

**Global Forum for Food and Agriculture (GFFA) 2018**

and

**International Green Week 2018  
“Shaping the Future of Livestock – sustainability, responsibly, efficiently”**

**January 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 Berlin, Germany**

**REPORT**



January 2018 SWG Head Office/Secretariat

**Date and venue:** 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018, Berlin, Germany

**Participants:**

**SWG Delegates/Ministry representatives present from:**

- Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development – Republic of Albania (Mr. Grigor Gjerci);
- Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations - Bosnia and Herzegovina (Mr. Dusan Neskovic);
- Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development – Kosovo\* (Mr. Bekim Hoxha);
- Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy – Republic of Macedonia (Mr. Tomo Mojsovski);
- Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development – Montenegro (Mr. Darko Konjevic)

**The Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group (SWG) in SEE:**

- SWG Secretariat (Mr. Boban Ilic, Ms. Bogdanka Leveska Gjorshoska, Ms. Katerina Spasovska, Mr. Oliver Pop Arsov);

**Program for the event**

**Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

- Arrival of the participants

**Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**13:00h – 15:15h Kick-off event, CityCube Berlin – Level 1, Hall A1**

The conference begins on Thursday with a kick-off event. The Kick-off Event is held to mark the official start of the discussions between high-level experts of the global agri-food sector from politics, industry, science and civil society. The kick-off event is entitled “Shaping the future of livestock” and will outline the manifold facets of this subject and give an introduction to the issues to be discussed at the conference. This year the structure of the kick-off event has been revamped: it will be a combination of the previous conventional kick-off event and the international panel discussion. This year’s topic will be discussed by the following participants in the context of a panel discussion hosted by the Federal Minister of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) in cooperation with the Berlin Senate, Messe Berlin GmbH and the GFFA Berlin Association.

**All the SWG Delegates are registered to participate at the Kick-off event. Please be noted that you have to be at City Cube at 12:30h in order to take the entrance ticket with your name tag on the registration desk.**

**15:30h – 17:30h Expert Panel Discussions, CityCube Berlin**

The expert panel discussions provide an informative platform to illustrate different perspectives and exchange views with an interested expert audience. There are 5 various Expert Panel Discussions organized at the same period. The SWG Delegation have been registered for participation at the Expert Panel Discussion as per the possibility to register, since there wasn’t a possibility for multiple choice. Please be noted that you are free to attend additional panel discussion according to your field of interest.

**1. SDGS THE FUTURE OF LIVESTOCK WHAT ARE THE EXPECTATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL CIVIL SOCIETY - CityCube Berlin, Level 3, M1 – M8**

For civil society which is the key new information and the key lessons learned from livestock report of CFS? What are from a civil society perspective the key decisions taken by the CFS regarding livestock?

**Organizer**

German Forum on Environment and Development; Bread for the World; Protestant; Development Service; Heinrich Böll Stiftung; Misereor

<http://www.gffa-berlin.de/en/fachpodium-1-2018/>

**2. FUTURE-ORIENTED IMPLEMENTATION OF ANIMAL WELFARE LAWS - CityCube Berlin, Level 3, M1 – M8**

The event aims to foster the exchange of experiences on the implementation of animal welfare laws. To this aim, representatives from countries, which have implemented animal welfare laws which go substantially beyond the requirements of the supranational framework legislation will have their say.

**Organizer**

Thünen-Institute of Farm Economics

<http://www.gffa-berlin.de/en/fachpodium-2-2018/>

**3. AFRICA'S LIVESTOCK POTENTIAL – TRADITIONAL SOLUTIONS FOR THE FUTURE? - CityCube Berlin, Level 3, M1 – M8**

The discussion will focus on building local value chains and developing better market positions for small livestock breeders and products for mainly the traditional ranchers, on maintaining good animal health, in increasing local added value (abattoirs, dairy) and modernization of methods and use of adapted feeds.

**Organizer**

The German-African Business Association; German Agribusiness Alliance; EZ-Scouts

<http://www.gffa-berlin.de/en/fachpodium-3-2018/>

**4. FOOD OF ANIMAL ORIGIN 2030: WHAT DO CONSUMERS WANT? ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ECOLOGICAL CHALLENGES AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS - CityCube Berlin, Level 3, M1 – M8**

The expert panel will discuss the qualitative and quantitative requirements food of animal origin will need to meet in order to satisfy the demand of consumers in 2030. Experts from government and the private sector will discuss challenges and identify possible solutions.

