



# Livestock Research Group

**Presentation to the Alliance Council, 10 September 2015**

**Martin Scholten / Harry Clark, Co-Chairs**

# Summary

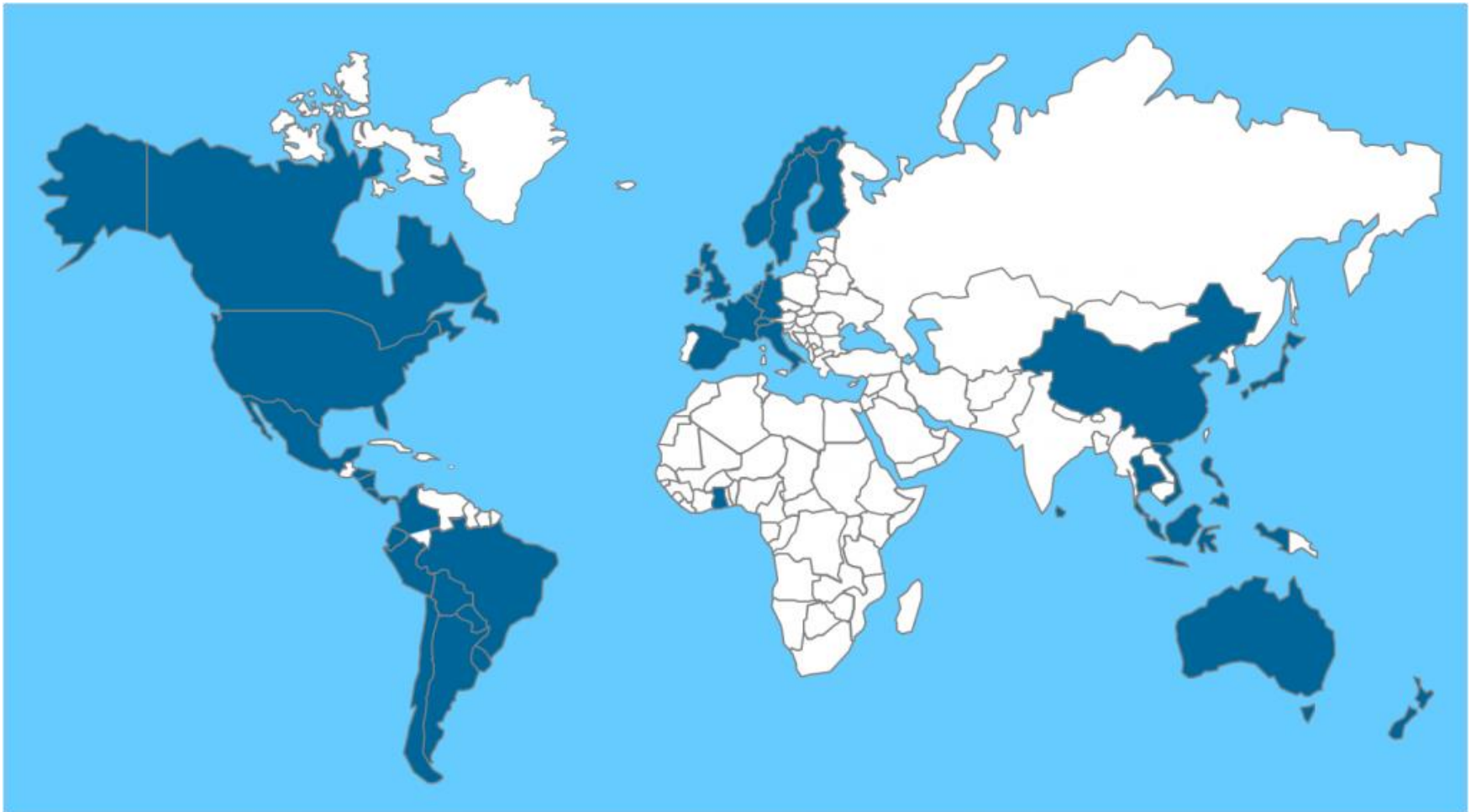
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- **Overview of the LRG – membership, structure, collaboration**
  - **Key achievements in the past 12 months**
  - **Key challenges facing the LRG**
  - **Goals for the coming year**
  - **Areas where Council input is needed**
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# 78% GRA members actively participate

