



Terms of Reference of the Conformation ICAR Working Group

1. Objectives

- i. To standardise the methods of assessment of conformation in accordance with rules and standards as established by each world / international federation of respective breeds
- ii. Breeds to be considered are farm livestock animals (in order of priority for the group):
 - a. dairy cattle breeds
 - b. beef cattle breeds
 - c. goats and sheep
 - d. other breeds of interest for ICAR
- iii. Improve transparency in data collection and quality control

2. Mandate

- i. describe standards for traits for assesment of conformation
- ii. describes methods to improve the quality of the assesment by an organisation (quality control): monitor system for classifiers
- iii. being discussion platform for new issues, raised by any member of ICAR

3. Membership

- i. members can be added to the group by
 - a. board of ICAR
 - b. working group
- ii. people can be invited to the group to discuss a specifice topic

4. Reporting

- i. group reports once every year to the ICAR board on the progress made during the year and on plans for the coming year.