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# Report on CIAT's involvement in the Colombian Roundtable for Sustainable Cattle Production

Activity 3.4.2: Approaches to enabling private-public-sector-producer linkages leading to accelerated innovation in the feed sector

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**Summary:**

CIAT continued its strong involvement in the Colombian Roundtable for Sustainable Cattle Production (Mesa de Ganadería Sostenible, MGS) during 2020. Apart from joining the regular monthly meetings, CIAT also helped in the strengthening and further establishment of regional roundtables in the principal cattle regions of Colombia (now there exist 12 of them), supported the MGS leadership in inviting new members to the MGS (now more than 50 members, stronger involvement from the private sector), and participated in/facilitated several workshops around sustainable cattle production and value chains. CIAT also helped in facilitating the search for financial resources for operating the MGS in 2019 and beyond, which resulted in the obtainment of funds for a technical secretary during 2019 through Solidaridad Network and the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI). One highlight from 2019 was the finalization of technical guidelines for the formulation of a national level policy for sustainable cattle production in Colombia and a first draft of the policy itself, which was submitted to the Colombian Ministry of Agriculture for evaluation. We are confident that the policy will be released during 2020.

**Detailed report:**

CIAT continued its strong involvement in the Colombian Roundtable for Sustainable Cattle Production (Mesa de Ganadería Sostenible, MGS) during 2019. Through our scientific staff, we participated in all 10 regular roundtable meetings in 2019 in Bogotá and in several extraordinary meetings and workshops either face-to-face or virtually.

One of the major activities was to establish further regional roundtables in the principal cattle regions of Colombia and to strengthen the ones already established in 2017 and 2018. A total of 12 regional roundtables existed by the end of 2019, covering all of the country's principal cattle regions and departments. On the one hand, these roundtables work as independent innovation platforms in the respective regions, organizing capacity building events, knowledge transfer and fostering discussion among the various value chain actors. On the other hand, they report back to the national roundtable and define action plans and concrete activities together with the core actors of the roundtable.

Another activity was to facilitate resources for a new website of the MGS. Funds and technical support were obtained at the end of 2019 and the development of the new website will start in early 2020. This will include re-organizing and re-designing the website, re-structuring the information available on it and

putting to date all available information generated during the last 5 years of work. The website will also count with links and information on the 12 regional roundtables, the activities/workshops and action plans for each year, an inventory of research and development projects in several Latin American countries related to sustainable livestock production, a news feed, useful links and a blog. We aim at reaching more people more easily through the new website. A strong linkage will be created with the Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef (GRSB, [www.grsbeef.org](http://www.grsbeef.org)). In addition, the roundtable is very active on Twitter, where important developments, news and information on research and development projects are being shared.

We further enhanced the participation of the MGS in the Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef (GRSB), in which the MGS is a member and since 2019 part of the Roundtable Constituency. A MGS representative participated in the 2019 GRSB meetings with a presentation on the advances made so far in Colombia. In addition, Josefina Eisele, the regional director for Latin America of the GRSB came to Bogotá to present advances made by the GRSB to the members of the MGS in order to align future activities.

CIAT organized a workshop on a new research project with UK universities (funded by BBSRC) in November 2019 in order to socialize and validate project plans with some members of the MGS ([View the presentations](#)). CIAT also participated in several workshops organized by the MGS around sustainable cattle production, sustainable value chains, linking beef enterprises with sustainability, re-structuring the land used for cattle production in Colombia and others.

Another major activity in 2019 was the finalization of technical guidelines for the formulation of a national level policy for sustainable cattle production in Colombia ([hdl.handle.net/10568/103242](http://hdl.handle.net/10568/103242)) and a first draft of the policy itself. This was done in a series of workshops and smaller meetings. The drafts were submitted to the Colombian Ministry of Agriculture for evaluation. We are confident that the policy will be released during 2020. Another highlight was the creation of zero-deforestation value chain roundtables for beef and dairy in Colombia at the end of 2019, which receive strong support from the MGS and from CIAT. CIAT is leading the zero-deforestation value chain on milk and technically contributing to the one on beef since November 2019.

#### **Members of the MGS:**

At the end of 2019, the MGS had more than 50 members, representing institutions at national and international level from both the private and the public sector. These members include: ClimateFocus, Región Central, CATIE, Asociación de Fundaciones Petroleras, World Bank, Asodoble, Aproveet, Asocarnicas, CIAT, CIPAV, Consejo Nacional Lácteo, Consejo Nacional de la cadena Cárnica Bovina, Corpogansa, Corpoica/AGROSAVIA, Dow Agrosiences, Estrategia Colombiana de Desarrollo Bajo en Carbono (ECDBC), Elanco, FEDEGAN, FINAGRO, Fondo Acción, Fondo Nacional del Ganado, GIZ, IICA, Instituto Humboldt, MinAgricultura (Agricultural Ministry), MinAmbiente (Ministry of the Environment), NES Naturaleza, SENA, Universidad La Salle, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, UPRA, WWF, Cuenta Nacional de Carne y Leche (CNCL), GGGI, ICA, MINTIC (Ministry of Communication and Technology), Eco-Social, ANALAC, Asociolillo, National Wildlife Federation, NFG, The Nature Conservancy (TNC), Minerva Foods, Grupo Éxito, Angus Azul, and others.