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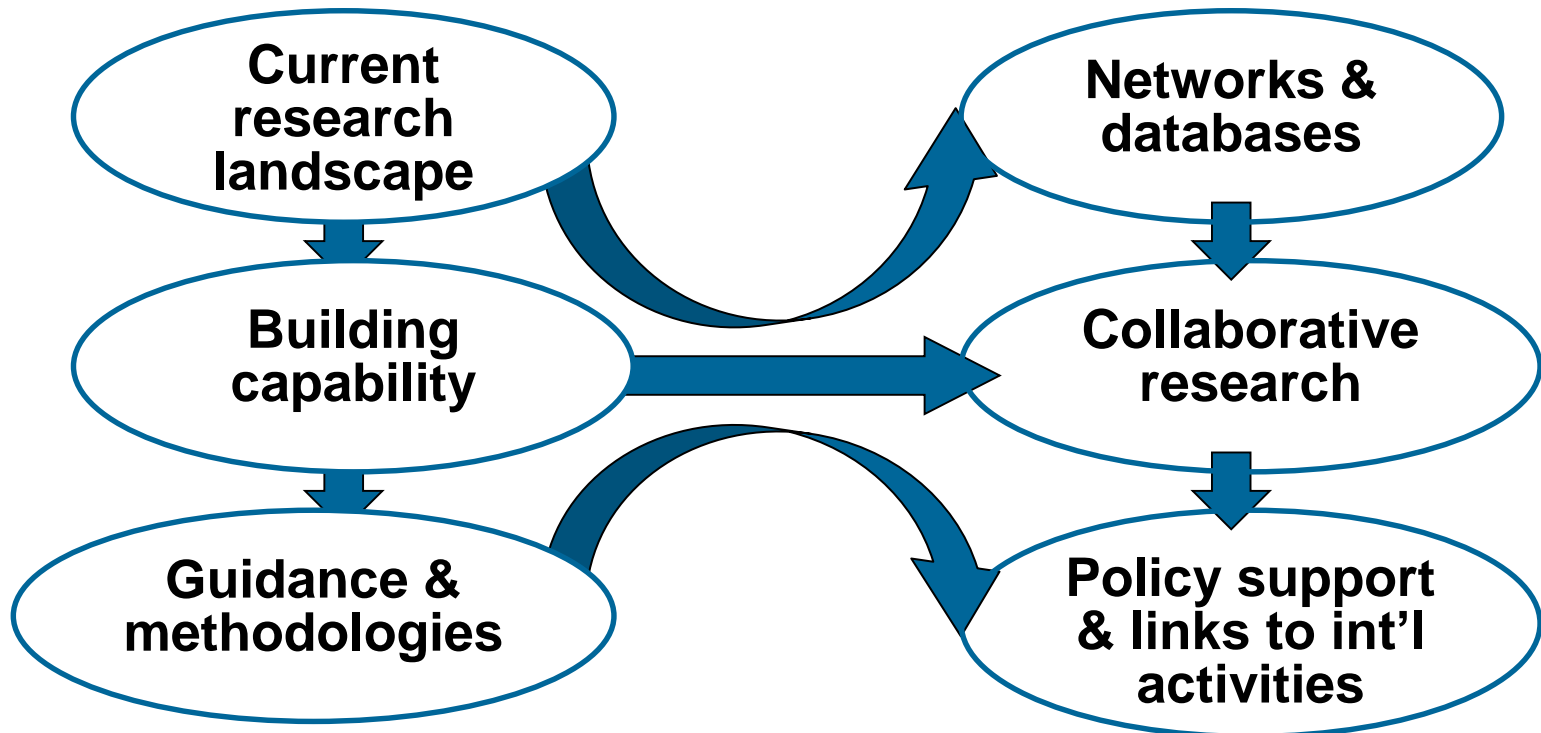
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