Global Agenda for Sustainable Livestock (GASL) 12th Multi-Stakeholder Partnership (MSP) Meeting

“Livestock Sector Actions towards More Sustainable Food Systems”

Dublin, Ireland, 3-7 October 2022

INFORMATION FOR IN-PERSON PARTICIPANTS

Livestock Sector Actions Towards More Sustainable Food Systems
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12th GASL MSP Meeting (Hybrid)

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Before you depart

Please make sure to check any travel restrictions when entering or leaving the Republic of Ireland, including any stopovers in any other countries if not travelling directly. The latest travel advice when coming to Ireland is available at [https://dfa.ie/](https://dfa.ie/). You will also find advice here about other travel requirements. Please ensure you have appropriate travel insurance (sponsored participants by FAO/GASL do get insurance as part of their travel arrangements). Further information on travel insurance and health is at [Travel insurance & health – Department of Foreign Affairs (dfa.ie)](https://www.dfa.ie).

Weather in October

The weather in Ireland in October can be very unpredictable. Average high temperatures can rise to a mild 13°C/55°F, while average lows tend to hover around 6°C/42°F. The days are still relatively long in October. At the beginning of the month, the sun rises at 07:33 and sets at 19:09. In Dublin, there is approximately 80 mm (3”) of rain during the month of October. Local weather forecasts are available at [https://www.met.ie](https://www.met.ie).

Meeting venue and accommodation

The meeting will be held in the Castleknock Hotel, Dublin from 3 to 7 October 2022, and details are as follows:

**Address:** Castleknock Hotel, Porterstown Road, Castleknock, Dublin 15, D15 WNR7

**T:** +353 (0)1 640 6300  **Website:** [CASTLEKNOCK HOTEL DUBLIN](https://www.castleknockhotel.com)

Participants have access to special daily rates including buffet breakfast and Wi-Fi and they will apply for the nights from 2 to 6 October.

Standard room 1 person: EUR 155  
Additional persons (maximum 2): Eur 20 each

Check-in time is 16:00 hours and check-out time is 12:00 hours.

If you arrive before 16:00 hours, please go to the hotel counter, ask to leave your luggage in the hotel storage and use hotel facilities to relax (swimming pool, gym, spa, etc.) until your room is ready. If you need any assistance at the hotel counter for any reason, please call Eduardo ArceDiaz, GASL Manager, Mobile/WhatsApp No. +39 333-415-4010 or Lavinia Scudiero, GASL Support Consultant, Mobile/WhatsApp No. +39 347-705-0779.

All FAO/GASL sponsored participants and some guests in special cases are booked at this hotel and should just go to the counter and tell the clerk you are in the pre-booked GASL list. If you pay your own costs, you could have booked at the Castleknock or made alternative arrangements. **Please make your own transport arrangement to and from the meeting venue.** You should provide the meeting organisers with the below details if you will use alternative accommodation via email to [Eduardo.ArceDiaz@fao.org](mailto:Eduardo.ArceDiaz@fao.org).

**HOTEL NAME:** _____________________________

**HOTEL PHONE:** _____________________________

**CHECK IN DATE:** _____________________________

**CHECK OUT DATE:** _____________________________
Transportation Means

Getting from Dublin Airport to Castleknock Hotel
Please use any of the following options, as the meeting will not have private transportation to bring you to the venue hotel.

Taxi
There are no direct public transport links; therefore, the best way to get from Dublin Airport to the Castleknock Hotel is by taxi. The estimated cost is between €30 - €40. Please note this is an estimated fare and prices may vary depending on traffic congestion, number of passengers and time and day of pick-up. You can pay by card or in cash.

Bus
If you do wish to get public transport, the easiest route is via two buses.

Bus No. 782 Dublin Airport to Dublin City Centre, and a second bus No. 37 from Aston Quay in Dublin City, close to O'Connell Bridge where you will alight at stop 4575, Carpenterstown Road. From the bus, you will see a pub called The Carpenter, this is the stop where you should exit the bus. From the bus stop, follow the path away from the shopping centre on Burnell Park Avenue turning right at the roundabout. From there about 30 metres past the roundabout is a laneway on the left-hand side. Walk the length of the laneway, which is about 100 metres long, and you will come out at the entrance to Castleknock Hotel

Estimated riding time for bus 782 is 50 minutes and for bus 37 is 12 minutes.

The link for bus timetables is DS-2864 A4 Online timetable Changes (dublinexpress.ie)

From City Centre to Castleknock Hotel - Click here for the bus timetable.

The local bus route is number 37 from Aston Quay in Dublin City close to O'Connell Bridge. The nearest bus stop to get off for the hotel is near Carpenterstown Shopping Centre. From the bus, you will see a pub called The Carpenter, this is the stop where you should exit the bus. From the bus stop follow the path away from the shopping centre on Burnell Park Avenue turning right at the roundabout. From there about 30 metres past the roundabout is a laneway on the left hand side. Walk the length of the laneway, which is about 100 metres long, and you will come out at the entrance to Castleknock Hotel. For more information, view the google map below.

