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Invitation to the Global National Coordinator Workshop, Rome, 21–23 November 2017

Dear Colleague,

We have the pleasure of inviting you to attend the launch of the new version of the *Domestic Animal Diversity Information System (DAD-IS)* as well as a Global National Coordinator Workshop, to be held at FAO headquarters in Rome on 21–23 November 2017.

DAD-IS is a communication and information tool supporting countries in the development of policies and strategies for the management of animal genetic resources. DAD-IS' role as a clearing house mechanism and early warning system for animal genetic resources for food and agriculture has been recognized by the Convention on Biological Diversity since the mid-1990s. With the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2015, DAD-IS' importance as a global data repository for SDG-related indicators increased, calling for an improved organizational structure and the use of state-of-the-art information technology. DAD-IS has therefore been restructured and equipped with the latest technology.

The 4th version of DAD-IS will be released **Tuesday 21 November 2017, 10: 00 CET**, in the **Iran Room, FAO headquarters**.

The Global National Coordinator Workshop will follow the launch of DAD-IS on 21–23 November 2017. Its main objective is to provide hands-on DAD-IS training and particularly to introduce the new tools for calculating SDG indicator 2.5.2 (Proportion of breeds, classified as being at risk, not at risk or unknown level of extinction), as well as the animal component of SDG indicator 2.5.1 (Number of plant and animal genetic resources for food and agriculture secured in either medium or long-term conservation facilities).

In order to facilitate exchange among National Coordinators (usually coming from the Ministry of Agriculture or Livestock) and colleagues from National Statistical Offices (NSO), who have the key role of coordinating SDG reporting at country level, **we encourage the participation of both the National Coordinator and a representative of the NSO working on livestock statistics**. This will be particularly important to discuss challenges and experiences gained in the collection of data.

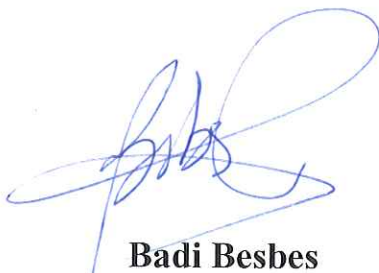
Data needed for SDG indicator 2.5.2 are collected in DAD-IS. The risk classification is based mainly on population size figures. Across the world, when excluding extinct breeds, 67% of local breeds (i.e. breeds occurring in only one country) are classified as of unknown status, revealing a big data gap. It is therefore urgent to identify the reasons for those data gaps and elaborate workable methods for countries to collect the relevant data.

FAO has already secured some funds to support the attendance of a limited number of National Coordinators and national statisticians at the workshop. Priority will be given to developing and middle-income countries that request a joint participation of the National Coordinator and a national statistician, as well as to delegations who request only partial travel assistance (List of National Coordinators and National Statistical Offices attached). Please note that requests for travel support can only be processed if they are received in time with all necessary supporting documentation.

Kindly liaise within your country and send the attached registration form with the **names of both delegates** (National Coordinator and National Statistician) **no later than 28 October 2017** to the following e-mail: launch-dadis@fao.org

We look forward to meeting you in November.

Kind regards,



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