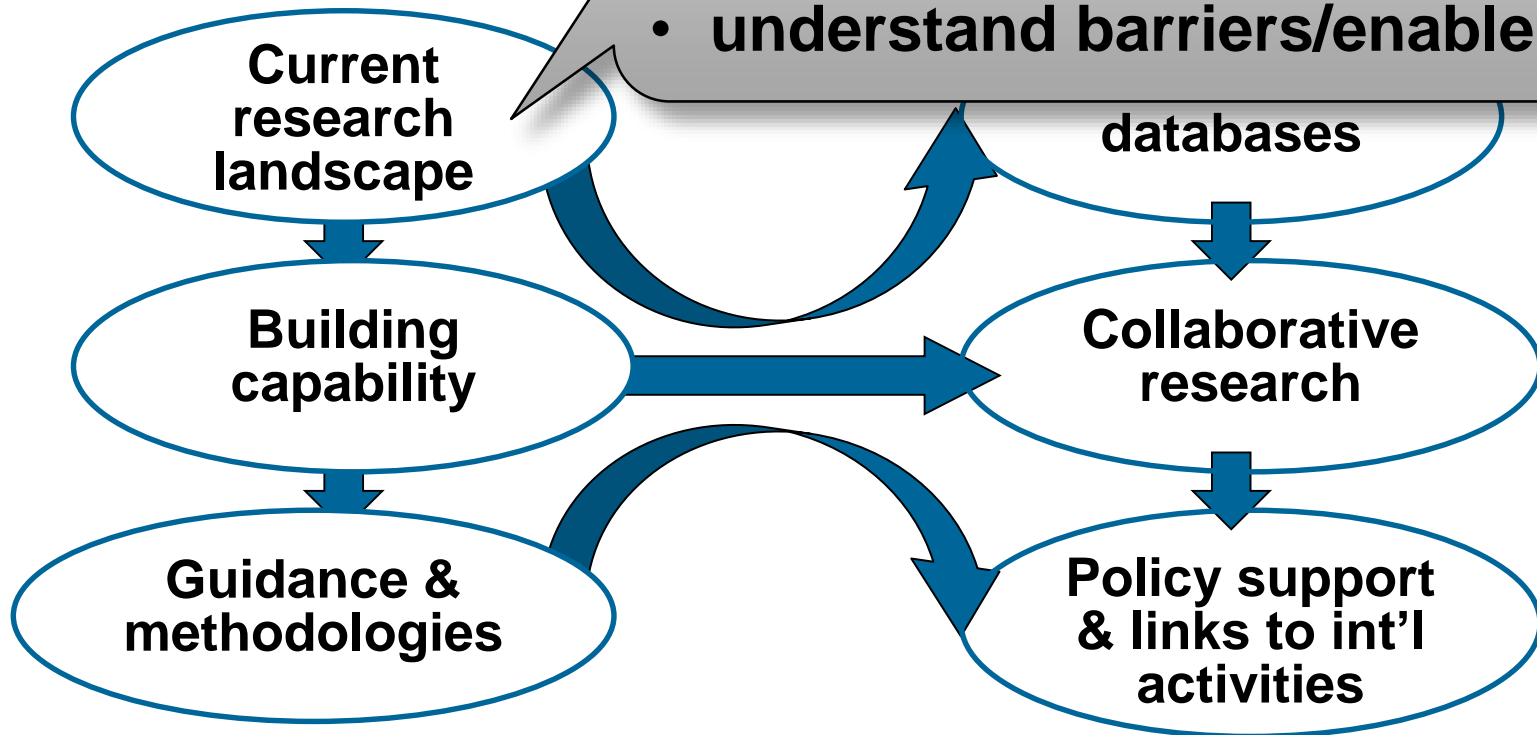
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# Livestock Research Capacity Analysis

