African Livestock Futures Study
“Realizing the potential of livestock for food security, poverty reduction and the environment in Sub-Saharan Africa”
Dissemination event
28 September 2015 from 18.00 to 20.30 at Penn Club in New York City

We would like to invite you and a guest to join us at an event to disseminate the African Livestock Futures Study
A cocktail reception with light hors d’oeuvres is followed by a presentation and panel discussion with Q&A

Details:
Date: Monday, 28 September, 2015
Time: 18:00 – 20:30
Place: Penn Club*, 30 W 44th Street, New York City
  *Jacket and tie required for gentlemen

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The focus of the Study is on realizing the potential of livestock for food security, poverty reduction and the environment in Sub-Saharan Africa. This study was undertaken by a research team from the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO), the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), and the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) under the stewardship of the office of the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for Food Security and Nutrition.

The study investigates plausible trajectories for African livestock from now until the year 2050 such as:

- Indicating the potential livestock production in Africa to grow substantively in response to rapidly increasing demand for livestock products throughout the continent. This growth in production can contribute greatly to opportunities for people’s employment, to the wealth of societies and the economic growth of nations.
- Increasing the resilience of livestock producers’ livelihoods, and contribute to their food security and nutrition. If appropriate policies are adopted, increasing livestock production can contribute to the sustainable development of all people. They must take account of the ever-present threats of human disease that occur when pathogens emerge at the interfaces between animals and humans within the wide range of African ecosystems.

The study indicates the important role of local and national governments in establishing and then implementing policies for livestock development that limit the potential impact of intensified production on people’s health and the environment. Policies need to be guided by research and result in adequate veterinary services, well-enforced regulations and incentives that take into account the inequities between societies.

The conduct of the study was made possible through financial support provided by the US Agency for International Development (USAID) and was supported by the Office of the UN System Influenza Coordinator. The scenarios used in the study were developed and quantified as part of the European Union (EU) funded project “An integration of mitigation and adaptation options for sustainable livestock production under climate change”.

It is expected that the event will be attended by Ministers and Senior Officials from governments, as well as officials from UN agencies, interested business people, farmer organizations, civil society groups and representatives of the media. After the presentation, participants will be invited to share their perspectives and pose questions.

Looking forward to seeing you soon in New York City on 28 September!

Best wishes,

Dr. David Nabarro, Guest Speaker
UN System Influenza Coordinator
Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for Food Security and Nutrition
UN Secretary General Special Envoy on Ebola

Dr. William B. Karesh, Panel Moderator
Executive Vice President for Health and Policy, EcoHealth Alliance
President, OIE Working Group on Wildlife
Co-chair, IUCN Species Survival Commission - Wildlife Health Specialist Group
EPT Partners Liaison, USAID Emerging Pandemic Threats - PREDICT-2 Program

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