

CFS Policy Convergence Process on Sustainable Agricultural Development and Livestock

Comments on the Rapporteur's proposal

European Union

In general we feel that the Rapporteur's proposal is very useful and takes good account of many of the comments expressed during his meeting with stakeholders. We look forward to working with you over the next two days.

We feel that the proposal would benefit from a re-focusing on Food Security and Nutrition and therefore wording is necessary in some recommendations to ensure their coherence with FSN as opposed to emphasis on just productivity and production matters.

We understand that the Rapporteur has listened to the debate on whether this product should focus on livestock or consider agriculture in general. We feel that if this product is to have any value, it must focus on livestock. This reflects the same decision of the HLPE panel on this question and we must refer to the HLPE report as the basis for these negotiations.

New wording for point 2 of the introduction to reference the three principles for SADL as expressed in the HLPE report:

Pathways towards sustainable agricultural development combine technical interventions, new practices, investments, and enabling policies and instruments. The pathways need to be specific to national and local contexts so as to contribute to local development, and to particular scales and time periods.

Three interlinked principles help shape those pathways:

increase productivity, to preserve and make better use of limited resources, and to mitigate GHG emissions, by among others: improving livestock management, careful breeding, health and feed efficiency, closing the nutrient cycle and reducing food losses and waste, – Strengthen resilience by the diversification of production and integration of crops and Livestock at all levels ; – Improve social equity by improving working conditions (SE)at all levels of food value chains, in particular of the most vulnerable populations.

The recommendations aim to complement and not restate recommendations and related guidance previously provided in other CFS products

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We will propose some extra wording which will relate to the damage that can be done if antibiotics are abused leading to impacts not only on human health but also on animal health and welfare which naturally impacts FSN.

Animal Health and Veterinary Services.

We would like emphasis on veterinary service availability, vaccination, early warning systems, disease surveillance, bio security and animal welfare.

Animal Genetics.

As it is important to achieve the precise language on this important topic, the correct references as in the following proposal are sought:

Strengthen the development and conservation of the world's livestock genetic resources in a sustainable way in line with Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources, and consider access and benefit-sharing for genetic resources for food and agriculture, in line with existing internationally agreed treaties stressing the importance of DAD-IS as the international clearing house mechanism for animal genetic resources.'

Pastoralism deserves more attention in the document.