Harry Clark (NZAGRO)

- understand current capacity
- link members
- understand barriers/enablers



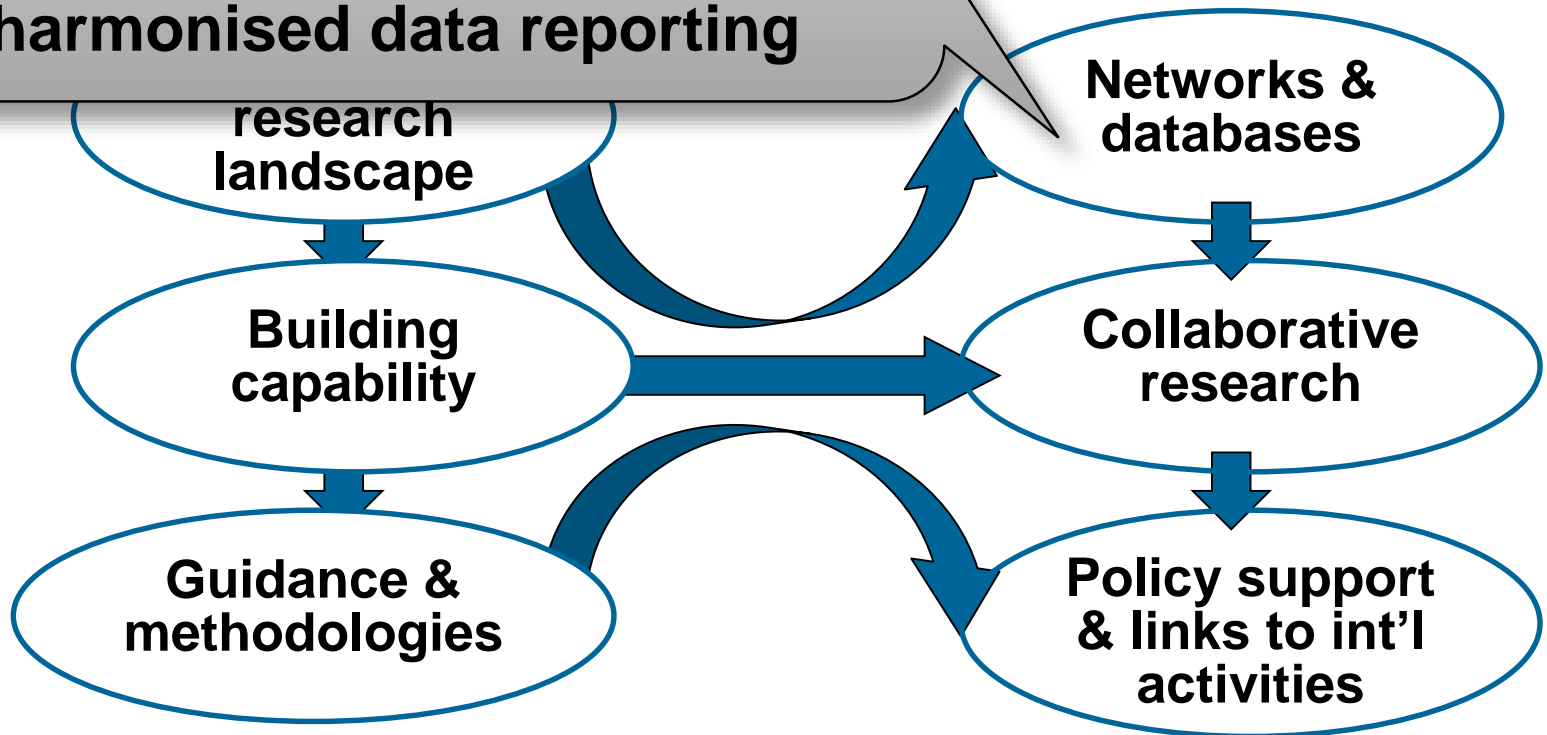
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# Global Research Alliance Group Activities

Wageningen (Wageningen UR)

- six global research networks
- databases / data sharing
- harmonised data reporting



