PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

The Livestock Environmental Assessment and Performance (LEAP) Partnership is a multi-stakeholder initiative that seeks to improve the environmental sustainability of the livestock sector through better methods, metrics and data.

BETTER METRICS FOR BETTER DECISIONS

LEAP products are essential to address the environmental impact of livestock sector, while improving the efficiency and profitability of livestock supply chains.
BUILDING GLOBAL CONSENSUS

LEAP is a voluntary and collaborative partnership, based on the principle that all participants have an equal say in decision making. Approval by consensus is the basis to promote changes within the sector.

This approach is reflected in our organizational structure:

STEERING COMMITTEE
Represented by governments, private sector and civil society, it provides overall guidance for the activities of the Partnership and oversees their implementation.

SECRETARIAT
Hosted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), it ensures that the work of the Partnership is based on international best practices.

TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUPS (TAGs)
Experts from various backgrounds and areas of research work together to provide scientific and technical advice.

LEAP IS A CROSS-SECTOR PARTNERSHIP THAT BUILDS GLOBAL CONSENSUS ON ADDRESSING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF LIVESTOCK
THEMATIC AREAS

- Soil Carbon Stock Changes
- Nutrient cycles
- Water footprinting
- Biodiversity
- Feed additives
- Climate change

WE DEVELOP METHODOLOGIES AND GUIDANCE TO ACCELERATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF BEST PRACTICES ACROSS LIVESTOCK SUPPLY CHAINS

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The LEAP guidance is developed using a multi-stakeholder process with a multi-tiered review structure where drafts are modified and consulted on iteratively.

1. **TAG Formation**
   - Global call for technical advisory group (TAG) participants

2. **Guidelines development**
   - The TAGs build consensus and develops guidelines with the support of the Secretariat

3. **External technical review**
   - Draft guidance reviewed by independent external experts

4. **Internal technical review**
   - Review by the Secretariat, Steering Committee and their constituencies

5. **Public review**
   - Draft guidance released for public comment

6. **Revision and publication**
   - The Steering Committee, Secretariat and TAG work in synergy to finalise and publish Version 1 of guidance

7. **Road testing and application**
   - Road testing of guidelines for consistency, applicability and gap identification

8. **Revision**
   - Guidelines updated by TAG based on the feedback from road testing

9. **Development of new guidelines**
   - Initiate new guideline development

**DEVELOPMENT PROCESS**
CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

LEAP, through its work programme from 2019 to 2021, contributes to consolidate the current guidance through road testing and dissemination of LEAP guidelines and development of tools in support of guideline application and uptake.

LEAP3 aims to collect feedback for the improvement of the technical documents and provide guidance for the adoption and application of LEAP guidelines at various scales.
HOW TO JOIN

The Partnership is open to all organizations and governments.

As a LEAP member, your organization will have voice, get first-hand information on activities, and participate in the nomination of experts for the technical advisory groups.

More information on how to engage in this global initiative can be obtained at:

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