

Livestock sector actions towards more sustainable food systems

12th GASL MSP meeting

Castleknock Hotel, Dublin, Ireland, 3-7 October 2022

CONCEPT NOTE

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Context

During 2020 and 2021 the Global Agenda for Sustainable Livestock held two virtual multi-stakeholder partnership meetings with regional and global elements. The meetings enabled hundreds of livestock sector stakeholders to share information, and to shape input into the GASL Theory of Change (ToC) and 2022-2024 GASL Action Plan (AP). Engagement of GASL and its members in the UN Food Systems Summit, COP26, the COAG Sub-Committee on Livestock (SCL), and Regional Chapters, among others, also provide valuable inputs into the GASL Action Plan, which is framed around a theory of change using three spheres – control, influence and interest¹.

The 2022 GASL MSP (GASL 12th multi-stakeholder partnership meeting) will focus on actions and stakeholder commitments towards sustainable livestock solutions in all three spheres, and considering the following three outcome areas (thus giving a 3x3 matrix as in Figure 1):

- **Evidence and practice change:** *GASL network partners from academia/research, public and private sectors, civil society, NGOs and intergovernmental organizations jointly assemble robust scientific evidence, share lessons and exchange practices for more sustainable food systems.*
- **Dialogue: GASL Clusters, Action Networks and livestock and non-livestock stakeholders engage in GASL-convened dialogue to share scientific knowledge, foster consensus, align interventions and formulate joint actions towards more sustainable livestock systems leaving no one behind.**
- **Policy change:** *Public and private decision makers use robust scientific evidence and expertise assembled and communicated through GASL to change policies towards more sustainable livestock systems.*

¹ For the sphere of control, GASL will deliver evidence-based options and solutions; for the sphere of influence, GASL will facilitate stakeholder engagement and understanding; and for the sphere of interest, GASL will catalyse food systems policy changes.

Figure 1: 2022 MSP conceptual 3x3 matrix: Actions towards sustainable livestock solutions

			2022-2024 GASL Action Plan Outcomes		
			Evidence and practice change	Dialogue	Policy change
Spheres of the GASL Theory of Change	Sphere of interest	Sustainable livestock options are included in global development programming and resourcing			
	Sphere of influence	Knowledge, attitudes, skills of decision makers change so they recognize the importance of options and MSP principles for sustainable livestock			
	Sphere of control	Diversity of GASL and other livestock stakeholders aligned, interconnected and harnessed			

The meetings will consider both achievements (examples from regional situations so as to emphasize and contextualize the diversity) and forward looking commitments to future actions that are essential for livestock contributions to sustainable, resilient, inclusive food systems as described in the GASL vision: ***By 2030 sustainable, inclusive, resilient and diverse livestock systems across the world contribute significantly to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the UN Agenda 2030 and are integral to sustainable food systems.***

It is further recognized that among the examples of achievements and future actions, a number of other themes will be addressed to guide the meetings – with different emphases in various regions. These include, but not exclusive, the [Decade on Ecosystem Restoration](#), climate and biodiversity issues (both mitigation and adaptation, COP27, IPCC 6th report, methane commitments, etc.), regenerative agriculture, animal welfare, International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists, etc. The regional themes will help orient the global meeting.

GASL’s Action Networks will also present examples of their achievements and commitments to action.

Finally, it is opportune to acknowledge that, at the request of several member states and member state blocks such as the EU, the recent outcomes of the 1st Session of the COAG Sub-Committee on Livestock will imply important action elements to GASL, such as the assessment, the preparatory process for smallholder livestock farmers and the role of partnerships in future work of the Sub-Committee and of FAO’s work on livestock at the request of several member states and state blocks such as the EU.

Objectives

The main objective of the 12th GASL MSP is for diverse and multiple stakeholders across the global livestock sector to display and commit to actions towards more sustainable, inclusive, resilient livestock systems as a part of global food system transformation. In summary: Profiling achievements and committing to action.

Dates, meeting modalities

The 2022 MSP will take place in Dublin, Ireland from 3-7 October 2022. The meeting will be hybrid, with regional delegations and global participants in person and a virtual option for others. It is anticipated that up to 150 participants would be in person, depending on the prevailing travel and other directives.

Regional engagement

The global agenda MSP meetings in 2020 and 2021 took place virtually and were preceded by virtual regional meetings which demonstrated the value of such regional engagement for much greater participation. Plans for the 2022 global meeting have thus considered this learning and provide for regional meetings prior to a global meeting. Regional meetings will take place between June and September 2022 and can be virtual or in person, according to the regional team's preference, prevailing travel and other restrictions, etc. Information on regional meetings and their outputs are on the [event web site](#).

Global meeting

The wider process and agenda has been designed around several key threads starting with the regional meetings where participants will take stock of livestock sector **achievements**, single out key **challenges** and identify priority **actions** that will significantly contribute to reaching sustainable food systems and the achieving the sustainable development goals through attention to evidence, dialogue and changes in policies and practice.

The Dublin event picks up on these (see Figure 2 below). Day one is based around **food system challenges** that the livestock sector must overcome or face up to through **actions** and commitments that make a positive difference to livestock producers and consumers worldwide. Day two brings together regional perspectives on these same **challenges**, showing how the **priority actions** of sector actors in different countries and regions respond to the specific issues they face. On day three, participants will explore and learn from Ireland's agri-food systems, gaining insights and inspiration to devise **actions to tackle the critical challenges** facing the livestock sector. Day four convenes a policy forum to consider political choices and priorities for food systems under immense pressure and implications for livestock sector **actions** and priorities. The final day provides a global synthesis from the various sessions, contributing to a Declaration and **commitments** on livestock sector actions towards more sustainable food systems.