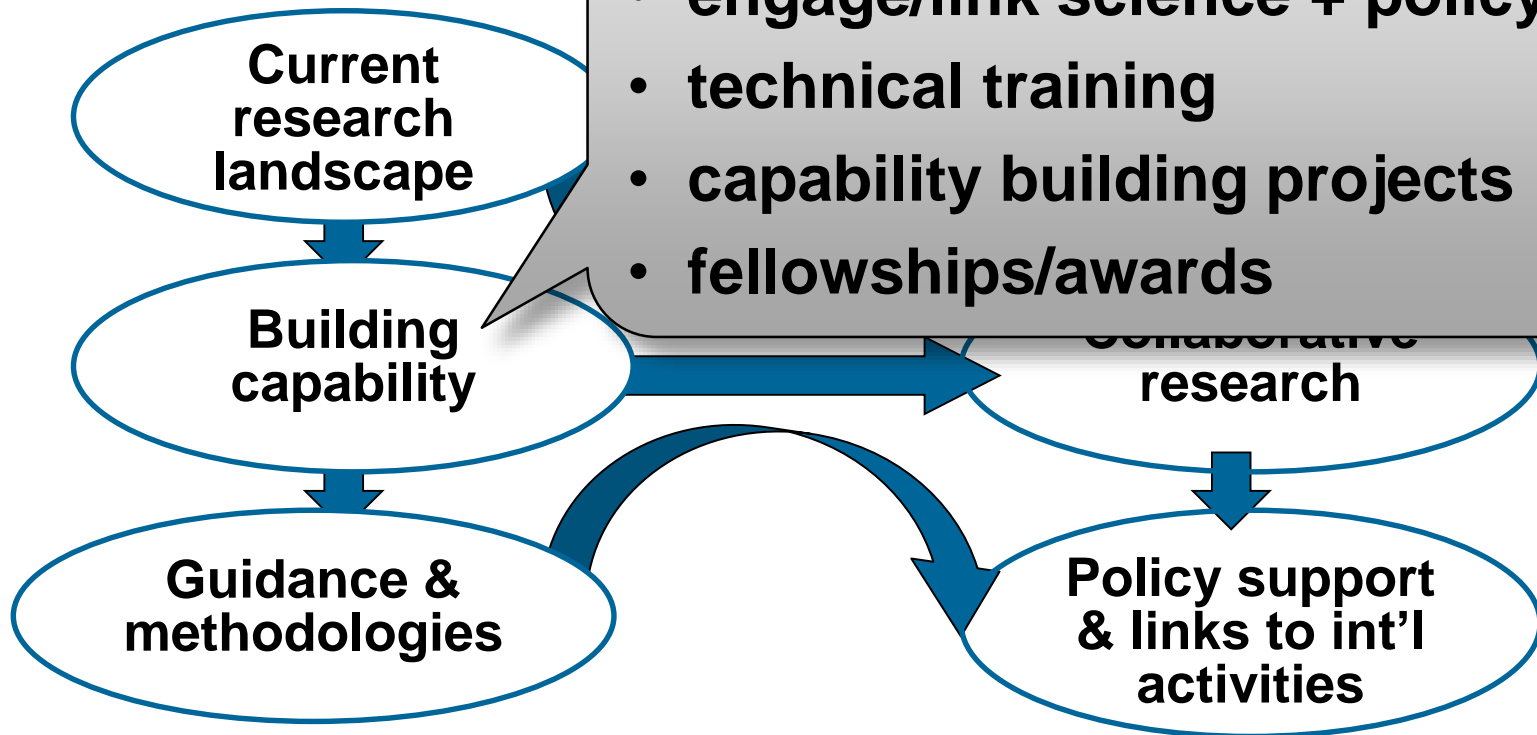
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- engage/link science + policy
- technical training
- capability building projects
- fellowships/awards

