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FAO's activities report on Animal Genetic Resources

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IMPLEMENTING THE GLOBAL PLAN OF ACTION FOR ANIMAL GENETIC RESOURCES

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Sixteenth Regular Session of the CGRFA

- Rome, 30 January – 3 February 2017
- Report at: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-ms565e.pdf>



Sixteenth Regular Session of the CGRFA

- Relevant decisions for animal genetic resources (AnGR) in paras 43 - 49
- The Commission called upon countries to continue to implement the Global Plan of Action, in order to contribute to global food security and sustainable rural development and requested FAO to continue to support countries in these efforts.



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- The Commission stressed the importance of the Domestic Animal Diversity Information System DAD-IS
- It requested FAO to develop options for improving the linkages between DAD-IS and other databases, and to include in future versions of DAD-IS data from genebank databases.



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- It stressed the need for countries to regularly update their national data in DAD-IS or FABIS-net, including information on animal genetic resources both in situ and ex situ, and to provide information on breed classifications.
- It requested FAO to identify possible reasons for the continuing high proportion of breeds with unknown risk status in DAD-IS.



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- The Commission also requested FAO to consider including domesticated honeybees, and potentially other pollinators, in DAD-IS.
- It requested FAO to review methods for identification and valuation of ESS provided by livestock breeds



Domestic Animal Diversity Information System – DAD-IS

- Currently under development, financed by extra-budgetary (GER) and regular programme funds



DAD-IS

- Stakeholders (NCs, ERFP WG Info & Doc, EAAP) are closely involved in the development
- FAO participated in the meeting of the ERFP's WG on Info&Doc in Serbia, in May 2017, to inform and ask for collaboration
- All National Coordinators and ERFP's WG on Info&Doc have been invited to provide feedback on the new DAD-IS
- Prototype showing the data entry was sent out for testing on 19.05.2017 (feedback 8 European countries and EAAP) and 05.07.2017, and only 5 European countries have responded (positive, constructive feedbacks)



DAD-IS

- Next prototype will be send out in the 2nd week of September – please respond!!! It is YOUR system.
- Launch of new DAD-IS planned for November 2017 (21/22.11 – save the date)
- Planned developments beyond the scope of the current project:
 - Establishment of other regional nodes
 - Including bees (and other pollinators)



Changes in FAO's Animal Genetic Resources Branch

- Merge of 2 units: Animal Production and Genetic Resources Unit
- New head of the Unit Dr Badi Besbes (since September 2016)
- Secretary of the ITWG-AnGR: Dr Paul Boettcher





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THANK YOU
for your attention
and for the great collaboration!



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