

Title of the coalition:
Global Sustainable Livestock Coalition
Main objectives of the coalition:
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Create opportunities where governments, producer groups, private sector and knowledge/research institutions can engage, exchange, share knowledge and best practices2. Provide governments, investors, donors and multilateral institutions, with accurate science-based information about livestock's role/actions in delivering the SDGs,3. Provide leadership/coordination for science-based inclusive and balanced policies and promote peer learning and innovation.4. Enabling and amplifying work in existing stakeholder fora, including the FAO Livestock Subcommittee (COAG), the World Committee for Food Security (CFS) and the Global Agenda for Sustainable Livestock (GASL). <p>The ultimate objective is to support decision making at all levels for farmer- and value-chain-oriented national/bioregional development of sustainable livestock systems. Livestock systems and value-chains contribute to many of the UN SDGs and all the UN FSS Action Tracks.</p>
Science based evidence to prioritize this coalition (scientific references):
<p>Livestock plays an integral role in economic, social, and environmental development and impacts stability, food security, prosperity, social cohesion, and provides a better future for subsequent generations. A diversified, innovative, inclusive and well-connected livestock system is a central pillar of a nation's nutrition supply, especially for the poorest, youngest and the most vulnerable. It protects food security and food safety for the whole population, promotes socio-economic development and enhances natural and biodiversity resources. Livestock systems have also proven to be empowerment mechanisms towards gender equality and indigenous people's rights and provide valuable employment opportunities for youth.</p> <p>Sharing of best practices in all aspects of the value chain, including policy, production, trade, and communication would optimize sustainable livestock production. There is great value in multi-stakeholders' collaborative work to enhance the productivity, socio-economic and sustainability performance of livestock systems.</p> <p>The scientific evidence and rationale for this coalition is captured in two scientifically referenced two-pager documents developed during the UN FSS Solution Cluster on Sustainable Livestock, called: "SLC-A-Best Practices and Technologies_210720" and "SLC-B-Grazing for Soil, Climate, and People", each available here. See Annex I.</p>
Mechanisms of implementation (Global to National levels):
<p>In principle, as this is a new initiative, it is appropriate to start with a light organizational touch and to develop structures, as necessary. The signing parties aim to develop a more detailed implementation plan during the preparations towards the first COAG Subcommittee Meeting on Livestock in February 2022, and then announce it there.</p> <p>The coalition will be enabling, amplifying, working with and through the already existing global governmental efforts involving many of the sector's stakeholders, such as, the FAO Livestock Subcommittee (COAG), the World Committee for Food Security (CFS) and the Global Agenda for Sustainable Livestock (GASL).</p>

It should be noted that this coalition will contribute to and support the five action areas, the SDGs and important themes such as innovation, gender, youth, resilience, soil health, healthy and nutritious diets, school meals, One Health, etc.

Monitoring and Evaluation (clear quantifiable indicators and targets linked to SDGs)

Further details will be developed as part of the implementation plan in consultation with existing fora as listed in this document. A continuous monitoring system will be established to facilitate iterative improvements and learning from practices around the world.

Strategic partners (members, private sector, civil society, academia):

The proposed Coalition of Action arises out of the initial Working Group of the UN FSS Solution Cluster “Sustainable Livestock”.

The coalition is open to all countries. Country governments which have already been or are being contacted to join this Coalition of Action are Argentina, Netherlands, Japan, USA, Brazil, India, Australia, New Zealand, Ethiopia, Kenya, Ireland, Denmark, Switzerland and with support of regional groupings.

The producers and science organizations co-authoring this Coalition and the two-pager documents A and B on Sustainable Livestock, are: World Farmers’ Organisation (WFO), International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), Alliance Bioversity/CIAT and Soil4Climate. The private sector associations co-authoring this Coalition are: Global Dairy Platform (GDP), International Meat Secretariat (IMS), Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef (GRSB), International Dairy Federation (IDF), International Poultry Council (IPC), International Egg Commission (IEC), Health for Animals and International Feed Industry Federation (IFIF).

The coalition will be led by countries. Global and regional producers, science and sectoral livestock organizations and other stakeholders will be invited as knowledge partners and more individuals and organizations can be supporters of the coalition.

Annex I

Further documents are:

- i) a two-page scientifically referenced document prepared by the group of private sector associations called “Livestock and Sustainable Societies”, available [here](#),
- ii) a technical consultation document on “Livestock Solution NESTs” created by the organizers of UN FSS Science Group side event on Sustainable Livestock from WFO, ILRI, Bioversity CIAT, available [here](#),
- iii) documentation of the Science Group side event itself, called “Decision-Making for Sustainable Livestock: Capitalizing on Models, Data and Communications”, [here](#),
- iv) documentation of a side event to the UN FSS Pe-Summit arranged by IMS, called “Feeding the Future: Global Innovations in Sustainable Animal Protein” [here](#), and
- v) documentation of a side event during the Pre-Summit arranged by WFO, called “Sustainable Food Systems: Livestock Matters”, [here](#).

The www.whylivestockmatter.org website presents further scientific evidence.