



1st International Technical Conference on Animal Genetic Resources  
3-7 September, Interlaken, Switzerland

## Media Advisory

For many years now, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) has been busy drawing up a worldwide strategy for the sustainable use and conservation of animal genetic resources for food and agriculture. A key aspect of this strategy is a global status report on animal genetic resources and the capacity within countries to manage them. In order to adopt this report and to set out the key strategic issues surrounding the sustainable use and conservation of agricultural livestock, the 1st International Technical Conference on Animal Genetic Resources will be held from **3-7 September in the Casino Kursaal in Interlaken, Switzerland**. Participants from over 120 countries are expected to attend. Further information is available at:

<http://www.fao.org/ag/againfo/programmes/en/genetics/angrvent2007.html>.

An exhibition entitled "Biodiversity, food and culture – Discover farm animal diversity" will be organized on the Höhematte in Interlaken from 1-4 September with the aim of demonstrating the importance of conserving a wide variety of farm animal breeds to the general public.

The official reception of the conference will take place on Tuesday, 4 September 2007. Swiss Federal Councillor Doris Leuthard, FAO Assistant Director-General Alexander Müller, Ahmed Djoghlaf, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and other high-ranking guests will be present.

Federal Councillor Leuthard and representatives of the FAO will hold a press conference on the content and significance of the conference on **4 September at 12 noon**.

### For accreditation:

All sessions of the conference are open to journalists. For media accreditation, please fill in the [attached form](#) and return it by email or fax to Jürg Jordi by 30 August 2007.

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