

Synthesis: Session 5. What impact language do you speak?

5 Main points

Measures of impact differ depending on the level of aggregation and who is involved in formulating the different targets: There are synergies and trade-offs in measuring indicators

At higher levels (global), impact measures can be quite ambiguous and it is easy for some information to be excluded.

The scope needs to be clearly defined, Indicators-need to be simple and clear as data is aggregated at higher levels: eg. Statistics used as a measure are defined based on parameters unique to countries and the production environment, hence indicators need of necessity to be those that have less variability

Livestock is a tool to achieve development goals. How can livestock advance the higher level outcomes?

Changes in scope at higher levels needs to be cascaded and mapped to measurable indicators at national levels

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Main unanswered questions

Multifunctionality of livestock is not measured—including crop-livestock synergies

Transition out of small-holder farming mentality? Measures of impact at national levels need to be more expansive.

What metric can be used across systems?
Should the same metric be used across levels?

Balance between producer and consumer benefits? Where should profitable livelihoods be measured?

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Key actions and persons to lead