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13th Global Agenda for Sustainable Livestock (GASL) Multistakeholder Partnership Meeting and Regional Conference on Sustainable Livestock Transformation Foster Global Collaboration

Jointly organized by GASL, FAO, Department of Livestock Development of Thailand, and Chiang Mai University

Rome, 17/11/2023 – The Global Agenda for Sustainable Livestock (GASL), in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Department of Livestock Development of Thailand (DLD), and Chiang Mai University (CMU), successfully convened the 13th GASL Multistakeholder Partnership Meeting and the Regional Conference on Sustainable Livestock Transformation. Held from 30 October to 3 November 2023, the event brought together 275 participants from 55 countries worldwide under the theme of "[Multi-stakeholder Collaboration to Strengthen Sustainability and Resilience of Livestock Systems in Response to Drivers of Change](#)."

The primary objectives of the meeting were to assemble a diverse community of stakeholders and engage them in global dialogues addressing challenges and envisioning innovative solutions regarding drivers of change affecting livestock systems within the four GASL sustainability domains: food and nutrition security, livelihoods and economic growth, animal health and welfare, and climate and resource use.

The meeting featured four sessions, each focused on specific drivers of change: geopolitical and socio-economic drivers on Day 1, health and disease drivers on Day 2, environmental drivers on Day 4, and innovation and knowledge drivers on Day 5. Each session had introductory presentations from the South-East Asia region, as well as panel discussions, which provided insights into significant drivers, their impacts, and concrete solutions to enhance sustainable livestock systems. The hybrid format allowed interactions between in-person and virtual participants. In addition to the main sessions, the event included a Keynote Session, Ministerial Roundtable, Policy Forum, GASL history overview, and three plenary sessions on livestock production and *antimicrobial use as a driver of change– the economic cost of action and inaction* organized by the FAO Asia Pacific Regional Office, *importance of cross-sector partnerships to enhance investment in sustainable livestock in Asia* organized by the International Finance Corporation of the World Bank Group, and *gender and youth responses to drivers of change in livestock systems* organized by the GASL Working Group on Gender and the GASL Youth Advisory Group. Day 3 featured field trips exploring local agri-food systems, offering participants practical applications and real-world settings for addressing critical challenges in livestock systems. A sharefair with 44 booths showcased successful stories and solutions to the pressures facing livestock systems globally.

Throughout the meeting, a commitment to more sustainable livestock systems emerged, with participants recognizing the complex interplay among geopolitical and socio-economic factors, emphasizing the impacts of health and disease drivers, and acknowledging the necessity for better communication on climate-smart practices. The gender and youth forum highlighted initiatives for gender inclusion and emphasized the pivotal role of youth in bringing forth innovative solutions. The policy panel concluded with an understanding of the complexities of livestock management, recognizing the importance of both modern and traditional practices in sustainable production. It underscored the necessity of targeted policies to address regional challenges and emphasized the importance of accurately communicating scientific data to stakeholders for informed decision-making.

The meeting's outcomes reflect a shared commitment to collaboration, innovation, and sustainability in the livestock sector, demonstrating the necessity for adaptive solutions and stakeholder engagement for a prosperous and balanced future.

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