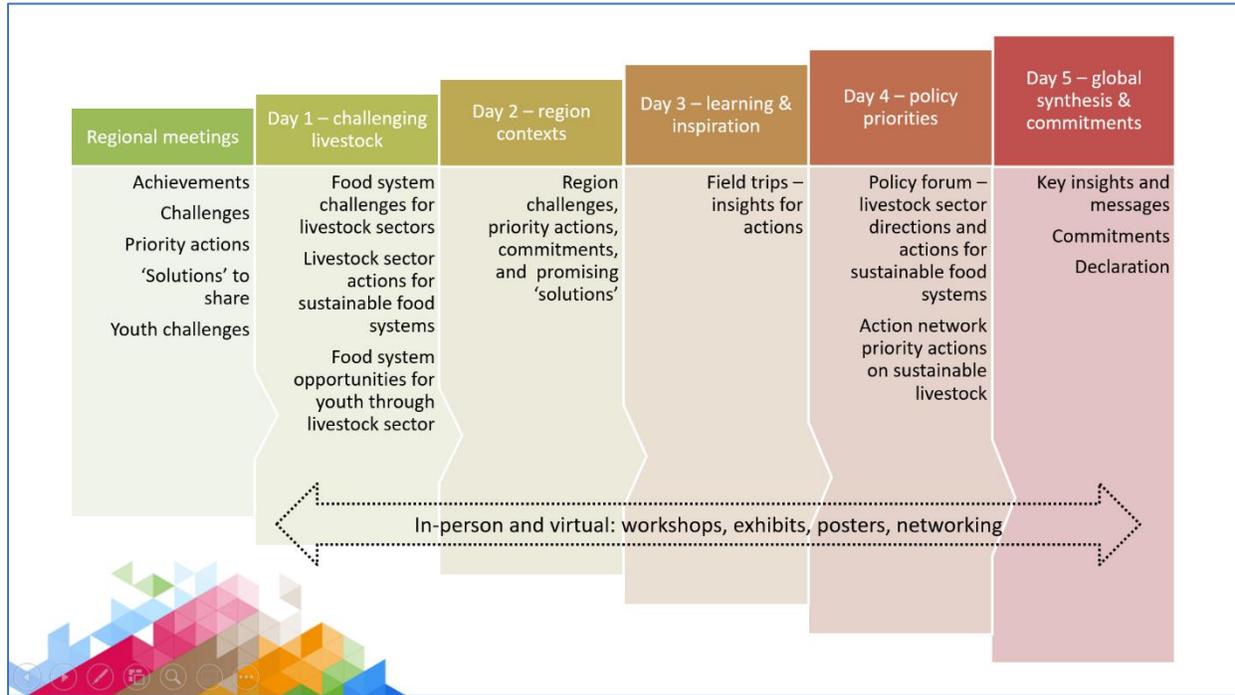
Alongside these main themes, day one features a youth-led and focused session, day four gives space to GASL's action networks to set out their priorities, days one and two feature short technical sessions for participants to discuss specific issues in more depth and an interactive poster display and exhibition runs throughout the days.

Virtual access will be provided for days 1, 2, 4 and 5. Interpretation will be provided in English, French, and Spanish.



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Figure 2: 2022 MSP agenda outline



Organization

Task force:

- Shirley Tarawali (Chair)
- Eduardo ArceDiaz and Lavinia Scudiero (GASL Secretariat)
- Yuriy Nesterov and Henning Steinfeld (Intergovernmental, FAO)
- Fritz Schneider (former Chair)
- Walter Oyhantcabal (observer Uruguay)
- Nancy Bourgeois and Rogerio Mauricio (Academia/Research)
- Mauricio Chacon and Thomas Cherenet (Public Sector)
- Pablo Frère (Social Movements)
- Margherita Gomasasca or Martin Barasa and Nitya Ghotge (NGOs)
- Emmanuel Coste (Donor Cluster)
- Hsin Huang (Private Sector)

REGIONAL FOCAL POINTS

- EASTERN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA (EECA): Yuriy Nesterov, FAO SEC, Ankara
- OCEANIA: Ruairaidh Petre, GRSB, New Zealand; Liz Wedderburn, AgResearch, New Zealand
- EAST ASIA: Dengpan Bu, CAAC, China
- SOUTH ASIA: Ilse Köhler-Rollefson, LPP, and Nitya Ghotge, Anthra, India
- LATIN AMERICA: LA Chapter (Rogerio Mauricio, UFSJR, Brazil; Walter Oyhantcabal, Consultant, Uruguay; Pablo Frere, Redes Chaco, Argentina; Julian Chara, CIPAV, Colombia; Mauricio Chacon, MAG, Costa Rica)
- NORTH AMERICA: Donald Moore, GDP, USA
- WESTERN EUROPE: Fritz Schneider, Consultant, Switzerland; Nancy Bourgeois, HAFL, Switzerland
- FRANCOPHONE AFRICA: Alexandre Ickowicz, CIRAD; Fagouri Said, WAMIP North Africa
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