Action network: Dairy Asia
The Global Agenda, the way we work
Dairy Asia- for health and prosperity

- Multi-stakeholder platform for dialogue and coordinated action
- Finding common ground and aligning actions towards social, economic and environmental sustainability
- Based within the Asian region but reaching out to partners around the globe.
Progress in 2017

- **12 national multi-stakeholder meetings** to commonly identify key priority working areas in country using the Dairy Asia Sustainability Framework as guide

→ Building consensus and aligning actions
Progress in 2017

- National progress reports against prioritized working areas. Focus on:
  - Breeds
  - Feed
  - Capacity building
  - Creating collectives
  - Empowering women
  - Disease control
  - Safety standards, milk labelling and facilities inspection
  - Pricing schemes
  - School milk programmes

→ capturing progress
Progress in 2017

- **Technical working groups**

  - Experts with diverse institutional backgrounds from all member countries working together
  - 1 group on dairy genetics has been launched

→ Collaborative R&D
Progress in 2017

- **Collaboration between member countries:**

  MoU signed between the Myanmar Dairy Association and Dairy Farming Promotion Organization of Thailand. The Thai organization will supply feed mineral mixtures to Myanmar at costs price. Burmese farmers gain access to improved feed and the Thai cooperative benefits from economies of scale and increase employment.

→ Joining forces
Progress in 2017

- **Dairy Asia Sustainability Award**
  Bestowed to the National Dairy Development Board for their ration balancing programme

→ Giving recognition to best practices
Progress 2017

- National Focal Point meeting
- Open multi-stakeholder platform meeting

- Strengthen and increase partnership
- Collective governance
Progress 2017

- Communication and knowledge products
  - Advocacy and knowledge dissemination

- Working paper series
  - Review of school milk programmes in the region
  - Study on dairy and climate change interface
  - Strategies for genetic improvement

- Annual report 2017

- Newsletters
Outlook 2018

- Compilations of best practices
- Compilation of quality standards from the region
- Dairy genetics working group meeting and development of regional guidelines for cattle breeding
- Private sector meeting to encourage membership
- Dairy Asia Award

Secured funding for 2018

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For discussion

How can we sustain Dairy Asia?

- Secretariat is currently only manned by one FAO officer (about 5-10 percent of his time) and a consultant (on a 50 percent time basis)
- Need to re-think Dairy Asia’s working modalities to generate action on the ground

We want to ask GASL for:
- active guidance in shaping the platform as members of the steering committee
- support in strengthening Dairy Asia’s position within FAO
- financial support for meetings, the development of knowledge products, projects in the field or to the secretariat
- support in connecting with possible donors for longer term financial solutions.