



# GLOBAL ROUNDTABLE FOR SUSTAINABLE BEEF

## Minutes

### Climate Working Group

Monday, April 11, 2022

#### GRSB Members Present:

Brenna Grant – CRSB  
Courtney Hall – WWF  
Sara Kroopf – McDonalds  
Alice Rocha – UC Davis  
Anne Gillespie – Textile Exchange  
Sam Werth – USRSB  
Sara Place – Elanco

Germán Serrano – MGSC  
Isabel Schulze – GTSP  
Ramon Eduardo Glez – MRGSM  
Salomé Rozier – ERBS  
Terry Ward - Zinpro  
Tony Hegarty – Belvedere Agriculture

#### GRSB Staff Present:

Ruaraidh Petre, Josefina Eisele, Katie Ambrose, Julie James

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#### 1. **Opening Remarks**

***Courtney Hall***

Second meeting of the year, went over meeting agenda as shared with members

#### 2. **Update from the Science Committee – Metrics Factsheet**

***Brenna Grant***

Science group put together 4 page fact sheet on recent FAO methane report, focusing on metrics and goals, also looking at selection of appropriate methods and key considerations important to different goals and commitments. Highlighted importance of different metrics due to the diversity of members and individual member goals, but there remains the need to report the three main GHGs for comparisons in the future, considered to be of high importance for all countries monitoring GHGs.

Document will be posted to members-only section of website and shared with GRSB members following the meeting

#### 3. **Methodologies Updates**

***Committee***

SBTi Net Zero/SBTi FLAG – FLAG tool (not initially released to the public), developed alongside SBTi protocols, needed more regionally specific information, rather than global overview; the tool is currently being revised, plus additional protocol revisions of dates when companies will be required to start using FLAG; next version of FLAG tool and methodology should be available in early to mid-May, aiming for final version launch in the end of June

GHG Protocol – last target was using market-based mechanisms to recognize impacts of achieving goals within annual inventories; had recent conversation with C-Sequ group, aiming to establish partnership with industry to see how new methodology can be broadly applied; some additions to initiative caused concerns that it might make quantification of emissions from beef supply chains overly complex

C-Sequ – pilot programs complete, making changes to document based on pilots, aiming to release document again in quarter 3, had workshop with GHG Protocol to help align methods in the hopes of complementing the two methodologies rather than being separate

GWP\* – still having a lot of revisions to the document; meeting on GWP\* happening concurrently; paper has been developed for publication, on the implications and key take-aways of GWP\*

Courtney Hall offered opportunity for members to schedule group meetings on specific methodologies

#### 4. **Climate Working Group Goals – Pathways forward**

***Courtney Hall***

Central discussion focused on the future of GRSB and next steps moving forward, asking where members see opportunities and problems to avoid. Highlighted efforts from the past, like seminars, circulation of work like C-Sequ and beef carbon footprint methodology of 2022.

Discussed being able to report and support adoption of carbon footprint metrics and helping those struggling to perform regional LCAs. Offer of modeling tools from Textile Exchange to help achieve climate targets. Anne Gillespie to follow up with further details. With regards to baseline emission efforts, currently unaware of progress or work being done for baseline measurements in Latin American countries. Requires better access to information, if data is available but untranslated. An action item was put forth: to coordinate information on baseline assessments, especially for countries who do not have roundtables, see if information is available in the literature

Members discussed the development of intervention pathways. Heard example from Canadian systems, which analyzed different future scenarios, and then established break down of exactly what needs to be worked on attain specific outcomes, with an understanding of timelines and the importance of working in tandem with other products. Another example was the Clean Cow report in US, looking at scenarios they studied, how can this be applied to other regions.

Discussion on progress and reporting. Previously considered using GLEAM 2.0, to ensure a standardized methodology for every country with breakdown of GHGs. Some had concerns with regards to discrepancy between what roundtables report and what GLEAM reports without knowing why these differences exist, but those efforts fell through. Asked members if there is anything that can be leveraged from GRSB rather than developing something new.

Focus on next steps during the next meeting, with smaller group aiming to progress GRSB goals then presenting proposals to the larger group. Additional suggested speakers included Karen Beauchemin, Textile Exchange, and the Dairy Sustainability Framework.

Additional comments can be sent to Courtney Hall or Brenna Grant

5. **AOB**

GRSB planning on attending COP, would like to know if other members will also be attending so they can be included in planning efforts

Next Climate Working Group Call – **June 13, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.** Central US/Canada.