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Prospects and challenges of livestock production in Asia and Eastern Europe

Expert panel at the International Green Week 2018 in Berlin

Halle (Saale), 3 January 2018 - During the Global Forum for Food and Agriculture (GFFA) an expert panel entitled “How Can Livestock Production Contribute to Global Food Security? Farms and Industries of the Future in Asia and Eastern Europe” will take place in the CityCube Berlin, Germany, on 19 January 2018. The panel will look at sustainable ways to continue the further expansion of animal production with the contribution of German expertise and a regional focus on Asia and Eastern Europe. The international dialogue between representatives from politics, academia, business and civil society will include discussions of the relevant prospects and challenges involved. IAMO as well as the German Agribusiness Alliance, the German Asia-Pacific Business Association (OAV), the German Committee on Eastern European Economic Relations (OA), the Association of German Livestock (BRS) and the German-Sino Agricultural Center (DCZ) are inviting you to participate in this event.

With the increase in global population and greater prosperity comes a worldwide rise in the consumption of animal source foods. To meet the elevated demand, the production of and trade in animal products has to be intensified without putting additional strain on the environment or neglecting animal protection. Solutions to these challenges will determine the future of agricultural animal husbandry as one of the most significant economic factors in many regions of the world. In Asia, these developments are particularly evident, as, for example, 60 percent of the world's population live there already. The demand for animal source products has seen an enormous increase in Asia. This impacts the environment if there is a shortage of water or a lack of water treatment and if nutrients of the economic fertiliser are not fed back into the cycle. The sustainable intensification of animal husbandry requires a further development of regional animal production that is both resource-conserving and in line with the conditions on the ground. Regionally adapted, modern production technology is a key to success, if sufficient resources are available.

Using international agricultural expertise, technology and genetics is the foundation for developing animal husbandry into an efficient and sustainable industry.

This event as part of the Global Forum for Food and Agriculture (GFFA) will take place on 19 January 2018 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon in the CityCube Berlin (level 3), Germany. Simultaneous interpretation in German, English and Chinese language will be provided. Further information on the programme can be found here: www.iamo.de/en/events/current-events.

Registration for this event is open until 12 January 2018: www.gffa-berlin.de/en/registrierung.

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About GFFA

The 10th Global Forum for Food and Agriculture (GFFA) entitled “Shaping the Future of Livestock – sustainably, responsibly, efficiently” will be held in Berlin, Germany, from 18 to 20 January 2018. It is organized by the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) in cooperation with GFFA Berlin e.V., the Senate of Berlin and Messe Berlin GmbH. General information on the GFFA 2018 can be found on the conference website: www.gffa-berlin.de/en.

About IAMO

The Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO) analyses economic, social and political processes of change in the agricultural and food sector, and in rural areas. The geographic focus covers the enlarging EU, transition regions of Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe, as well as Central and Eastern Asia. IAMO works to enhance the understanding of institutional, structural and technological changes. Moreover, IAMO studies the resulting impacts on the agricultural and food sector as well as the living conditions of rural populations. The outcomes of our work are used to derive and analyze strategies and options for enterprises, agricultural markets and politics. Since its founding in 1994, IAMO has been part of the Leibniz Association, a German community of independent research institutes.

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