



GLOBAL AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVESTOCK



Welcome to the website of the *Global Agenda for Sustainable Livestock* (the Agenda).

The fact that you are reading this probably indicates that you are aware of the growing demand for animal products, the pressures on global natural resources, and the various roles that livestock play in the livelihoods of millions of people. Indeed, the livestock sector contributes 40 per cent of global agricultural GDP.

You'll also be aware that the livestock sector is being asked to play its part in responding to climate change pressures whilst contributing to food security and global health.

The Agenda is a multi-stakeholder partnership committed to sustainable livestock sector development. It is directed at coherent and concerted collaborative action to catalyse practice change. I believe this initiative represents a collective 'force for good' that responds to a global need by simultaneously addressing the social, economic and environmental performance of livestock systems.

At the most recent Multi-stakeholder Platform (MSP) meeting, in Cali in October 2014, we re-affirmed our mission to address sustainable livestock sector development through three closely integrated themes: **Equity and Growth; Resources and Climate;** and **Global Food Security and Health.**

The MSP process and the various Agenda-affiliated initiatives offer a way to harness the collective knowledge and experiences of various stakeholders representing different livestock systems, and a diversity of national and regional situations, to catalyse global dialogue into local practice change in these themes.

I look forward to continuing to contribute to this process as Chair of the Guiding Group and the guidance it will provide to the overall Agenda as it pursues its role as a significant contributor to addressing the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

I encourage you to regularly visit this website to follow the work of the Agenda, but also to consider how you or your organisation can join with us in further advancing the aims and actions of the Agenda.

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