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ILRI@40 BORLAUG DIALOGUE

Livestock-based options for sustainable food systems

Side event at the Borlaug Dialogue, Cedar Rapids and Council Bluffs Rooms, Des Moines Marriott Downtown Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa, USA: 15 October 2014: 1930

In 2014, to mark 40 years of international research, the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) is facilitating a series of events that highlight the ways in which livestock research advances the global development agenda, specifically for sustainable food and nutritional security, economic well-being and healthy lives.

Under the theme *Livestock-based options for sustainable food systems* this side event by ILRI and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will articulate the role of livestock production in sustainable food production and the changes, impacts and coordination needed to address the needs of a growing human population in sustainable as well as equitable ways.

This event brings together public and private actors in sustainable livestock development to discuss ways to enhance the contributions of livestock to sustainable food and nutritional security. The discussions support the theme of this year's 2014 Borlaug Dialogue: 'Can We Sustainably Feed the 9 Billion People on our Planet by the Year 2050?'

The International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) works to improve food security and reduce poverty in developing countries through research for better and more sustainable use of livestock. ILRI is a member of the CGIAR Consortium, a global research partnership of 15 centres working with many partners for a food-secure future. ILRI has two main campuses in East Africa and other hubs in East, West and Southern Africa and South, Southeast and East Asia.

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