Exploring the strength of the links between animal welfare and the SDGs

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Are they linked?

Animal welfare means the physical and mental state of an animal in relation to the conditions in which it lives and dies.
Two aims

• To facilitate discussion on animal welfare and the SDGs
  – In small groups 8-10 people (Today)
  – In the regional plenary (Wednesday)
  – Everybody together (next Tuesday)

  To exchange views, experiences and explore potential agreement on issues

• To quantify the strength of any link using individual rating (scoring)
  – Initial views on 4 SDGs (Today in small groups)
  – Informed views on all SDGs (Wednesday in regional plenary)

  To explore variation between people and if ratings change when more information is available
And afterwards…

• Improved awareness of issues related to moving towards achieving an SDG and improving animal welfare

  – May help when making strategic choices to optimally support goals in both areas

  – Can identify the areas where there is broad agreement, or when differing views need to be taken into consideration

  – Provide a base to help future policy decisions (e.g. by OIE), or with independent initiatives (e.g. by stakeholders or countries)
Build on an existing methodology

Workshop in Sweden in 2018
First brainstorming and testing of the scoring system

Graduate student summer school in 2019
Explored different contexts and development of views over time
The basic idea…

• Discuss and rate:

  • The Impact of achieving the SDG on animal welfare
    • *i.e.*, the impact of ending poverty on improving animal welfare

  • The impact of improving animal welfare on this SDG
    • *i.e.*, the impact of improving animal welfare on ending poverty
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- **Big positive impact**
- **No impact**
- **Big negative impact**

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Do the scoring individually first (own independent score)

Then discuss and try to come to agreement on a score
Not only livestock
Think big: all animal species, contexts and globally

Need fish and more countries (asia, s.amercia?)
Groups start after the break

• Use the separate link you have been sent
  – 8 to 10 participants per group
  – Intentionally mixed participants, so diverse backgrounds

• Each group has:
  – A facilitator to answer questions about the methodology
    • They are not part of the discussion or rating
    • They have the list of ‘your’ SDGs and the scoring system
  – A rapporteur has already been identified for each group
    • Who will prepare a slide summarising the discussion in the group today
    • Present the outcome of your discussion at the regional plenary on Wednesday

On Wednesday you will get the opportunity to hear the outcome of the discussions of all 9 groups i.e. all SDGs