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He is a livestock Scientist with over 35 years experience (27 in the Caribbean) in livestock research and development. He has been employed by CARDI since 1989, first as Principal Scientist, Animal Nutrition and currently as Manager, Technical Services responsible for directing CARDI's R&D Programmes. Prior to that, he held positions as Senior Lecturer / Assistant Dean, University of Guyana (1982-1989) and as Lecturer / Research Officer, University of Ghana (1975-1981). He developed and transferred feed inputs and feeding systems technologies for large and small ruminants from forages and by-product feeds. He holds a Ph.D. degree in Ruminant Nutrition and Forage Agronomy from the University of Wales (1980) and is the author of numerous professional publications on nutrition, forage agronomy and feeding systems and livestock development in general in a number of regional and international journals.

Howard L. Batho – DG SANCO, European Commission

Mr. Batho is Head of the import and OIE sector in the DG SANCO of the European Commission. He started working for the EC in 1998 and prior to that worked as a senior veterinary officer in the UK's Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and as a national expert in veterinary legislation and zootechnics. Mr. Batho qualified at Liverpool University in 1972 and is a member of many professional societies: Royal College Veterinary Surgeons, British Veterinary Association, Association of State Veterinary Officers, Veterinary Public Health Association, and Association of Meat Inspectors. He also obtained accreditation as an auditor under ISO 9000 and underwent a course in the 'Principles of Canning'.

Vittorio Cagnolati – AU-IBAR

Dr Vittorio Cagnolati holds a degree in Veterinary medicine and a PhD in Epidemiology and control of zoonosis from the University of Bologna, Italy. Before his current job, he worked for 24 years mostly in Africa in the field of livestock development. Work experiences focused on improving delivery methods of veterinary services to pastoral and agro-pastoral areas, controlling trans-boundary animal diseases, training technical staff and strengthening the capacity of institutions involved in the livestock industry. He has also coordinated emergency and development interventions in the Horn of Africa region for NGOs, FAO and the Italian Government. Dr Cagnolati is currently working with the African Union-Interafrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR) as a coordinator of a project dealing with livestock certification in the Somali ecosystem.

Pier Paolo Ficarelli – GTZ

Mr. Ficarelli studied at Parma University as a veterinary surgeon. He holds an MSc in Tropical Animal Production and Health at the CTVM in Edinburgh. He has 22 years of experience as a specialist in rural, agricultural and livestock development for poverty alleviation. He has been working with GTZ (German Technical Co-operation) since 1991 and has worked in Malawi, Ethiopia, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and South Africa. Since the end of 2006 he is based in GTZ Head Office in Eschborn as Technical Advisor in the

Agricultural Unit with focus on Africa. He has contributed to the recent work of ELIDEV (European Livestock Development Expert Group a registered platform of EU-DG-DEV) lobbying for the return of the livestock sector on the development co-operation agenda.

Nancy Morgan – World Bank

Ms Morgan is currently FAO's economic liaison with the World Bank. She, most recently spent two years working as FAO's livestock policy officer for Asia, based in Bangkok. Prior to moving to Bangkok, Ms Morgan worked for 7 years in the Headquarters of the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome where she worked as a livestock economist and was responsible for FAO's analysis on livestock markets and trade. Prior to working with FAO, between 1989 and 1999, she was employed by the US Department of Agriculture in Washington D.C where at both the Economic Research Service and the Foreign Agricultural Service she served as a commodity economist in various positions, the last of which was as an International Poultry Analyst. Ms Morgan is an agricultural economist and also worked, from 1983 to 1988, in Africa.

Carlos Seré – International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)

Mr. Seré (Uruguay) joined ILRI as Director General in January 2002. Before this, he was director of the regional office for Latin America and the Caribbean of Canada's International Development Research Centre from 1980 to 1990 he was the principal economist of CIAT's Tropical Pastures Program. He has over 20 years of experience in agricultural research, with an emphasis on livestock. He has consulted widely for national and international research and development agencies. His major interests are in livestock systems and research management. He is particularly interested in issues related to the effective use of research as a development tool. He has led innovative approaches for collaborative inter-institutional endeavours such as shared research platforms and integrated natural resources management programs. He holds a PhD in agricultural economics from the University of Hohenheim, in Stuttgart, Germany.

Philippe Steinmetz – ELIDEV

A French veterinary surgeon specialised in tropical production and diseases, P Steinmetz also followed further training courses in public health and economics. After two years in private practice, he joined the French Ministry of Cooperation, then the Ministry of Foreign Affairs where he held various positions (1988 to 2002) in countries in West and North Africa. At the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Paris he was responsible for coordinating French livestock expertise internationally (2002-2005), before being seconded to the European Commission in November 2005. Within the B2 unit of DG Development his responsibilities include livestock, SPS and biotechnology issues. As part of his responsibilities he is also the main coordinator of the ELIDEV group which is composed of EC and Member State experts in livestock farming in developing countries. The products presented during this session are the fruit of an initiative launched in 2008 in the framework of the ELIDEV group.

Paul J. Strydom – Meat Board Namibia

Mr Paul Strydom was born in South Africa, but since 1983 employed in Namibia, first as agricultural researcher and thereafter with the Meat Board of Namibia. As agricultural researcher he headed the Agricultural Laboratory responsible for feedstuff, soil and meat analysis and adapted research in the fields of ruminant nutrition, and meat and soil science. Mr. Strydom holds an MSc. in Ruminant Nutrition and an MBA from the University of Stellenbosch. He joined the Meat Board of Namibia in January 1995 and was appointed end August 1996 as General Manager. The Meat Board is responsible for assisting the Namibian meat industry's competitiveness and efficiency by rendering services in making Namibian livestock and livestock products the preferred choice in the world. Its mission is to effectively and efficiently manage, promote and represent the interests of the Namibian meat industry.