The Alliance

- Launched in December 2009
- In the margins of the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark
- Brings countries together to find ways to grow more food without growing greenhouse gas emissions:
  - Improve understanding, measurement and estimation of agricultural emissions
  - Find ways to reduce the emissions intensity of agricultural production systems and increase their potential for soil carbon sequestration, while enhancing feed security
  - Improve farmers' access to agricultural mitigation technologies and best practices

Membership

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Structure

Governance body is the Alliance Council
Work is carried out by:
- Three Research Groups:
  - Climate
  - Livestock
  - Policy
  - Two Cross-cutting Groups:
  - Inventories and measurement
  - Soil carbon and nitrogen cycling

Held together by a Charter
Supported by a Secretariat (currently NZ)

The Alliance has no central funding mechanism

Livestock Research Group

- Co-chairs: Martin Schepers (Wageningen UR), Harry Clerk (NZAGRO)
- Livestock Research Group: Subject: Animal welfare management work, animal genetics
- Co-authors: Harry Clerk, NZAGRO
- Participating countries: Canada, China, Europe, India, Japan, South Korea, USA
- Focus: Animal welfare management, animal genetics

Livestock - Research Networks

- Rumen Microbial Genomics (RMG)
  - NZ lead with 45 members; meeting in June 2012 (France)
- Animal Selection Genetics and Genomics (ASGGn)
  - Australia/NZ lead; 30+ members; meeting July 2012 (Australia)
- Feeding and Nutrition
  - Switzerland lead with 20+ members; first meeting in September 2012 (Switzerland)
- Meat Management
  - The Netherlands lead with 17 members; first meeting in September in conjunction with Livestock Dialogue and FAO
- Animal Health and GHG intensity (under development)
  - UK lead; initial scoping meeting mid-June 2012 (Bergklok)