This is also the bus route you will use if travelling from Castleknock Hotel to Dublin City Centre.

Leap cards allow for cashless payments on public transport.
For convenience, the ‘leap’ card is a great option – It covers travelling on Dublin Bus, Irish Rail, the Dart and the Luas. Tickets available to purchase online, in retail outlets or at selected DART ticket machines in Dublin.

Leap Card Information

To plan your public transport, we recommend the MOOVIT App, which you can download for free from your app store on most mobile phones, or there is also an app specifically for public transport in Ireland which can also be uploaded and that is called TFI and more information is available here - Your Journey Starts Here | Transport for Ireland
Arriving at Dublin Airport

By Taxi

Passengers arriving by taxi will be dropped off on the forecourt directly outside either Terminal 1 or Terminal 2.

Passengers should follow taxi signage from Terminal 1 and Terminal 2 to the taxi ranks outside both Terminal 1 and Terminal 2. A taxi dispatcher is available at both taxi ranks, if you require any further information or assistance.

COVID-19 Safety Measures

New measures have been put in place at the taxi rank in Terminal 1 for your safety and protection:

- Hand sanitiser units have been installed at the rank. We ask that you please sanitise your hands before and after taking a taxi.

- Please follow the floor markers that have been put in place at the taxi rank to maintain social distance between passengers who are queuing for a taxi.

Taxi Passenger Entitlements

As a passenger in a taxi you are entitled to:

- Engage a taxi for journeys up to 30km.
- Have all fares calculated on the taxi meter.
- A receipt printed by the taximeter.
- A clean vehicle and a pleasant journey.

Display of Fare Information

All licensed taxis are obliged to display passenger information including rights and responsibilities and fare information, which will be supplied by the Commission for Taxi Regulation, in the front and back of the vehicle. All licensed taxi drivers must display their driver identification card in clear view of the customer.
COVID-19 and health guidance

- Currently, the Government of Ireland does not have COVID-19 requirements to enter the country. Please consult with your airline before departing as the status may change. For all of our safety, the Irish Government has kindly provided several personal COVID-19 tests for each participant’s use. You will find them in your hotel room. Please take the test at least twice: at your arrival on 2 October (or on the first day you attend the meeting), and again on the morning of 6 October. If you test positive, you will need to stay in your room and report the situation to the GASL Manager Eduardo.ArceDiaz@fao.org, Mobile/WhatsApp No. +39 333-415-4010 or the GASL Support Consultant Lavinia.Scudiero@fao.org, Mobile/WhatsApp No. +39 347-705-0779, and to the meeting’s medical technician on duty so that the appropriate protocol is followed. You can find an explanatory video about how to use a personal rapid antigen Covid-19 test here.

- Mask wearing is not required. However, we recommend it in close environments, especially if you have cold symptoms. The Irish government’s public health advice is that masks should continue to be worn on public transport and in healthcare settings.

- Additionally, masks should be worn for 10 days if you have a confirmed case of COVID-19. If you are over 13 years old this should be a medical grade or FFP2 mask. Therefore, come prepared with FFP2 masks or request one from meeting organizers.

- A medical technician will be available during the meeting. Please use this resource at no cost if you feel ill for any reason and not only for COVID-19 related emergencies. You will be informed of the technician’s location at registration.
Other useful information

- Meeting registration takes place in the hotel lobby on Sunday 2 October from 16:00-19:00 and on Monday 3 October from 07:30 to 09:00. On other meeting days, you can register between 08:30 and 09:00 (except Wednesday 5 October, field trip day).
- Interpretation for plenary sessions will be provided in English, Spanish and French.
- Thanks to our GASL donors and meeting sponsors, all participants will receive free lunches from Monday to Friday and dinners on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Breakfasts are included with your accommodation.
- Please note that photographs, audio recordings and video footage may be taken during this meeting. These materials may be posted online or on social media sites allowing for their reuse. Your name, email and affiliation will also be distributed in the GASL networks with the sole purpose of enhancing participant interactions. Please let photographers or the GASL Management know if you do not consent any of the above-mentioned actions (+39 333-415-4010 / +39 347-705-0779).
- For information on setting up posters, contact Fritz Schneider, fritz.schneider@bfh.ch
- The dress code is business casual. However, several partners like to wear formal attire on the Opening Day and the Policy Forum Day. You are welcome to wear your traditional dress on our special Thursday night dinner at the Castleknock Hotel.
- Each day the agenda runs from 09:00 to 17:30. Parallel technical sessions take place between 17:30 and 18:30 on Monday and Tuesday, and between 17:30 and 19:00 on Thursday. A field visit will take place on Wednesday, please come with casual clothes, trainers, etc. Full details in the program that will be shared shortly.
- More information and other meeting materials are online at http://www.livestockdialogue.org/events/events/multi-stakeholder-meetings/12th-msp-dublin-3-7-october-2022-hybrid/en
- Follow and contribute to the social buzz using the hashtag #LivestockAgenda
- If you have any questions, contact a meeting organizer – they will have a green sticker on their badges.

Emergency contacts

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Field trips on 5 October – what to expect

Please sign up for field trips at the registration desk in the Castleknock Hotel.

