

The Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the Committee on Agriculture (COAG) Sub-Committee on Livestock

I. Terms of Reference of the COAG Sub-Committee on Livestock¹

The Sub-Committee on Livestock (the Sub-Committee) shall provide a forum for consultation and discussion on all matters related to livestock and shall advise the Committee on Agriculture (the Committee) on technical and policy matters related to livestock and on the work to be performed by the Organization in the field of livestock. “Livestock” refers to all terrestrial animals used for food and agriculture.

In particular, the Sub-Committee shall:

- (i) identify and discuss major trends and issues in the global livestock sector, and advise and make recommendations to the Committee on these matters;
- (ii) advise on the preparation of technical reviews and of issues and trends of international significance;
- (iii) advise on the liaison with other relevant bodies and organizations with a view to promoting harmonization and endorsing policies and actions, as appropriate;
- (iv) advise on mechanisms to prepare, facilitate and implement action programmes, as well as on the expected contribution of partners;
- (v) advise on the strengthening of international collaboration to assist developing countries in the implementation of good practices and guidance to support sustainable livestock sector development;
- (vi) collaborate with existing partnerships and establish communication channels with multiple stakeholders, as guided by the Committee;
- (vii) monitor the progress made in implementing the Committee's programme of work on livestock-related issues, as well as any other matters referred to the Sub-Committee by the Committee;
- (viii) prepare a multi-year programme for its work for consideration and approval by the Committee; and
- (ix) report to the Committee on its activities.

In order for the Sub-Committee to carry out this mandate, the Committee will assign specific tasks to the Sub-Committee.

¹ From Appendix E of the Report of the 27th Session of the Committee on Agriculture (28 September - 2 October 2020) <https://openknowledge.fao.org/handle/20.500.14283/cb3902en>

II. Rules of Procedure of the COAG Sub-Committee on Livestock²

Rule 1 - Membership

The Sub-Committee on Livestock (the Sub-Committee) shall be open to all Member Nations of the Committee on Agriculture (the Committee).

Rule 2 - Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons

The Sub-Committee shall elect, from among the representatives of its Members, a Chairperson and six Vice-Chairpersons (Bureau), each coming from one of the following geographic regions: Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Near East, North America and Southwest Pacific. In electing the Chairperson, the Sub-Committee shall have due regard to the principle of rotation. The Chairperson and the Vice-Chairpersons shall be elected for a period of two years and remain in office until the election of a new Chairperson and new Vice-Chairpersons at the end of the next session of the Sub-Committee when the election is held. The Chairperson shall not be eligible for election for two consecutive terms in the same office.

The Bureau shall appoint a first Vice-Chairperson from among its six Vice-Chairpersons. The Chairperson, or the first Vice-Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson, shall preside over the meetings of the Sub-Committee and exercise such other functions as may be required to facilitate its work.

Rule 3- Sessions

The Committee shall decide on the timing and duration of the sessions of the Sub-Committee, when required. Sessions of the Sub-Committee shall normally be held once in each biennium and the session shall be held with timing that enables the Committee to take into consideration the report of the Sub-Committee. If required, the Sub-Committee may hold additional sessions on the call of the Director-General in consultation with its Chairperson.

Rule 4 - Observers

The Observer capacity in the Committee shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the Sub-Committee.

Rule 5 - Rules of Procedure of the Committee

The provisions of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to all matters not specifically dealt with under the present Rules of Procedure of the Sub-Committee on Livestock.

² From Appendix D of the Report of the Second Session of the COAG Sub-Committee on Livestock (16-18 July 2024) <https://openknowledge.fao.org/handle/20.500.14283/np996en>