

The Global Agenda of Action in Support of Sustainable Livestock Sector Development

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Livestock: a resource-hungry sector

- ~ 70 of total agricultural land, 35 % of all crop land
- ~ 29 % of agricultural water use
- Important greenhouse gas emissions (being re-calculated)
- Driver of deforestation (pasture, soy) and degradation
- Major source of water pollution

Point of Departure

- The livestock sector is resource-hungry
- The sector has specific resource issues
 - Low NRU efficiency
 - geographic dispersion (extensive systems)
 - geographic clustering (intensive systems)
- Demand will continue to grow and needs to be accommodated within finite resources
- Potential for social, health and economic gains needs to be seized
- The need to connect actors and to move forward jointly

The Nature of the Global Agenda

- Multi-stakeholder – governments, private sector, CSOs and NGOs, academia, intergovernmental org.
- Open, consultative, consensual
- Global scope, all major production systems and supply chains
- Science-based
- Focused on the added value

Direction of Change

Improving the efficiency of natural resource use - land, water, energy, nutrients

Three focus areas:

1. Closing the efficiency gap: catching up in technology adoption
2. Restore value to grasslands: supporting soil carbon, ecosystem health and productivity with incentives
3. Zero discharge: towards full recovery of nutrient and energy from animal manure

Restoring value to grasslands

- End the neglect of grasslands and pastoralists
 - Sustainable intensification in high potential areas
 - Restoration and livelihood protection in low potential areas
- Change the incentive frameworks towards rewarding environmental services
- Institutional reform and facilitation of knowledge sharing

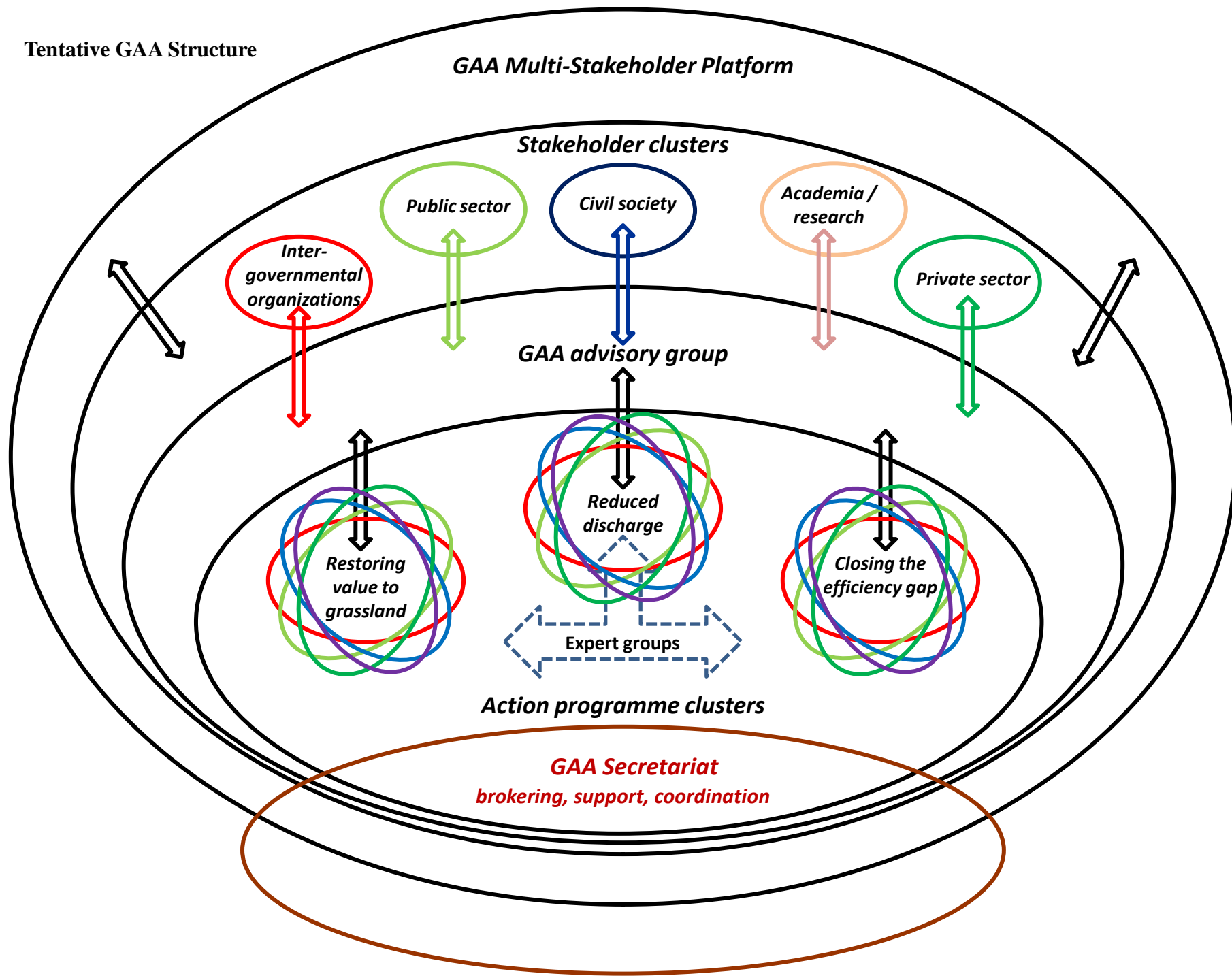
Focus area: grasslands

- Analysis: stocktaking and targeting
- Action items: piloting for “proof of concept”
- Forming coalitions and identifying champions
- Integrate grasslands in country investment programmes

Timeline

- The Brasilia Consensus - May 2011 – nature of the agenda, broad thematic orientation
- The Phuket Roadmap - December 2012 – agreement on 3 focus areas and 1st planning steps
- April-May 2012: focus area workshops in Rome, Seoul, Brasilia
- May 2012: discussion of FAO's role in CoAG
- September 2012: “launch” in Nairobi

Tentative GAA Structure



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