

Ernesto Reyes

Ernesto is a livestock economist. He holds a first degree in Veterinary Medicine and a Master of Science in Agricultural Economics and Management from Reading University, U.K.

During the 90's he was working in Latin America in technical Cooperation programs related with livestock services, information systems and technical and socio-economic analysis.

During 2003 and 2010, he was developing the national livestock network program for Spain, in charge of the analysis of the production systems, competitiveness, efficiency, profitability, drivers and perspectives for the main livestock regions, covering dairy, beef, sheep and goats. Since 2010 is a member of the IFCN Dairy Network Board, representing researchers' partners.

Since 2015, Ernesto has been leading sustainability livestock projects for *agri benchmark* Beef & Sheep Network (project of the Federal Agricultural Research Center in Germany) together with different organizations such as World Animal Protection, World Wildlife Fund, CIPAV Foundation, and CIAT (CGIAR center).

Since 2014, he is a member of the Global Agenda for Sustainable Livestock (Partnership-FAO initiative), and currently holds the position of Chairman of the Action Network *Livestock for Social Development* and is a member of the Global Agenda's Guiding group.

Ernesto has been leading the dairy development program of the **Global Dairy Platform** since 2015, being responsible for programs that comprise development of methodologies for measuring the social and economic impact of the dairying and how it can help deliver outcomes within the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) framework.

Within this context, Ernesto has overseen implementing partnership programs with UN organizations such as FAO, and IFAD and global initiatives such as the Global Agenda for Sustainable Livestock, in charge of specific projects such as:

- The role of dairy in social SDGs, building global evidence. Prospective papers series for analysing the role of dairy in social development.
- Dairy Impact Methodology (partnership program for assessment and analysis of the role of the dairy sector in social development)
- The Tanzanian Dairy sector: Value Chain Mapping and Nutrition. Prefeasibility project assessment for business development case in Africa.
- Dairy for Social Impact: Enhanced knowledge and sustainability. Implementing pilots' programs for developing impact methodologies for the dairy sector in Asia and Africa.

Together with FAO, and the Global Network of Silvopastoral Systems, he is Co-author of a report on Silvopastoral Systems and their Contribution to Improved Resource Use and Sustainable Development Goals: Evidence from Latin America ([link](#)).

Together with FAO, and the Global Dairy Platform, he is a Co-editor of two prospective papers:

- Dairy Development's Impact on Poverty Reduction ([link](#)).
- Dairy's Impact on Reducing Global Hunger ([Link](#))