 with its SDGs enhances the sustainability term from economic, social and environmental perspectives to include partnerships and the fostering of development for peace.

With The Agenda we can contribute to achieve Sustainable Development by strongly fostering partnerships (SDG 17).

Livestock is essential for millions of people who suffer from conflicts. By explicitly addressing the links between livestock and fragile societies in conflict areas The Agenda can contribute to sustainable and peaceful development (SDG 16).

The Agenda is an inclusive partnership. As Chair I would, further develop the inclusive nature of the partnership. The Agenda now has an established governance structure with defined and agreed rules and procedures. As Chair I would support the Guiding Group and the Agenda Support Team to follow these rules and procedure. This will enable The Agenda to effectively and efficiently focus on content and to base its action on these agreed rules and procedures.

I am motivated to serve as Chair of The Agenda and hope to receive the Guiding Group's support for this mandate.

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