Title: Working livestock: An accelerator to the 2030 Agenda

Partners
- UN Mission of Senegal
- IFAD
- The International Coalition for Working Equids (ICWE) which is made up of 4 organizations : Brooke, SPANA, The Donkey Sanctuary, World Horse Welfare,

Speakers
- **Sénégal**: l'Ambassadeur Représentant Adjoint, Abdoulaye BARRO,
- **Rouguiatou Ka**: Advocacy Manager of Brooke Senegal
- **Chair**: IFAD Representative
- **Florence Ngetti**: Director of Caritas, Kitua, Kenya
- **Valentina Riva**: Advocacy Senior Manager The Donkey Sanctuary

This event will take place on 26 February from 18:30 to 20:00 in Chipala Island 2

Side Event

Achievement of the SDGs requires simple (practical) and cost effective solutions that benefit the poorest and most vulnerable people in society. Ongoing partnerships have led to significant advances towards achieving the SDGs through training and engaging with communities who rely on livestock for their livelihoods. In the rural communities we work in, we have seen that improving the health and welfare of working animals (horses, donkeys, mules, camels and oxen) has a direct and sustained impact on livelihoods. This side event will look at positive case studies which demonstrate the role that working livestock play in accelerating achievement of the Global Goals:

- SDG 1 – Zero Poverty
  - Equine ownership can boost overall income – they are an essential part of the livelihoods of many rural communities in low and middle income countries, especially in Africa, and they help people save on other additional costs, such as transport.
  - Working livestock enable women to be economically active (thereby also contributing to SDG 5), raising their status within the community and increasing personal resilience.
  - Working animals can provide a livelihood opportunity for young people in rural settings

- SDG 4 – Education
  - Working livestock income generation can enable families to pay school fees for their children to attend school; in many parts of the world working livestock also provide transport to children and adults attending school or training courses.

- o Specialized vocational training on highly skilled professions such as farriery and other animal health and welfare training, is key to continuous education for young and older generations alike.

- SDG 13 – Climate change
  - o As an example; donkeys and mules are suited to arid conditions, enabling livelihood adaptation and facilitating access to remote areas during times of extreme climate impact.
  - o Working livestock should be included in all Disaster Risk and Reduction Plans as they enable communities to recover quicker after a climate related disaster – this process has already started in the West Africa region with Senegal being a key player in this area.

- SDG17 – Partnership for the goals
  - o The way we achieve change for the communities we work in is through partnership.
  - o We work on all of the above in partnership with other governments at national and subnational level to empower communities and support training of governments. We also work with international development organisations and in consortia within thematic areas in order to realise the global goals