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FAO Forum on Good Animal Welfare Practices
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How does improving the well-being of animals benefit people? Why would poor herders in developing countries living on less than US\$2 per day be interested in animal welfare? How can improved animal welfare, directly or indirectly, contribute to achieving the Millennium Development Goals? Does increasing animal welfare legislation and standards in developed countries offer opportunities or barriers to livestock producers in developing countries?

These are some of the questions to be discussed at a one-day Open Forum at FAO Headquarters on 29 September. The Forum, which will be open to the Press, was organized to enable interested parties to present their views on improved animal welfare in the livestock sector. FAO will hold an experts meeting from 30 September to 3 October on animal welfare issues.

The Open Forum will be attended by more than 30 International and National Organizations and NGOs including the International Dairy Federation, The International Meat Secretariat, The World Veterinary Association, The World Society for the Protection of Animals, Humane Society International and Compassion in World Farming.

When:

29 September 2008 at 09:30 hrs.

Where:

Austria Room, C237, FAO Headquarters, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00100 Rome.

For accreditation:

Accreditation will be at the FAO main entrance on production of a valid press card between 09.00h and 10.00h, or afterwards through the Media Relations Office. For accreditation in advance please contact the Media Relations Office, tel: 0039-06-5705-3625.