**Organizer**

Federal Office for Agriculture (Switzerland, Berne)  
Global Agenda for Sustainable Livestock GASL

<http://www.gffa-berlin.de/en/fachpodium-4-2018/>

## **5. FEED FOR LIFE! – ALTERNATIVES IN THE FEEDING SECTOR - CityCube Berlin, Level 3, M1 – M8**

Concentrated feed, grass, insects and circulatory systems: together with external experts scientists of the Leibniz Research Alliance 'Sustainable Food Production and Healthy Nutrition' discuss about alternatives to conventional feeding concepts.

### **Organizer**

Leibniz Research Alliance 'Sustainable Food Production and Healthy Nutrition'

<http://www.gffa-berlin.de/en/fachpodium-5-2018/>

### **Thursday, 18th January 12:00h - 17:30h Cooperation Market**

The Cooperation Market is part of the GFFA and will take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January and Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018. On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> the Cooperation Market will start from 12:00h - 17:30h in the CityCube Berlin, Level 2. Associations, companies, universities and the BMEL will showcase their work in the agri-food sector.

The Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group (SWG) in SEE will be also presented at the Cooperation Market with a stand and promotional materials together with a number of international organizations and institutions which is going to be held within the International Green Week and the Global Forum for Food and Agriculture in Berlin 2017 (GFFA), on **18<sup>th</sup> January 2018** in Berlin, Germany. The floor space A - F3 is booked for the SWG and will be meeting point for the SWG delegation members. **Your participation at the Cooperation Market is highly appreciated and obliged.**

**Please be noted, that you have to be at the Cooperation Market at 11:45h in the morning on Thursday 18th of January!**

### **VENUE:**

#### **CityCube Berlin**

Entrance: Messedamm 26  
14057 Berlin  
Germany

### **18:00 - Official Opening of the International Green Week 2018**

- *SWG registered the SWG Delegates for attending the Opening Ceremony of International Green Week 2018. For this purpose, the entrance tickets will be provided to all of you on the first day of arrival in order to be able to attend the Opening Ceremony and Evening reception.*

### **20:00 - Evening reception for Foreign Guest of Honor**

- *SWG Delegates will attempt be provide with entrance tickets for the Evening reception;*

### **Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

### **19th January 09:00h – 17:00h Cooperation Market**

The Cooperation Market is part of the GFFA and will take place on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018 as well in order to increase the networking opportunities between trade visitors, associations, companies, universities and organisations from the agro-food sector. On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> the Cooperation Market will start from 12:00h - 17:30h in the CityCube Berlin, Level 2. Associations, companies, universities and the BMEL will showcase their work in the agri-food sector.

The Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group (SWG) in SEE will be also presented at the Cooperation Market with a stand and promotional materials together with a number of international organizations and institutions which is going to be held within the International Green Week and the Global Forum for Food and Agriculture in Berlin 2017 (GFFA), on **19<sup>th</sup> January 2018** in Berlin, Germany. The floor space A - F3 is booked for the SWG and will be meeting point for the SWG delegation members. **Your participation** at the Cooperation Market is **highly appreciated and obliged**.

**Please be noted, that you have to be at the Cooperation Market at 08:45h in the morning on Friday 19th of January!**

**VENUE:**

**CityCube Berlin**

Entrance: Messedamm 26  
14057 Berlin  
Germany

**10:00h – 12:00h Expert Panel Discussions, CityCube Berlin**

The expert panel discussions will continue on the next day as well. There are 5 various Expert Panel Discussions organized at the same period. The SWG Delegation have been registered for participation at the Expert Panel Discussion where possible, since there wasn't a possibility for multiple choice. Please be noted that you are free to attend additional panel discussion according to your field of interest.

**6. SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS FOR THE LIVESTOCK SECTOR. THE TIME IS RIPE! CityCube Berlin, Level 3, M1 – M8**

**Organizer**

International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) in partnership with Global Agenda for Sustainable Livestock and Livestock Global Alliance,  
Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

<http://www.gffa-berlin.de/en/fachpodium-6-2018/>

**7. CLIMATE PROTECTION – EFFICIENCY – ANIMAL WELFARE: CHALLENGES AND GOAL CONFLICTS OF SUSTAINABLE LIVESTOCK HUSBANDRY IN THE CONTEXT OF GLOBAL MARKETS, CityCube Berlin, Level 3, M1 – M8**

The triangular relationship between animal performance, animal welfare and health as well as climate and environmental protection is characterized by biological,

ecological and economic factors with advantageous and disadvantageous interrelations and conflicting goals, part of which these can be achieved via scientific innovations but others are not easily resolvable and need a compromise solution.

