Debate of the GASL Chair Finalists

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Welcome and introduction to the moderator (Fritz Schneider, GASL Chair)

- Welcome to the first GASL Online MSP Meeting titled *From Crisis to Action: Lessons from COVID-19 for Building a Better Future* through Sustainable Livestock
- This is a global meeting with eight regional preparatory components organized by GASL partners around the world from 31 August to 15 September
- This meeting is composed of the following four sessions from 14:00 to 16:30 hours Rome Time:
  - Monday 14 September: Global Opening – Introduction and keynote presentations *(ended)*
  - Tuesday 15 September: Regional Summaries – Reports of the eight preparatory regional meetings *(ended)*
  - **Thursday 17 September: Debate of the GASL Chair Position Finalists**
  - Friday 18 September: Global Closing – Global Synthesis, Action Points, Conclusions and New GASL Chair
Welcome and introduction to the moderator (Fritz Schneider, GASL Chair)

- The selection of the Chair for GASL is a process with several steps: a FAO public vacancy announcement, the reception of applications, the screening of the long list, the short-listed candidates, the nomination of the three finalists by the GASL Guiding Group, the debate of the finalists and the final selection of the Chair by the Guiding Group.

- Today we have three very distinguished candidates that as finalists have accepted to participate in this debate with the intention of communicating their ideas on key GASL global topics. They all have the same goal if they are selected: enhancing GASL to enhance livestock sustainability around the world.

- Let me now introduce our experienced moderator, Marilena Heinrich from FAO, who has kindly agreed to conduct this debate.
Meeting Protocols (moderator)

1. Please keep your line muted

2. Only speakers use cameras

3. Questions for all three candidates should be asked via the Zoom Chat function

4. We will aim to address all questions from the Chat

5. This meeting is being recorded to be posted on the GASL website

6. This meeting is also web streamed live from the FAO website: http://www.fao.org/webcast/home/en/item/5356/icode/
Meeting Protocols (moderator)

**Interpretation**
- Interpretation is available in English, French and Spanish and can be selected in the bottom bar of your screen.
- Do not use your built-in computer microphone, use a USB-headset with integrated microphone.
- Or a wired cell phone earphones/mic, not Bluetooth.
- An external USB-wired microphone is the next best solution.
- Connect your computer via an Ethernet cable to your router and disconnect other devices.
- Have your video on when you take the floor.
- In a virtual meeting, audio quality may deteriorate unexpectedly and become insufficient for interpretation purposes. Interpreters will indicate this verbally and resume interpretation as soon as the sound quality permits.
14:00 – 14:15 Welcome and opening statements of candidates
14:00 – 14:04 Welcome and introduction to the moderator (Fritz Schneider, GASL Chair)
14:04 – 14:08 Debate protocols and structure (moderator)
14:08 – 14:15 Opening statements of candidates (moderator and candidates)

14:15 – 16:15 Four Debate Segments on a Key GASL Topic each
14:15 – 14:45 Segment 1 - SDGs
14:45 – 15:15 Segment 2 - Global threats
15:15 – 15:45 Segment 3 - Multi-stakeholder partnerships
15:45 – 16:15 Segment 4 - Fundraising

16:15 – 16:30 Questions from the audience via chat (moderator and Chair finalists)
16:30 Adjourn (Fritz Schneider, GASL Chair)
Debate Dynamics (moderator)

1. Each candidate will be introduced and provide a 2-minute opening statement

2. In each 30-minute segment of the debate, the moderator will ask the same question to all candidates, alternating the order of questioning from segment to segment. The moderator could ask follow-up questions as appropriate

3. The topics of the four debate segments have not been disclosed previously to the candidates

4. At the end, the audience will have a Q&A section through the Zoom Chat that the moderator will manage. Questions will be received anytime during the debate

5. After the debate, the GASL Guiding Group will meet privately and select the GASL Chair, who will be announced tomorrow 18 September at 15:45 hours during the closing session
Introduction and opening statements of the candidates

Moderator and candidates
Debate Segment 1: SDGs

Moderator and candidates
Question for Segment 1

**English:** GASL has adopted the UN Sustainable Development Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as its reference with a view to 2030 (next ten years). With regard to the SDGs, what do you see as the number ONE issue for the livestock sector?

**Español:** GASL ha adoptado la Agenda de Desarrollo Sostenible de la ONU y los Objetivos de Desarrollo Sostenible (ODS) como su referencia de cara al 2030 (próximos diez años). Con respecto a los ODS, ¿cuál considera que es el tema número UNO para el sector ganadero?

**Français:** Le GASL a adopté le Programme de développement durable des Nations Unies et les objectifs de développement durable (ODD) comme référence en vue de 2030 (dix prochaines années). En ce qui concerne les ODD, quel est selon vous l'enjeu numéro UN pour le secteur de l'élevage?
Debate Segment 2: Global threats

Moderator and candidates
Question for Segment 2

**English:** Food systems are threatened by the double challenge of the pandemic and climate change. What would be the MAIN TWO ACTIONS you would foster from GASL to face these threats?

**Español:** Los sistemas alimentarios están amenazados por el doble desafío de la pandemia y el cambio climático. ¿Cuáles serían las dos principales acciones que impulsaría desde GASL para enfrentar estas amenazas?

**Français:** Les systèmes alimentaires sont menacés par le double défi de la pandémie et du changement climatique. Quelles seraient les deux actions principales que vous encourageriez de GASL pour faire face à ces menaces?
Debate Segment 3: MSPs

Moderator and candidates
Question for Segment 3

**English:** Multi-stakeholder initiatives such as GASL are engaged in a continuous process of change and adaptation. With regard to the basic modules of GASL, the Guiding Group, the clusters and the action networks, where can concrete improvements be made for each one?

**Español:** Las iniciativas de múltiples partes interesadas como GASL están en un proceso continuo de cambio y adaptación. En cuanto a los módulos básicos de GASL, el Grupo Orientador, los clústeres y las redes de acción, ¿dónde se pueden realizar mejoras concretas para cada uno?

**Français:** Les initiatives multipartites telles que GASL sont engagées dans un processus continu de changement et d’adaptation. En ce qui concerne les modules de base du GASL, le Groupe de pilotage, les clusters et les réseaux d’action, où peut-on apporter des améliorations concrètes pour chaque module?
Debate Segment 4: Fundraising

Moderator and candidates
Question for Segment 4

English: Although GASL has always had some very valuable loyal donors, lack of sufficient financial support has been a persisting problem since its beginning. What would you do to raise income for GASL while maintaining its multi-stakeholder nature?

Español: Aunque GASL siempre ha tenido algunos donantes leales muy valiosos, la falta de suficiente apoyo financiero ha sido un problema persistente desde sus inicios. ¿Qué haría para aumentar los ingresos de GASL manteniendo su naturaleza de múltiples partes interesadas?

Français: Bien que GASL ait toujours eu quelques donateurs fidèles très précieux, le manque de soutien financier suffisant est un problème persistant depuis ses débuts. Que feriez-vous pour augmenter les revenus de GASL tout en conservant sa nature multipartite?
Questions from the audience via chat
Adjourn

Fritz Schneider, GASL Chair

Friday’s programme: Global Closing – Global Synthesis, Action Points, Conclusions and Introduction of the New GASL Chair