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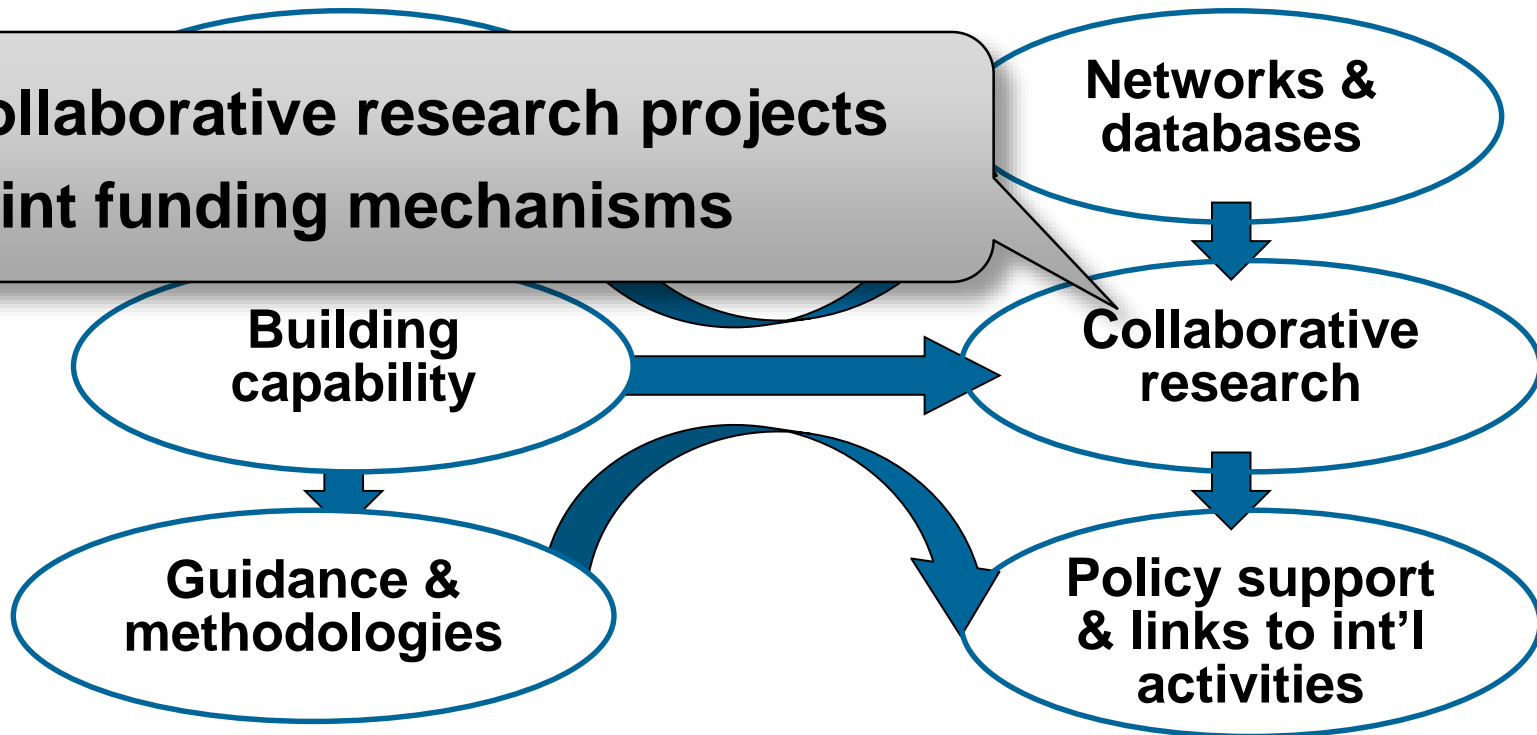
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- collaborative research projects
- joint funding mechanisms