**Organizer**

Leibniz Institute for Farm Animal Biology  
Landwirtschaftliche Rentenbank

<http://www.gffa-berlin.de/en/fachpodium-7-2018/>

**8. HOW CAN LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION CONTRIBUTE TO GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY? – FARMS AND INDUSTRIES OF THE FUTURE IN ASIA AND EASTERN EUROPE, CityCube Berlin, Level 3, M1 - M8**

**Organizer**

German Agribusiness Alliance  
German Livestock Association  
Committee on Eastern European Economic Relations  
OAV – German Asia-Pacific Business Association

<http://www.gffa-berlin.de/en/fachpodium-8-2018/>

**9. ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE IN EUROPE AND BEYOND, CityCube Berlin, Level 3, M1 – M8**

Antimicrobial resistance is arguably the most important a global health issue concerning not only human but food security, agriculture, livestock, aquaculture, and the environment as well. The expert panel, organized by FAO together with Bread for the World, will discuss how to minimize the emergence and spread of antimicrobial resistance in the livestock sector.

**Organizer**

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)  
Bread for the World – Protestant Development Service  
German Forum on Environment and Development  
Germanwatch

<http://www.gffa-berlin.de/en/fachpodium-9-2018/>

**10. INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON MORE SUSTAINABLE PROTEIN FEED, CityCube Berlin, Level 3, M1 – M8**

Experts from various continents discuss how the production of protein feed can become more sustainable worldwide. Which obstacles have to be overcome? Which positive approaches can be seen?

**Organizer**

Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture  
Federal Office for Agriculture and Food



<http://www.gffa-berlin.de/en/fachpodium-10-2018/>

**14:00h – 16:00 Two High Level Panels hosted by international organisations**

***SWG registered the SWG Delegates for attending the High-Level Panels.***

- High Level Panel of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) - **Animal Health and Welfare: Two cornerstones for the future of globally diversified livestock production**, Friday 19.01.2017, 14:00h – 16:00, CityCube Berlin – Level 1, Hall A1

In the current context of increased animal protein demand, a rise in ecological instability and globalised movements of people, animals and products, improving animal health and welfare worldwide has become a prerequisite to face challenges of the future in a safer way. Animal health and welfare should be two cornerstones of a global transition to sustainable, responsible and efficient livestock production models.

- High Level Panel of the European Commission - **The Future of Livestock production**, Friday, 19.01.2017, 14:00h – 16:00, CityCube Berlin – Level 1, Hall A2

Phil Hogan, European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development will host this ministerial level debate. It will feature a roundtable policy discussion between ministers in the midst of the audience – using the “centre court” format. This panel focuses on an active engagement with all participants and the audience with the aim of identifying appropriate policy responses and best practice examples for a sustainable, efficient and responsible livestock production.

**Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 09:00-17:00h Cooperation Market**

***09:00 – 12:30h 10th Berlin Agricultural Ministers Conference – (by personal invitation only)***

The political highlight of the GFFA is the Berlin Agriculture Ministers’ Conference, which takes place in the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy.

***12:30 – 13:30 International Press Conference - (by personal invitation only)***

A final communiqué representing the common position of the ministers provides impetus following the GFFA for international discourse on agricultural policy.

***14:00 – 17:45 International Business Panel Discussion hosted by GFFA Berlin - (by personal invitation only)***

On Saturday afternoon the Global Forum for Food and Agriculture Berlin e.V., which brings together the German agri-food sector, hosts the International Business Panel Discussion in the Deutsche Telekom Building in Berlin.

***17:45 Evening Reception hosted by GFFA Berlin - (by personal invitation only)***

**SWG will attempt to provide the Entrance tickets for the side events for the SWG Delegates and will be delivered to you on the first day of arrival.**

## **Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> January**

### **10:00h - 11:55h “Roundtable on Agriculture and Rural Development in the Western Balkans”**

The event is scheduled as a side event in the context of the Global Forum for Food and Agriculture (GFFA) in Berlin and will take place on January 21st (Sunday), 2018 from 10:00 am to 11:55 am.

**Intended:** for the WB Ministers of Agriculture

**Participation:** Minister, and two (2) officially appointed Ministry representatives out of whom one (1) to be the officially appointed SWG Delegate in the SWG Assembly.

***It is recommended SWG Delegates attending GFFA 2018 to be part of the Ministers delegation attending the Roundtable***

The venue of the Roundtable/Meeting is:

**German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL),  
entrance: Wilhelmstraße 54, 10117 Berlin, Room No.: 2.E.040.**

- Departure of the participants in the afternoon

*\* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.*



## **Global Forum for Food and Agriculture 2018**

Traditionally, the International Green Week was organized this year again. Global Forum for Food and Agriculture (GFFA) is an international conference that focuses on central questions concerning the future of the global agri-food industry. It gives representatives from the worlds of politics, business, science and civil society an opportunity to share ideas and enhance understanding on the current topic on agricultural policy.

