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Sub-Committee on **Livestock**



The COAG Sub-Committee on Livestock and the Global Plan of Action for Sustainable Livestock Transformation

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The FAO Committee on Agriculture (COAG)

An FAO Governing Body, established over 50 years ago. Provides guidance on agriculture-related policies, reviews global agricultural issues and trends, and advises on emerging topics. Covers issues related to crops, livestock, food safety, nutrition, rural development, natural resource management and more.



The COAG Sub-Committee on Livestock (the Sub-Committee)

COAG established the Sub-Committee on Livestock at its 27th Session in October 2020.

Mandate: To discuss and build consensus on livestock issues and priorities.

The members/observers of the Sub-Committee are the same as those of COAG.

COAG members: Open to all FAO Members. Currently, 135 Member Nations plus the European Union are COAG members.

COAG observers: Currently 119 intergovernmental organizations and non-state actors are COAG observers.

Sub-Committee sessions normally take place every 2 years, a few months before the COAG session.

COAG Sub-Committee on Livestock: Main thematic areas for its work

There are three main thematic areas of the Sub-Committee's work:

- Sustainable livestock systems for food security, nutrition and inclusive economic growth
- Animal, public and environmental health through the One Health approach
- Natural resource use, climate change and biodiversity

COAG Sub-Committee on Livestock: Bureau

Composition: One representative elected from each of 7 regions: Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Near East, North America and Southwest Pacific.

Main role: To oversee preparation of the upcoming session of the Sub-Committee.

Bureau elected at the First Session in 2022 (for the period 2022-2024):

- Chair: Carlos Cherniak, Argentina
- Vice-Chairs: Ireland, Kuwait, Mali, New Zealand, Thailand and United States of America

Bureau elected at the Second Session in 2024 (for the period 2024-2026):

- Chair: Dónal Coleman, Ireland
- Vice-Chairs: Argentina, Canada, India, Kenya, Lebanon and New Zealand

COAG Sub-Committee on Livestock: First Session

- Successful First Session (16-18 March 2022). Virtual.
- Participation of delegations from:
 - 129 FAO Members
 - 22 observers



COAG Sub-Committee on Livestock: Second Session

Took place 16-18 July 2024, hybrid. Successful Session: Over 500 participants, including 106 FAO Members (430 delegates) and 28 observers, and very good spirit of consensus.



COAG Sub-Committee on Livestock: Second Session

The Session's most important recommendation, for the agenda item on the “Sustainable Livestock Transformation Framework”, was for FAO to develop a negotiated Global Plan of Action for Sustainable Livestock Transformation.



Global Plan of Action for Sustainable Livestock Transformation: Mandate

- ❖ The Sub-Committee at its Second Session (July 2024) recommended:
“FAO to develop.....in consultation with Members in a participatory manner...a negotiated Global Plan of Action for Sustainable Livestock Transformation.....that operationalizes the Sustainable Livestock Transformation Framework and is aligned with other existing FAO strategies, initiatives and instruments, contingent upon availability of the requisite financial resources”.
- ❖ COAG at its 29th Session (October 2024) endorsed the Report of the Sub-Committee’s Second Session and the recommendations therein.

Global Plan of Action: Scope

- Relevant for all stakeholders in the livestock sector.
- Cover all livestock production systems, from small-scale to large-scale production systems.
- A voluntary global instrument, negotiated by FAO Members.
- Once the Global Plan of Action has been adopted by Members, they will be encouraged to develop a national plan of action that is tailor-made and specific to the context, needs and priorities of their country.

Tentative roadmap for the Global Plan of Action (GPA)

October 2024

COAG-29 endorsed recommendation to develop the GPA

December 2024

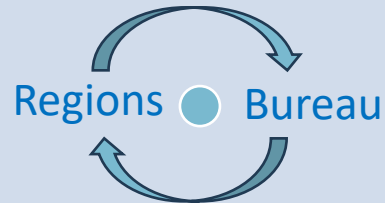
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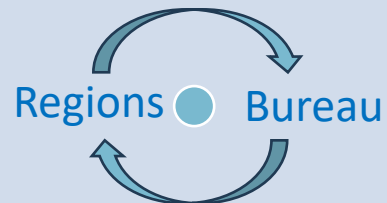
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Sub-Committee
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Mid-2026

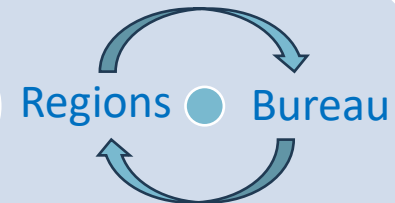
2nd draft GPA submitted to Third Session of Sub-Committee



Consultations
GPA outline & priority areas



Consultations
Zero draft GPA



Consultations
2nd draft GPA

Proposed Priority Areas and proposed Strategic Priorities for the GPA

Structure of the Global Plan of Action: Built on three levels.



Five **Priority Areas** are proposed:

- Food security and nutrition
- Equitable livelihoods, decent work and empowered communities
- Animal, public and environmental health through the One Health approach
- Natural resource use, climate change and biodiversity
- Means of implementation (including policies, investments, capacity building and more)

A total of 22 **Strategic Priorities** are proposed for these five Priority Areas.

Proposed Priority Area 1: Food security and nutrition

The proposed Strategic Priorities are:

1. Ensure the availability of safe animal source food;
2. Enable access to, and affordability of, animal source food;
3. Reduce food loss and waste along livestock value chains;
4. Optimise the contribution of animal source food to human diets.

Proposed Priority Area 2: Equitable livelihoods, decent work and empowered communities

The proposed Strategic Priorities are:

1. Ensure that livestock value chains are equitable, efficient and inclusive;
2. Ensure that livestock producers have access to productive and natural resources;
3. Improve the productivity and profitability of livestock systems;
4. Promote decent working conditions and opportunities in the livestock sector.

Proposed Priority Area 3: Animal, public and environmental health through the One Health approach

The proposed Strategic Priorities are:

1. Support the prevention and control of animal diseases;
2. Reduce the need for antimicrobials in livestock systems;
3. Establish and strengthen animal welfare programmes;
4. Strengthen biosecurity in livestock value chains.

Proposed Priority Area 4: Natural resource use, climate change and biodiversity

The proposed Strategic Priorities are:

1. Promote the sustainable production and use of animal feed;
2. Enhance adaptation to, and mitigation of, climate change in the livestock sector;
3. Support the sustainable management of soil, land and water resources in the livestock sector;
4. Support the integration of the livestock sector in circular bioeconomy approaches;
5. Promote the value of livestock for biodiversity and ecosystem services.

Proposed Priority Area 5: Means of implementation (including policies, investments, capacity building and more)

The proposed Strategic Priorities are:

1. Build science- and evidence-based narratives to advocate for sustainable livestock transformation;
2. Promote the adoption of good practices for sustainable livestock transformation;
3. Promote policy development/reform and responsible investments for impact at scale in the livestock sector;
4. Accelerate sustainable transformation of the livestock sector through greater cooperation, partnership and innovation;
5. Develop a monitoring and evaluation system to monitor the implementation of sustainable livestock transformation.

Global Plan of Action: Inputs

We welcome all inputs from Members and partner organizations regarding:

- The **five Priority Areas** that are proposed for the Global Plan of Action: For example, are they all appropriate? Is there one (or more) that should not be there or that is missing?
- The **Strategic Priorities** that are proposed for each Priority Area: For example, are they all appropriate for the Priority Area? Is there one (or more) that should not be there or that is missing?

Please send inputs to COAG-Livestock@fao.org by **19 November**.



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Thank you