



## **Tashkent hosts international meeting on sustainable livestock development**

On June 21-23, 2022, the 2nd GASL Multi-Stakeholder Partnership Regional Meeting for Eastern Europe and Central Asia was held in Tashkent in a hybrid format as part of the Global Agenda for Sustainable Livestock partnership. The meeting was organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the State committee of veterinary and livestock development of the Republic of Uzbekistan under the slogan "Livestock for sustainable food systems". About 140 people participate in the meeting offline, including 25 foreign guests. 100 people registered to participate online, 75 of which are foreign representatives.

Sustainable and inclusive livestock development that meets the demand of the population for safe and affordable food while protecting the environment makes a significant contribution to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. The 2nd Multi-Stakeholder Partnership Regional Meeting for Eastern Europe and Central Asia of the Global Agenda for Sustainable Livestock partnership aims to share scientific knowledge, foster consensus, align interventions and formulate joint actions towards more sustainable livestock systems in the countries of the region.

At the meeting, experts from Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkey, Uzbekistan and Ukraine informed about the measures taken in their countries for further development of livestock, highlighting achievements and priorities in this area. Participants of the meeting also reviewed commitments to future actions that are essential for livestock contributions to sustainable, resilient, inclusive food systems.

The participants of the meeting decided to create and develop a regional chapter of the Global Agenda for Sustainable Livestock partnership and chose two organizations that will contribute to the development of the network in the region. Also, they elected members of the delegation that will represent the interests of the region at the global meeting in Ireland in October 2022.

The Global Agenda for Sustainable Livestock partnership brings together a wide range of livestock stakeholders who advocate for the sustainable development of the sector. Through a multi-stakeholder partnership mechanism, program participants help stakeholders meet their commitments, attract investment, implement best practices and make strategic decisions in support of the implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda for

Sustainable Development. The program implements a range of initiatives, including webinars, publications, pilot projects, and regional and global meetings, thereby encouraging dialogue, synthesizing and disseminating the science needed to inform action and policy decisions for sustainable development of livestock throughout the world.