Development Issues in the Livestock Sector

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Contributions of the livestock sector

- **Supports the livelihood**
  1 billion poor, 40% of global agricultural GDP, 3.5% annual growth

- **Food security and nutrition**
  26% of global protein consumption, critical nutrients

- **Economic development**
  Poverty reduction, income increase, international trade

- **Non food services**
  Fertilization and draught, household capital reserve, by-products
Livestock sector trends: world production

**Meat**

- East Asia
- Europe
- North America
- Other
- Central & South America

**Milk**

- East Asia
- West Europe
- N. America
- Central & S. America
- Other
- South Asia
- E. Europe

**Eggs**

- Other
- Central & S. America
- N. America
- Europe
- East Asia

**Source:** FAOSTAT
Drivers of consumption and future trends

World demand for livestock food products since 1990:
Milk +30%        Meat +60%        Eggs + 80%
+70% by 2050

- Population growth : +30% since 1990
  +32% or 9.6 billion people by 2050

- Income growth : +1.5%/year since 1980, +5 to 7%/ year in Asia
  +2%/year by 2050

- Urbanization: 20% in 1900, 40% in 1990, >50% in 2010
  70% of people will live in cities by 2050
Development issues

Minding the stock, stop neglecting the sector in public policies

- Livestock and equity
  smallholders, subsistence farming, pastoralists, vulnerable groups subject to social exclusion

- Livestock and public health/animal health
  Productivity limiting diseases, trade-relevant diseases, emerging diseases

- Livestock and the environment
  Pollution, land degradation, biodiversity losses, GHG emissions
ADDRESSING UNPRECEDENTED CHALLENGES
Livestock and the global resource crisis

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- Energy crisis
- Nitrogen and Phosphorus cycles
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Livestock & livelihoods

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- Role of livestock in food security and sustaining livelihoods
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Need to produce more, from less, with benefits to all

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Scarcity → Sector growth

GLOBAL AGENDA OF ACTION
FAO’s catalytic role in solving these challenges

- Assemble collective knowledge, expertise and capacities;
- Facilitate, convene and foster policy dialogues;
- Promote capacity development and innovation;
- Normative work to guide policy and practice;
- Broker and support broad action-oriented alliances;
- Advocacy and awareness creation
FAO and partners joining forces is key

- Size and complexity of the task calls for coherent collective action
- Novel forms of multi-stakeholder processes and initiatives being developed around the world
- Need to learn from such existing action-oriented alliances
- Assist FAO and partners to develop more effective partnerships to address sustainability in food and agriculture
Thank you

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