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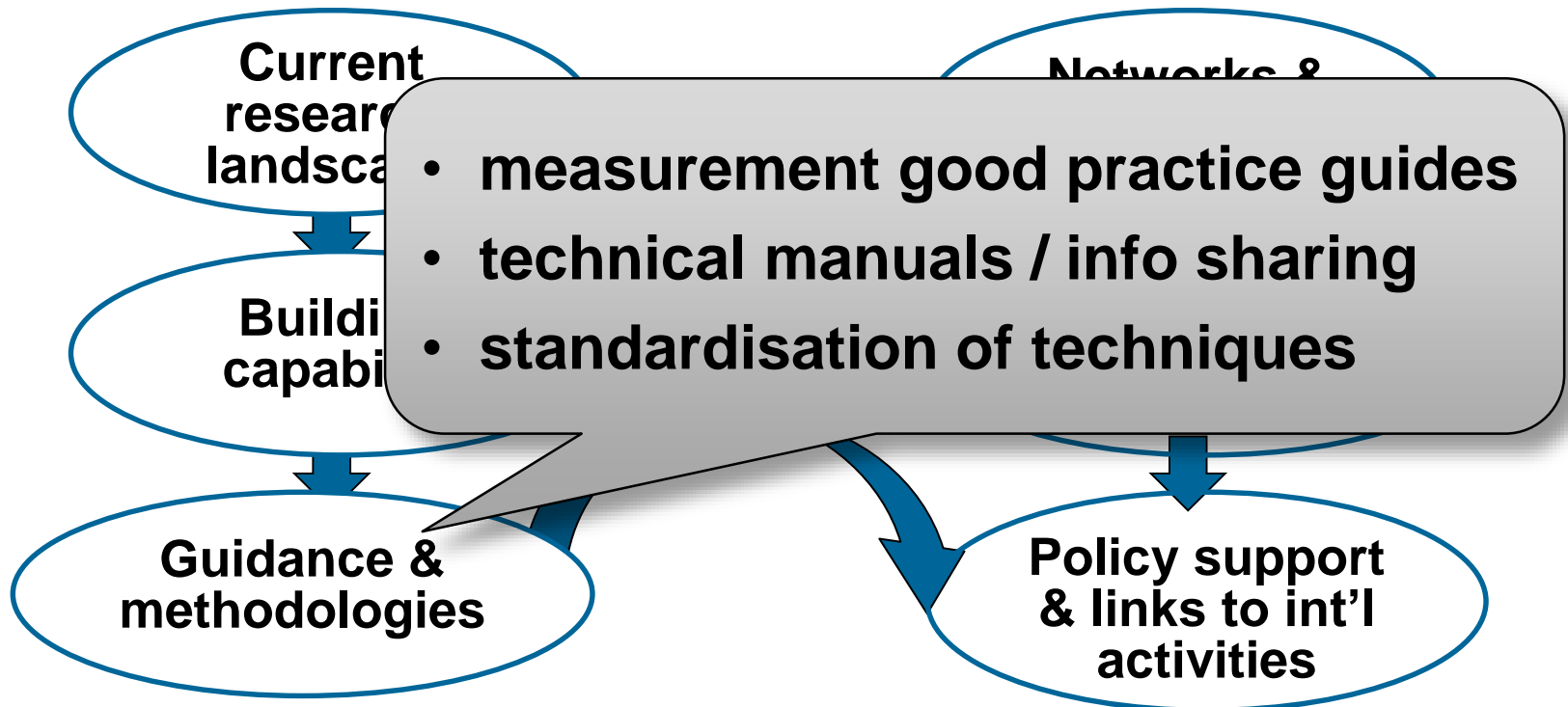
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# Livestock Research Group Activities

- partners to reach out, scale up, implement
- cross-country experience sharing
- documenting success and synergies of efficiency/productivity/emissions intensity
- capturing benefits through inventories

capability

search

Guidance &  
methodologies

Policy support  
& links to int'l  
activities

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# Cooperation

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# Key achievements

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- **Capability building**
    - Regional projects in Latin America and South East Asia
    - Engagement programme for African region
  - **Increased connections to farmers & supply chains**
    - Joint publication with the SAI Platform on mitigation options (best practice and emerging options)
    - World Farmers' Organisation exchange programme
  - **Raising the profile of the LRG**
    - New brochure, newsletters, country case studies of success in reducing emissions intensity
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# Achievements continued...

