GLOBAL AGENDA OF ACTION IN SUPPORT OF SUSTAINABLE LIVESTOCK SECTOR DEVELOPMENT

CONSULTATION ON FOCUS AREA NUMBER 2: RESTORING VALUE TO GRASSLANDS
BACKGROUND

This focus area proposes that appropriately managed grasslands can provide large natural resource benefits in the form of carbon sequestration, provision of water services, and biodiversity protection. These actions can also assist with adaptation to climate change, raise productivity and enhance livelihoods.

During this workshop, a range of technical interventions, and policy and institutional options for fostering these improvements will be considered. In particular, the potential for carbon finance and other forms of payment for environmental services (PES) to partially or completely finance grassland restoration investments, will be explored.

The objective of the workshop is to identify practical steps to prepare an initial Action programme considering the needs & questions outlined below:

> Identify & address key knowledge gaps:
  - Where is grassland degradation & associated losses of environmental assets & services most acute?
  - Where, given various constraints, is restoring value to grasslands most feasible?
  - Which policy instruments are best suited to large scale grassland restoration?

> What role can climate finance & other PES schemes play in supporting large-scale grassland restoration?

> How could the GAA be best positioned to add value to ongoing & past activities?

> Who else needs to get on board?

> How can each stakeholder engage in an initial Action programme?
Wildlife PES schemes & pastoral livelihoods in arid & semi-arid lands in Kenya – Philip Osano, McGill University & ILRI

> 15:15-15:35 Break

> 15:35-17:40 Stakeholder perspectives
Chair: Constance Neely, FAO
Brazilian Roundtable for Sustainable Beef, work plan on pastures – Fernando Sampaio, ABIEC
West African producer perspectives & outcomes of March 2012 SIPSA meeting – Barry Boubakary, APESS
Experiences with Silvopastoral systems in Brazil – Rogerio Mauricio, UFSJ
NGO perspective – Daniella Macedo, Imaflora/RAS
NGO perspective – TBC
Public sector / Intergovernmental – TBC

> 20:00 Dinner

>> 9 MAY <<

> 9:00-09:15 Plenary presentation
Chair: Andrea Malmberg, Savory Institute
Presentation: Summary of day 1 – Chris Redfern, FAO

> 9:15-11:15 Working Groups: to discuss & if possible, identify:
1. main grassland degradation issues & hotspots,
2. possible technical interventions to restore value to grasslands
3. knowledge gaps & other implementation constraints – considering production systems, environmental issues, & socio-economic context;
    WG1: Latin America
    WG2: Africa & Asia
    WG3: North America, Europe & Oceania

> 11:15-11:40 Break

> 11:40-12:40 Working Groups report back to plenary

> 12:40-13:40 Lunch

> 13:40-15:40 Working Groups to identify & discuss:
- possible policy options for restoring value to grasslands
- prospects & challenges for the widespread uptake of these policy options
- tentative lines of action
WG1: Privately managed grasslands
WG3: Open access / collectively managed grasslands

> 15:40-16:00 Break

> 16:00-17:00 Working Groups report back to plenary

>> 10 MAY <<

> 9:00-09:30 Plenary presentation
Chair: Henning Steinfeld, FAO
Presentation: Summary of days 1 & 2 (FAO & drafting group)

> 9:30-11:00 Stakeholder Working Groups: to identify activities & information needed to develop an Action programme, as well as principle stakeholder responsibilities – who needs to do what to prepare the Action programme?
    WG1: Private sector
    WG2: Government & intergovernmental organizations
    WG3: NGOs / CSOs
    WG4: Academia

> 11:00-11:30 Break

> 11:30-13:00 Working Groups report back to plenary

> 13:00-14:30 Lunch

> 14:30-16:00 Plenary discussion & workshop closure
Chair: Simplice Nouala, AU-IBAR
Plenary discusses & agrees on potential elements of an Action programme & next preparation steps
Conclusions & Workshop Closure
Agenda of Action in Support of Sustainable Livestock Development
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