

## Notification of Change to the DSF Indicator Metric for the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Criteria

### What is the change?

- The aggregation of member GHG emissions data by the DSF will cease to be the approach applied for the annual reporting for the GHG Criteria
- Members that have prioritized GHG emissions are still required to calculate their GHG emissions **at three-year intervals**, though the DSF will not currently require this to be reported. *More granular and locally focused assessments are crucial in appreciating the impact of your mitigation initiatives and to support subsequent emissions reduction planning.*
- At times, the DSF Governors may request the collection of this data for certain projects.
- Members who have prioritized the GHG Emissions Criteria are now required to share, in case-study format, the activities they are undertaking every two years using the DSF case study template.

### What is the DSF doing regarding GHG Emissions progress reporting?

- The DSF will commission an independent study every five years using the global data reported by FAO (as it becomes available) to generate the global dairy GHG situation.
- This data will be combined with previous analysis enabling a trend line of global dairy sector GHG emissions to be generated.
- The next report will cover the 2015 – 2020 period.

Click here for a copy of the revised [DSF GHG Emissions Criteria](#)

### What was the rationale behind the change?

In 2019 the Global Dairy Platform and the FAO (supported by the DSF) published the report, *Climate Change and the Global Dairy Cattle Sector*, that provided an independent assessment of the global dairy sector's emissions over a 10-year period. This report provided considerable detail on both global and regional production, development and associated emissions enabling a quantification of the sectors progress over the 10-year period. The study also provided guidance on improvement options and pathways to consider in achieving such.

Appreciating the value of independent studies and the limited robustness of the data aggregation process, the DSF has explored the option of repeating similar independent analysis every five years. Dialogue with the DSF Members Development Group, Advisory Council and Executive Working Group resulted in a proposal for a change of Indicator Metric for the GHG emissions criteria which was presented to the DSF Governors and approved.