

Webinar

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THE SPEAKERS

Prof Imke de Boer (Wageningen University) will start the session by outlining a vision for a national food system rooted in nature but is also very much part of the global food system. She will describe how livestock can use biomass more sustainably, hence reducing their impact on land use and hence on climate change

Dr Mariecia Fraser (Aberystwyth University) will focus on livestock and biodiversity illustrating how differences in the grazing behaviour of different livestock species and breed of grazer can be exploited to deliver beneficial changes in sward composition and related habitat value. Opportunities to simultaneously deliver improved biodiversity and increase production system efficiency will be highlighted wherever possible.

Prof Mads Fischer-Moller (SRUC) will draw on his experience of advising policy-makers in Scandinavian countries to stimulate discussion on how researchers and decision-makers need to work together, drawing in farmers and consumers, to understand how public funding can help accelerate the transformation of livestock production systems towards a more positive impact on greenhouse gas emissions and biodiversity loss.



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