



GLOBAL ROUNDTABLE FOR SUSTAINABLE BEEF

National Roundtables Minutes July 20, 2023

GRSB Members Present:

Andrea White (CRSB); Edward Bolivia (MBCS); Louisa Icke (NZRSB), Jacob Betros (ABSF), Catherine Forero (MRGSM); Sam Werth (USRSB); Louisa Icke, Roz Davis (ERSB); Hugo Sanchez (MPCS); Leopoldo Estol (MACS); Hillary Fenrich (McDonald's)

GRSB Staff Present: Ruaraidh Petre, Josefina Eisele, Kellie Lasack, Julie James, Interpreter Christian

Key points:

1. **Asks of NRT:**
 - a. **Concept note for potential projects for AHW & NPP that ideally have a regional or global perspective.**
 - b. **Climate Carbon Tracking project – who are key people to be included**
 - c. **Communications – Direct testimonials to kellie.lasack@grsbeef.org**
2. **Opportunity for NRT to be involved in the development of the social goal (see detail below)**
3. **August 17th meeting is a very key NRT meeting – final information will be shared to formally launch the goals reporting pilot process to help the NRTs to make this pilot a success, so please make every effort to attend**

Updates from Board, Working Groups and Comms Council to NRT

Petre reiterated from the last Board call that the Roadmap Fund has been launched to support projects in each goal area. Phase I of the Climate accounting has been approved. For Animal Health & Welfare (AHW), Petre requested the roundtables to submit a concept note (paragraph) for AHW project ideas most relevant to the roundtables (by region) and its members. The same request was made for Nature Positive Production (NPP), ideally, not just by country but a regional or global perspective. For Climate, a proposal has been made for a Climate Accounting project, and there was a request to NRTs to share who they believe would be useful people to reference/consult with on this project in country/region. These ideas will be forwarded to the working group chairs for further discussion.

Global Goals Reporting – What do NRTs need to make this a success?

1. Timeline for pilots for the reporting template
2. What are we hoping to get out of the reporting, what does success look like
3. What will get shared and communicated externally
4. An explanation of the sentiment/thinking/what's the driver behind the targets within each goal (as has been verbalized in some of the recent WG calls)
5. Models of each goal template

Purpose of Pilot (Q. 2)

1. The purpose of doing a pilot on the reporting template is to ensure it is “fit for purpose”, particularly, with the diversity of stages among the roundtables between resources and capacities.
2. To get going (action over perfection) - Do the best you can in entering the information, then 1:1 meetings can be setup with the working group leads to help provide further support.
3. To deliver a positive and compelling narrative of what the beef global network is achieving

A dashboard to graphically illustrate the extent of the progress will be created.

What data and information will be shared and communicated externally (Q. 3)

This is still in process for the team to decide – not to compare but rather be part of the story line. More will be known as more data and information is collected to review. This will be a discussion and agreement within the NRTs, and it would be helpful for the NRTs to feel more comfortable in entering data more transparently. NRTs will approve what will be communicated externally as a recommendation to the GRSB Board.

It was recommended to share this info at the Comms Summit – what’s point of collecting data if it’s not to be shared? Space will be made.

Climate Goal Section of Reporting Template

Werth briefly reviewed the template using USRSB as an example for the Climate section. With each Roundtable at different stages in related to the climate goal, reporting will vary by individual needs. While specific regional values are helpful, not every region has numbers. It will be most important to highlight tactics (section 2.3 in reporting template) each Roundtable is focused on that contributes to emissions reductions (e.g., feed efficiency, reproductive health, etc.). Please contact either Climate WG co-chairs (Samantha Werth swerth@beef.org or Brenna Grant grantb@canfax.ca for any questions or assistance. Eisele added just complete as much as you can and 1:1 calls can be followed-up with each roundtable needing help.

Werth suggested to SureHarvest to add an introductory section (similar to NPP) to provide more details that would be more helpful in completing the form.

Circulate summary prior to the August meeting for further discussion on the call.

Social Goal

Petre reported the Principle and Criteria was recently completed and sent to the NRTs for review. All feedback will be collected and adapted as appropriate. Currently the Social Drafting Group is working on the drafting the Social Goal. Similar to the Principle and Criteria, there will be iterations working with feedback from the broader working group and NRTs. Once the goal is completed, both the Goal and Principle and Criteria will go to entire membership for a one-month consultation period in Oct/Nov for approval by the end of the year. NRTs are requested to review the draft materials and provide feedback.

Open Space / Key Milestones

- GTPS Forum, Sept 28, San Paulo (will be in Portuguese), will launch data summary. GRSB can share flyer on social media and *Connect*.
- CRSB, Annual Meeting, Sept 26-28, Toronto to include tour, Annual Business meeting and updates, and working on LCA every 7 years, submitted 2 scientific papers
- FAO in Rome, Sept 26-27 – Petre reported FAO did not respond to proposal for side event and will inquire why Beef was not invited. Emerging Ag offered Petre one of their 5 spots.

Key points from this NRT meeting to be fed back to GRSB Board, EC, WGs and Comms Council and Next Steps:

- Communications – Kellie to post GTPS & CRSB meetings in the afore-mentioned
- Board – Formal launch of pilot reporting is slated for Aug. 17

ASKS:

Concept note for potential projects for AHW & NPP that ideally have a regional or global perspective.

Climate Carbon Tracking project – who are key people to be included

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Agenda items for next meeting / Review 3-month workplan

- August meeting - closeout of points to help the NRTs to make a success of the pilot of the goals reporting
- September Meeting – discuss a simple approach and process for appointing co-chairs for NRT community to ensure everyone has an opportunity.

Next National Roundtable Meeting – August 23, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (US Central / Canada Time)