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The conference will highlight products of livestock research and how they contribute to the global development agenda, from generating research products (*performing*) to targeting research investments and policymaking (*informing*) to reshaping whole livestock production systems (*transforming*).

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Livestock-based options for sustainable food and nutritional security, economic well-being and healthy lives

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On 1 October 2014, the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) is organizing a high-profile conference on livestock's contribution to sustainable food and nutritional security, economic well-being and healthy lives.

Today's decision-makers on pro-poor livestock sector development draw on a substantial body of knowledge and evidence generated by international research on more efficient, safe and sustainable uses of livestock.

This year, the board, management and staff of ILRI are highlighting the ways in which livestock research advances the global development agenda, specifically for food and nutritional security, economic well-being and healthy lives.

This livestock research by ILRI and partners is behind *products and practices* helping millions of people in developing countries produce food and generate income. It is creating new *tools and evidence* to help decision-makers tackle risks and grasp benefits caused by rising demands for livestock foods and fast-changing livestock systems in developing countries. And it is providing *game-changing options* to guide and fine-tune trajectories of future livestock production systems so they provide sustainable, equitable and resilient futures for all.

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