The focus of the 10th Global Forum for Food and Agriculture 2018 was on “Shaping the Future of Livestock – sustainability, responsibly, efficiently”. The aim of GFFA is, in a series of expert panel discussions, working meetings and an international panel, to identify ways and means of sustainably meeting the diverse and growing demands that are being made of the agricultural sector.

The GFFA was organized by the Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection (BMEL) in cooperation with GFFA Berlin, the Senate of Berlin and Messe Berlin GmbH. Specific aspects of the GFFA’s main theme were exploring in more detail in different event formats. The GFFA was held during International Green Week (IGW) and took place in its current shape for the tenth time.

## **International Green Week 2018**

IGW is the origin of the Global Forum for Food and Agriculture (GFFA). This is where over 69 international ministries and food producers meet – their displays reveal the fascinating world of the food and beverage industries. Many various sectors such as renewable resources, organic agriculture, gardening and the future of rural development continue to gain importance at the International Green Week.

At the International Green week, numerous exhibitors were represented from all over the world. The new partner country of the Green Week 2018 represented with many special offers was Bulgaria. SWG Delegation had the opportunity to visit the Green Week and made productive discussions with many Ministry representatives in respect to future collaboration.

## **Kick-off Event**

The Kick-off Event was held to mark the official start of the discussions between high-level experts of the global agri-food sector from politics, industry, science and civil society. The kick-off event was entitled “Shaping the future of livestock” and outlined the manifold facets of this subject and gave an introduction to the issues to be discussed at the conference. It aimed to give an introduction to the topic, outlining its manifold aspects and paving the way for the discussions hosted by the Federal Minister of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) in cooperation with the Berlin Senate, Messe Berlin GmbH and the GFFA Berlin Association. The opening event in 2018 outlined the key issue and explain how it will be addressed by the various GFFA events.

## **Expert panel discussions**

The expert panel discussions provided an informative platform to illustrate different perspectives and exchange views with an interested expert audience. There were ten (10) various Expert Panel Discussions organized by various organizations in the period 18<sup>th</sup> January – 19<sup>th</sup> January in the City Cube which discussed specific topics and regional perspectives.

## High Level Panels

The main events were the High Level Panels, the Berlin Agriculture Ministers' Conference hosted by the BMEL, and the International Business Panel Discussion hosted by GFFA Berlin.

Two High Level Panels hosted by international organizations - World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and European Commission (EC) have been organized.

The High Level Panel of OIE entitled "Animal Health and Welfare: Two cornerstones for the future of globally diversified livestock production" discussed in the current context on the existence of animal health and welfare measures, transparency mechanisms and resilient animal health systems that allow development of countries, and prevention and control of animal diseases, is consequently more than ever essential to protect food safety and security, as well as human health, the economy and social well-being of populations.

Phil Hogan, European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development host this ministerial level debate. It featured a roundtable policy discussion between ministers in the middle of the audience. This panel focused on an active engagement with all participants and the audience with the aim of identifying appropriate policy responses and best practice examples for a sustainable, efficient and responsible livestock production.

## Cooperation Market

The Cooperation Market is part of the GFFA and took place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018 in the CityCube Berlin. Over 30 exhibitors of associations, companies, universities and the BMEL were represented this year at the Cooperation Market 2018, which showed their work in the agri-food sector.

The Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group (SWG) in SEE was also presented at the Cooperation Market with a stand and promotional materials together with a number of international organizations and institutions held within the International Green Week and the Global Forum for Food and Agriculture in Berlin 2018 (GFFA). The Cooperation Market provided an ideal possibility for SWG to get into conversation with numerous visitors related to its field of work.

Officially nominated delegates from SWG member country/institution participate at the Global Forum for Food and Agriculture (GFFA) 2018 in Berlin, Germany. SWG Secretariat have presented its work and the projects that have been implemented in the Western Balkans in the area of agriculture and rural development. SWG via its Area Based Development Approach (ABDA) exhibited the facilitation of the regional cooperation, and economic growth in the Western Balkans through in the four rural cross-border areas Drina-Tara; Drina-Sava; Prespa, Sharra, Prokletije, Krsh and Shopska.

Since the Cooperation Market provided space and opportunity for dialogue and exchange of experiences, SWG Secretariat along with the Ministry representatives had the opportunity to conduct many bilateral talks and discussions related to certain topics and regional perspectives. Many contacts and fruitful discussions in respect to the future collaboration have been made with several organizations such as Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection (BMEL), German International Cooperation (GIZ), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), GFA Consulting Group, Universities of Agricultural Sciences, Institutes of Agricultural Development and Farmers Associations.

