

## **28th Session of the Committee on Agriculture**

### **Item 2.1: Report of the First Session of the COAG Sub-Committee on Livestock**

**Document: *Report of the First Session of the Committee on Agriculture's Sub-Committee on Livestock (16–18 March 2022) (COAG/2022/5)***

At its 27th Session, the Committee on Agriculture (COAG) established the Sub-Committee on Livestock (Sub-Committee), with the mandate to discuss and build consensus on livestock issues and priorities and advise COAG on technical and policy programmes and activities needed to achieve the 2030 Agenda.

The Sub-Committee's First Session was held from 16 to 18 March 2022. Of the 133 Members of COAG, 123 registered their delegations for the Session; in addition, six FAO Members and 22 organizations participated as observers. H.E. Carlos Cherniak, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Argentina to FAO, was elected as the Sub-Committee's Chairperson.

The discussion document *Report of the First Session of the Committee on Agriculture's Sub-Committee on Livestock (16–18 March 2022) (COAG/2022/5)* outlines the Sub-Committee's findings and recommendations. Main topics discussed included:

- i. Sustainable livestock for food security, nutrition, and poverty reduction
  - Contribution of livestock to food security, sustainable agrifood systems, nutrition and healthy diets
  - Good practices to sustainably enhance the productivity of small-scale livestock producers
  - Integrating the livestock sector into national climate actions by considering its adaptation and resilience to climate change, and contribution to biodiversity and ecosystem services
- ii. One Health
  - Strengthening national coordinated capacities to manage the risks of animal diseases and emerging zoonoses through the One Health approach
  - Progress towards the eradication of Peste des Petits Ruminants
  - Alternative feed practices to promote responsible use of antimicrobials
- iii. Other matters
  - Alignment of FAO's work on livestock to the Strategic Framework 2022-31
  - Holistic and evidence-based reporting on the livestock sector
  - Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Committee on Agriculture's Sub-Committee on Livestock

The Committee is invited to *endorse* the report of the First Session of the Sub-Committee.

*H.E. Carlos Cherniak, Chairperson, COAG Sub-Committee on Livestock*

**Document: *Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Committee on Agriculture's Sub-Committee on Livestock (2022–25) (COAG/2022/21)***

The Sub-Committee discussed its draft Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPOW) and made recommendations for the MYPOW's revision in view of its submission to the 28th Session of COAG.

The discussion document *Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Committee on Agriculture's Sub-Committee on Livestock (2022–25) (COAG/2022/21)* contains the draft MYPOW that was revised by the Sub-Committee's Bureau. The proposed MYPOW has a four-year horizon, and is presented as a rolling plan that will be reviewed at each session of the Sub-Committee. It focuses on three main thematic areas:

- i. sustainable livestock systems for food security, nutrition and inclusive economic growth;
- ii. animal, public and environmental health through the One Health approach; and
- iii. natural resource use, climate change and biodiversity.

The above thematic areas are mutually supportive and have the common goal to optimize the contribution of the livestock sector to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Under the supervision of its Bureau, the Sub-Committee will plan and implement its Programme of Work in collaboration with relevant bodies and partners, monitor the progress made, and report to COAG on its work.

The Committee is invited to *approve* the MYPOW 2022-25.

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