

Minutes of the bilateral FAO - ERFP Steering Committee meeting in Bratislava, Slovakia

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| <u>FAO delegation:</u> | Irene Hoffmann, Roswitha Baumung, Alizée Sauron |
| <u>ERFP SC:</u> | Oya Akin, NC Turkey; Didier Bouchel, NC France; Asko Mäki-Tanila (NC Finland, SC chair); Elzbieta Martyniuk, NC Poland, Nina Sæther, NC Norway, Tamas Szobolevszki, NC Hungary |
| <u>ERFP Secretariat:</u> | Frank Begemann, Sebastian Winkel (rapporteur), Babette Breuer |

Asko Mäki–Tanila welcomed Irene Hoffmann, Roswitha Baumung and Alizée Sauron from the FAO.

Support for EFABIS/DAD-IS data collection

Currently the data quantity and quality in DAD-IS is low. With the signed MoU regarding EFABIS FAO, EAAP and ERFP agreed to an organizational structure, which should improve the data quantity and quality in Europe. Regarding the FAO's question, whether the ERFP representative for the EFABIS Management Committee is already named, it was stated, that this will be decided during the ERFP Assembly meeting in Bratislava.

GPA progress reporting

Irene Hoffmann gave a short overview regarding the progress report concerning the further development and implementation of the GPA. Therefore, the FAO compiles a global report based upon country and regional reports. A regional report was requested from ERFP, which especially described the collaborative activities among the European countries.

The FAO received 85 Country Progress Reports, 4 Regional Progress Reports and 11 reports from international organizations. From the 85 Country Progress Reports 80 reports were received within the deadline. The FAO established process indicators to describe the completeness or the status of the implementation of respective elements of the GPA in relation to a sliding baseline. Even resource indicators were established to show the amount of locally adapted breed and their risk status. Irene Hoffmann stated that countries which named a NC for AnGR provided a Country Progress Report in more cases compared to countries without a NC. Even regions, which established a regional focal point, showed a higher response rate than regions without a regional focal point. Esp. ERFP is leading in this field and the FAO encouraged ERFP to continue this engagement.

Irene Hoffmann introduced the planned structure for the SoW report:

Part 1. The state of livestock diversity

Part 2. Livestock sector trends

Part 3. The state of capacities in animal genetic resources management

Part 4. State of the art in the management of animal genetic resources

Part 5. Needs and challenges in animal genetic resources management

The finished SoW report is expected by the year 2015. Nevertheless Irene Hoffmann stressed that financial support by donating countries is very necessary for the work of the FAO in this field.

Projects under the GPA Trust Fund

In September 2012 a panel of experts will appraise and rank the project proposals and recommend a list of projects for funding. In October 2012 the CGRFA bureau will approve the projects. Afterwards the FAO will prepare the contracts with the selected projects and will publish them on the AGA Funding Strategy website. CGRFA received 52 eligible concept notes (43 national notes and 9 regional notes) from which 5 eligible concept notes (4 national notes and 1 regional note) came from the Europe and Caucasus region. After the pre-screening applicants, who have been selected, were asked for a full proposal. Until 15th August 2012 CGRFA had received 24 project proposals (16 national proposals and 8 regional proposals). One (regional) of these proposals came from Europe. Irene Hoffmann stated that from all regional focal points ERFP supported the FAO best in the pre-screening process of the concept notes and thanked ERFP for this engagement.

Preparation of upcoming FAO meetings, global NC Workshop ITWG

The next FAO meeting related to GRFA is the Svalbard meeting in September 2012. FAO representatives, who are working in the field of AnGR, will not attend to this meeting.

From 24th until 26th October 2012 will be the 7th ITWG on AnGR in Rome. The main items of this meeting will be:

3. Implementation of the GPA for AnGR and the Interlaken Declaration
 - 3.1 Review of the implementation of the GPA for AnGR
 - 3.2 Draft technical guidelines for the implementation of the GPA for AnGR
 - 3.3 Review of implementation of the Funding Strategy for the implementation of the GPA for AnGR
 - 3.4 Roles of small-scale livestock keepers in the conservation and sustainable use of AnGR
4. Preparation of The Second Report on the State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
5. Targets and indicator for AnGR
6. Status and trends of micro-organisms for ruminant digestion
7. Access and benefit-sharing for AnGR

FAO informed the ERFP SC to prepare a workshop on the new EFABIS module on production environment description (PED) just before the 7th ITWG on 22nd and 23rd October 2012. The travel costs for representatives of developing countries and countries with economy in transition may be reimbursed by FAO funds.

The meeting was closed by Asko Mäki-Tanila at 7:00 pm.