Teagasc Grange

Teagasc Grange is one of the world’s leading beef production research centres. The centre encompasses 250 hectares of grassland, cattle accommodation capacity for over 1,100 animals and a suite of forage, animal tissue and molecular laboratories. The vision for Grange is to be a centre of international scientific excellence in research and technology development for the efficient production of safe, quality, healthy beef, in profitable production systems that meet stringent environmental and animal welfare standards. Current research is focussed on developing technologies to meet the development needs of the beef sector, including management practices (e.g. grassland management, animal nutrition and husbandry, reproductive management, etc.), beef farm systems innovations and developments in animal breeding, which together allow the exploitation of Ireland’s competitive advantages.

Dermot Heaney - Commercial Dairy Farm

Dermot is a dairy farmer near Navan, county Meath, with his wife Catherine, and four children. The dairy herd at 245 cows, is larger than the national average herd size (approximately 90 cows). There is one full-time employee on the farm with additional family and student labour being availed of during the spring. The herd is spring-calving, and is in the top 2% for EBI (Economic Breeding Index) nationally. Dermot has placed a huge emphasis on increasing both the productivity and efficiency of his production system, which has also allowed him to reduce his farm’s carbon footprint. Some of the changes he has made have included:

- the incorporation of clover into his swards,
- the use of low-emissions slurry spreading technology, and
- the use of protected urea as a source of fertiliser nitrogen, while also reducing the level of fertiliser nitrogen spread on the farm.

He has also planted new hedgerows and increased the biodiversity area on the farm.

Devenish Lands at Dowth

Devenish is a global agri-technology company, which employs over 600 people and operates in more than 40 countries. The Devenish Lands at Dowth lies within the Brú na Bóinne UNESCO World Heritage Site in county Meath. Some of Ireland’s first farming communities built the Neolithic monuments of this area 5,500 years ago. The Lands at Dowth is one of the Global Network of Lighthouse Farms, and is dedicated to developing sustainable agriculture solutions and promoting human health through nutrition. The farm is used to showcase the Devenish strategy: “One Health from Soil to Society”. Heart Land is a key research project comprising both a systems grazing experiment and small plot component experiments that provides the evidence base for the “soil to society” approach. Biodiversity, both above and below ground, features heavily at Dowth.
Evening Program

Monday 3 October

At 18:30 pm on Monday evening, you will be collected by bus from the Castleknock Hotel and from 19:00 we will enjoy a traditional Irish evening in the Merry Ploughboy Gastro Pub, which includes a pre-show dinner and a traditional Irish show of music and dance. [home | Traditional Irish Night (merryploughboys.com)]

This will be a chance to meet other delegates in a more informal setting and see a traditional Irish pub and hospitality – one of the things Ireland is famous for!

Tuesday 4 October

At 18.45 on Tuesday evening, you will be collected by bus from the Castleknock Hotel and from 19.30, we can visit one of Dublin’s most famous landmarks and also its most widely known beverage – that’s right, it’s the home of GUINNESS!

Upon arrival, guests will be invited to undertake a self-guided tour of the ground and first floors of GUINNESS STOREHOUSE. This section of the tour includes the ingredients of GUINNESS, the brewing processes and the interactive Arthur GUINNESS Gallery. [Welcome to the Home of Guinness (guinness-storehouse.com)]

This will be followed by a buffet dinner in Arthur’s bar where you will get a chance to sample a drop of the ‘black stuff’ if you wish to partake.
**Wednesday 5 October – Free**

After the field trips (from 16:30 hours approx.), you can relax in the hotel, explore the local surroundings, or venture into the city centre. The No. 37 bus timetable from the Castleknock Hotel into the city centre is under public transport above.

**Thursday 6 October – Formal Dinner**

The formal GASL meeting dinner in the Castleknock Hotel starts at 19:45 in the Plenary Room.
Explore Dublin and beyond

Dublin is one of the most cosmopolitan capitals in Europe. For tours and entertainment, please see just a small selection below:

**Things to do in Dublin:**

- [Dublin Hop-on Hop-Off, Tours & Attractions | City Sightseeing©](city-sightseeing.com)
- [Irish Whiskey Museum | Guided Tours and Whiskey Tastings in Dublin](
- [Explore the GAA’s rich heritage in the GAA Museum - Croke Park](
- [Discover Dublin from 17 storeys high - Croke Park](
- [#1 Cycle Dublin Bike Tours City & U2 Private Cycling Tours](
- [Panoramic Howth Tours Hiking Walking & Dublin Bike Tours with Howth Adventures](shaneshowthadventures.com)
- [What's On and Things to Do in Dublin | Dublin’s Official Tourism Site | Visit Dublin](
- [Tours from Dublin | Explore Ireland | Rabbie's Tours](rabbies.com)

If you or an accompanying partner wish to explore further afield more information is available at this website - [Plan Your Next Adventure with Discover Ireland](

Finally:

*For each petal on the shamrock, this brings a wish your way: Good health, good luck, and happiness for today and every day.” —Irish blessing.*