



Global Youth Dialogue

on Sustainable Livestock
Transformation

25-27 September 2023

In collaboration with 



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Why is FAO organizing the Global Youth Dialogue on Sustainable Livestock Transformation?

Youth engagement is key to sustainable livestock transformation. The success of global efforts will not be achieved without the meaningful participation of young people. For new results to be achieved, youth should be put at the center and prioritized in such discussions. They should not be seen as recipients or targets only, but as fundamental contributors and partners towards the identification and implementation of new and innovative solutions for more efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable livestock systems.

Building on existing youth spaces and platforms, FAO is organizing, in collaboration with UNIMED – Mediterranean Universities Union, the Global Youth Dialogue on Sustainable Livestock Transformation, in parallel to the [FAO Global Conference on Sustainable Livestock Transformation \(GC-SLT\)](#).

The Youth Dialogue was co-created by youth, for youth. It will connect and empower young people around the globe to discuss key priorities and challenges and identify innovative and actionable solutions for sustainable livestock transformation.

2. Where and when will the Youth Dialogue be taking place?

The event will take place in person on 25-27 September 2023 at FAO headquarters in Rome, Italy.

3. What is expected from this Youth Dialogue?

The Youth Dialogue is expected to:

- provide youth across the globe with a platform to express and exchange their ideas on sustainable livestock transformation;
- provide an opportunity for young people to engage with representatives of FAO Members, producer organizations, research and academia, development agencies, civil society organizations and the private sector; and
- make young people part of the conversation.

4. How will the programme of the Youth Dialogue be organized?

The programme will include a series of sessions where all participants will have the opportunity to discuss livestock topics. Participants will attend selected plenary sessions of the GC-SLT and contribute to the development of a Youth Statement that will be presented to the GC-SLT.

More information about the programme and format of the sessions will be made available to participants in September.

5. What topics will be discussed?¹

Participants will discuss two livestock topics with a focus on youth:

Topic A. Building the next generation of livestock producers for sustainable livestock transformation: Needs and opportunities, challenges and solutions.

Topic B. Shaping the future of the livestock sector to meet youth aspirations.

6. Who will participate?

The Youth Dialogue will bring together up to 200 young people (21-35 years old) from across the world with a professional and/or academic background in livestock, including Bachelor's, Master's and PhD students from relevant universities (e.g. animal science, veterinary, agriculture), farmers or producers and scientists.

7. How are participants selected?

A call for application was launched, with deadline **31 July 2023**. For more information on the application and selection process (including minimum requirements), please refer to the [call for applications](#).

¹ The titles of the topics are provisional

8. If I am selected, what does it mean?

All selected participants will receive an invitation letter by 15 August and will have to:

- **August:** make their own travel and accommodation arrangements and apply for visa (if applicable). A note with logistical information and guidance will be shared with all participants.
- **Early September:** attend a virtual training on the livestock topics to be discussed at the event as well as a on the event's format and procedures. For better preparation and engagement, participants will be provided with the relevant background documents.
- **Early September to event:** study background documents and conduct relevant research.
- **25-27 September:** attend in-person the Youth Dialogue at FAO headquarters in Rome.

9. Will participants receive financial support?

Participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs. However, a limited number of travel grants, including coverage for flight tickets, visa costs, accommodation, and a daily allowance, will be made available on a case-by-case basis for selected participants from low-income countries.

10. What languages will be used?

The sessions of the Youth Dialogue will be conducted in **English**. For the joint sessions with the Global Conference on Sustainable Livestock Transformation, interpretation services will be provided in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish languages.

11. Where can I find updated information about the event?

For the latest information about the event, please see the event's [webpage](#) or contact FAO-Youth-Dialogue@uni-med.net.