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- **Active member participation**

- Annual meetings (21 member + 6 observer countries)
- Joint meeting of the six Research Networks
- A Mediterranean task force, lead by Italy

- **Collaborative research**

- Flagship research project with CCAC and FAO on enteric fermentation
- Major projects for the Research Networks (Manure Management Kiosk, Global Rumen Census, FNN Global Network)

- **Deepening relationships**

- CCAFS: links on data, capability building, case studies, inventory guidance and support
  - GACSA: exploring opportunities to work together
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**Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from livestock:**  
*Best practice and emerging options*



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# Key challenges

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- **A broader and more secured approach to resourcing**
    - Greater and more sustained commitment from a wider range of countries and partner organisations
    - Targeted funding mechanism – GRA Research Call
  - **Coordination/connectivity issues within countries**
    - Strengthen science-policy interface
    - Increase communication about GRA
  - **Outcomes at the farm and policy levels**
    - Engagement of partners requires leadership and commitment at senior policy level
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# Goals

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- **In the short term, the LRG wishes to:**
    - ✓ Enhance regional participation in research networks
    - ✓ Establish a flagship activity on soil carbon
    - ✓ Enhance collaboration with international partners and clarify relationship with GACSA
    - ✓ Ensure widespread engagement in ERA-NET multi-partner call and support the GRA develop a joint funding mechanism
    - ✓ Further increase the profile of the LRG and its achievements
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# Goals

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- **In the long term, the LRG aspires to:**
    - ✓ Be a recognised, authoritative global source of expertise and collaborative research hub
    - ✓ Realise our research potential and maximise participation from all member countries through a robust, flexible and enduring set of resourcing approaches
    - ✓ Increase the regional scope and engagement in capability building
    - ✓ Continue to strengthen links with industry and other international partners
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# We need your help...

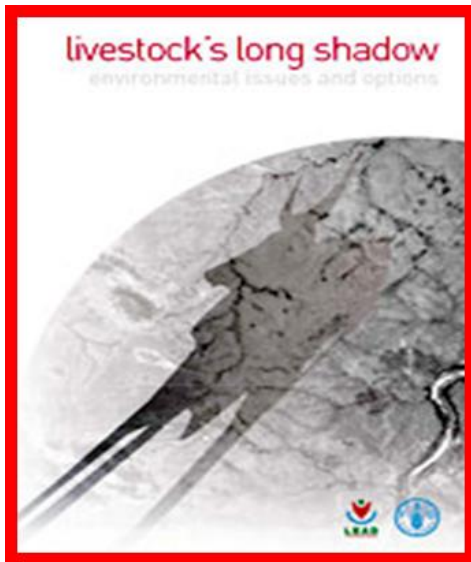
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## Council leadership is critical

- More clearly promote the GRA's vision and raise profile
  - Engage more actively with member countries / partners
  - Improve articulation of the GRA's relevance to national development objectives
  - Help improve science/policy interface within countries
  - Actively engage in resourcing the ambitions of the GRA
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# The future?

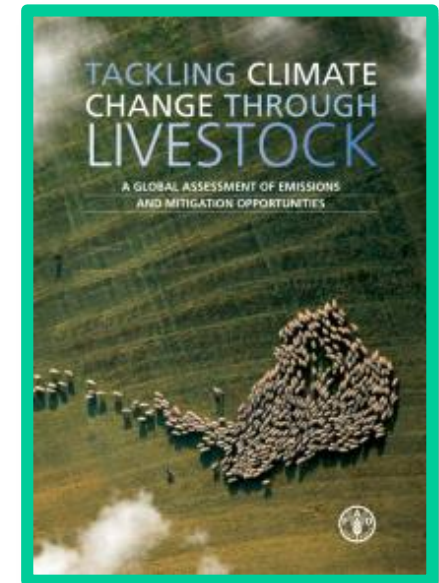
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2013



2020 ?

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# Thank you! Questions?

