

## Outcomes of Saturday Working Group Sessions

### **The Role of Livestock in the African Green Revolution**

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#### **Short Summary:**

We feel strongly that livestock is an essential part of sustainable agriculture – and has not been addressed in this conference, until this session.

#### **Justification for including livestock in the A.G.R.**

- Contribution to GDP is significant in many African countries.
- Source of food and livelihood
- Employment – rural employment
- The major agricultural activity in arid and semi arid areas
- Source of energy and power
- Asset for rural communities
- Copying mechanism to offset risk
- Land management – mixed farming systems
- Household income
- 7 “m’s” – meat, milk, manure, material (skins), money, morale, muscle

#### **Indicators – Key interventional areas**

##### Policy

- Livestock development & support systems
- Trade and export
- Smallholder support and protection

##### Productivity

- Breeding
- Nutrition – feed supply, fodder
- Health
- Water
- Diseases – Transboundary

##### Marketing & Value Chain

- Integrated livestock value chains
- Added value/quality aspects
- Infrastructure

##### Social aspects of livestock

- Women
- “Urban farming” – rabbits, chicken, sheep and goats

- Diversification to fisheries, beekeeping and “emerging” livestock (crocodiles, ostrich, etc...)

**Conclusion**

Recommend clear integration of livestock and in to the AGR in future conferences ad discussions!

NB meat pack lunches the most popular proof of importance of livestock