Anticipating the Future to Design Effective Livestock Policies

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The livestock sector is a mainstay for food security and rural livelihoods and potentially contribution to sustainable development.
Transformation of livestock to meet demands creates opportunities and challenges
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‘What if’ stories about the future of agriculture / livestock that explore the unknowns of the future, and hence are useful to guide decision-making today.
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- Countries developed the articulated livestock scenarios, and in collaboration with the FAO is currently engaging stakeholders in a policy dialogue to:
  
  - Identify policy actions to take now to ensure the country will be in a position to effectively deal with the emerging PUBLIC HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND SOCIAL CHALLENGES, that a transformed livestock sector will pose to Society.

1. Burkina Faso
2. Egypt
3. Ethiopia
4. Nigeria
5. Kenya
6. Uganda
Scaling up for futures-focused policy and planning

• Building capacities of selected national and regional governments in Africa and Asia to design and implement multi-sectoral, multidisciplinary (and multilateral) policies:
  • Fostering One Health
  • Livestock scenarios are agreed among all agencies involved
• Fostering Private Sector Engagement:
  • The views of the private sector are considered into the livestock scenarios
• Identifying priority policy issues associated with future challenges with the aim of reaching the most-desired futures
Protecting people and animals from disease threats