Partnership on benchmarking and monitoring the environmental performance of livestock supply chains
Process

- IDF-FAO LCA collaboration started in 2009
- Rome, October 2010: FAO - private sector meeting identified environmental benchmarking as a priority area for collaboration.
- Rome, March 2011: formal 2 day consultation, in-depth discussion on the scope and structure; in principle expressions of interest in joining.
- Summer 2011: development of Partnership proposal
- Current: consultations and amendments of the Partnership proposal
Rationale for the Partnership

• Improved **co-ordination** and **cost-effectiveness**

• Improve the **consistency, objectivity** and **credibility** of environmental performance enhancement approaches
  • Implement balanced and objective – multi-stakeholder processes

• **Avoid short-termism** – improvement in environmental performance requires medium-long-term strategy (in addition to short-term responses)
Core activities for years 1-3 (i)

- Activity C1: Development of sector-specific guidelines and methods for the LCA of GHG
  - agreed across livestock sectors
  - agreed across stakeholders
  - compliant with ISO standards

- Activity C2: Development of a global database of GHG emissions associated with crops used as feed materials
  - Industry request
  - In collaboration with existing projects (CFPAN, Agribalyse)
Core activities for years 1-3 (ii)

- Activity C3: Deliver measures of the wider environmental performance of livestock
  - Water, nutrient use, land, biodiversity.

- Activity C4: Prepare and implement a communication strategy for the Partnership
  - Provide context – avoid cherry-picking
  - Raise profile, improve understanding and enable scrutiny and feedback
Timeline

- Ongoing discussions indicate sufficient interest to move forward:
  - Governments: Canada, France, Ireland, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Uruguay, USA, Argentina, Thailand
  - Private Sector organizations: FEFAC, FEFANA, IDF, IEC, IFIF, IMS, IPC, UECBV, IFAH
  - NGOs and other international organizations: WWF, IUCN, ISO

- Partnership document finalization by the end of November

- Probable meeting of founding members early 2012
Further information

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